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The Budget Speech.

The budget speech delivered by Premier Peters on Wednesday evening last, certainly was the most extraordinary ministerial financial statement made in our Provincial Legislature for many years. Indeed it is doubtful if ever such a peculiar budget speech had previously been presented in the House of Assembly.

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penditure left out of the estimates fairly indicate that this year is to be a record breaker in the matter of deficits and debt. If this manner of conducting public business and managing our finances is allowed to continue nothing but financial ruin and bankruptcy can be the result.

Sessional Notes.

Routine, asking and answering questions, and the consideration of private bills, occupied the attention of the Legislature for the most part during Monday and Tuesday of last week. On Tuesday evening the debate on the bill to grant twenty years exemption from civic taxation to the Dominion Packing Company, was resumed.

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Mr. Morson argued that if the bill were passed the corporation rights of the citizens of Charlottetown would be attacked and curtailed. The city has incurred a heavy liability, and it would be very unfair to deprive them of any means of paying the city debt, principle or interest. If the city deems it proper to exempt this or any other company let it do so; but the Legislature should not interfere to effect the exemption.

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company had come here to do a profitable business, and he was in favor of encouraging industries to compete. He had information that they were not anxious to pay more for the produce offered than the market value. They were willing to pay only 8 cts. a pound for dressed pork, while Leoman & Co., of Halifax were willing to pay 8 1/2. Further evidence of their intentions in the matter of price was found in the fact that they paid the Commissioner of Agriculture only \$3.75 a hundred pounds for Stock Farm cattle.

On Wednesday afternoon the debate was resumed. Hon. Mr. Gordon pointed out that this company had not come here specially for our benefit; but they had come to make money. He wished them well and trusted they would succeed in their enterprise; but he was opposed to the principle of the bill. The power to exempt should be left with the citizens, who were most affected by the exemption. After some remarks by other members the House divided on the motion to give the bill three months hoist. The motion was lost on the following division:

FOR: Hon. Mr. Gordon, McLaughlin, Hughes, Palmer, Morson, A. J. McDonald, McLean, Mathieson, J. E. McDonald, Arsenault, Kieckham, McKinnon, Currie—13

AGAINST: Hop. M. Peters, Rogers, Commiskey, Richards, McNutt, McLeod, Forbes, Simpson, Godkin, McWilliams, Road, Irving, Smith, Gallant—15

In committee amendments to the bill were submitted. On Wednesday evening, Hon. Mr. Gordon followed the Premier in the budget debate. He considered it most extraordinary for the Premier to picture the situation in such glowing colors, when the principal features of his budget speech were larger taxes and increasing debt. Referring to the Leader's great expectations, he pointed out that similar hopes were entertained a year ago; but nothing came of them. We had a deficit last year of \$12,000 although the Premier would try to conceal it by means of a capital account charged with expenditures that properly belonged to ordinary account and had always in former years been placed there. Notwithstanding the vast increase in the taxes the financial condition of the Province was constantly growing worse. We were retrograding instead of advancing. We were promised an increase of subsidy from Ottawa. Suppose we got it, we would only be receiving back what we have paid into the Dominion Treasury; taking out of one pocket and putting it into another.

On Thursday, after matters of routine, the budget debate was continued. Mr. A. J. McDonald, referring to Mr. Simpson's remarks about the cost of education called attention to the political schools that had been erected by the Government. It was very easy to open such schools, but quite difficult to close them. Consolidation, no doubt, would take place in the course of time. In the matter of the hospital for the insane he pointed out that in 1888 the cost was \$15,325, now it is close on to \$25,000. This difference in the cost of maintenance should show very great improvements. Mr. Simpson made a great parade of savings effected in different departments. How then comes it that the debt has been increased to \$650,000.

On Thursday evening Mr. McKinnon continued the budget debate. He pointed out the difference between the tone of the Leader of the Government when he makes his budget here and when he makes representations to Ottawa for increased subsidies. In the latter case he says the Government cannot get along at all unless more money is obtained from Ottawa. He makes an extremely poor mouth when seeking aid from his friends at the Federal capital. He referred to the misleading statement of the Premier about a surplus last year

when we really had a considerable deficit. Mr. McKinnon took each of the items placed in the capital account and showed they had no business there.

After Captain Reid had spoken Mr. Currie vigorously assailed the Government's methods of conducting the public business. The debt, deficit and taxation came in for criticism. The manner in which the roads and bridges were looked after, especially in his own district, were severely condemned.

Mr. Gallant spoke briefly, and then Mr. Arsenault made onslaught on the Government's conduct of public affairs. The scandalous condition of roads and bridges in his own district was held up to public condemnation. Referring to those to the public civil service, he noticed that some had their salaries increased and others had not. In the latter class were some Frenchmen. Why this discrimination? He thought the French Inspector of schools should have his salary raised by at least one hundred dollars, and he considered that there ought to be a Professor of French in Prince of Wales College whose mother tongue was French.

Mr. Kieckham arraigned the Government for the scandalous condition which they permitted roads and bridges in his district to remain in. Rights of a way had been purchased and the roads had never been opened. The administration of affairs in his district was of the very worst kind. There were several bridges over which two horses could not walk abreast. The bridge at Fortune if not repaired soon will be impassable. The bridge at Naufrage is in such a state that only last fall a team of horses went through it. The neighbors saved the horses—but they could not save the Government the disgrace of it.

On Friday forenoon Mr. Kieckham concluded his remarks and after a few words from Mr. Irving the House went into committee of supply with Mr. G. E. Hughes in the chair. But no progress was made, for the opposition confronted the Government with their want of courtesy in refusing to supply information asked for, and intimated their determination to refuse to vote supplies until this information was forthcoming.

The opposition asked the Government to lay on the table of the House a statement explaining expenditures in the department of justice amounting to \$3 736. What was the cause of this expenditure, and who got the money? They also asked the Government for a statement regarding the amount of interest due on Loans account; and the deposits and withdrawals in this account. Another important item of information requested by the opposition is a copy of the minute of Council relating to an agreement or contract or something of that nature between the Government and the Dominion Packing Company. Another item of information is a statement showing how imported stock was disposed of, and still another request was for information regarding portions of Stipendiary Magistrate's reports. Although requests had been made some time ago for these different items of information, the Government had failed to supply the same up to the time of going into committee of supply. Consequently the opposition felt that they were not justified in voting any supplies until this information was tabled. The fight continued without much progress till late Friday night and still continues. Since then some of the information has been given.

Obituary.

At Montserrat, on April 14th, Mrs. Sarah McDonald, one of our good old pioneers, passed calmly away at the ripe old age of ninety-one years. Although an invalid for many years her motherly presence will be sadly missed in the now broken home circle. In our midst she has peacefully resided for well nigh sixty years a living example of the good old faith which she cherished so dearly, and in which she brought up a family of four, three of whom survive. During her long illness her great consolations were the frequent recitations of the sacraments, and her happy, peaceful easy death was but a fitting ending to a well spent virtuous life. Her remains were conveyed to St. Margaret's Church on Thursday morning, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Johnston, who also performed the funeral obsequies. Then as the last words of God's holy minister in sorrowful accents floated over her grave, the mortal remains of a kind mother and a respected and estimable old lady were committed to earth's bosom, leaving behind her a family of four, three of whom survive. Tremendous day when the golden trumpet of the mighty Archangel shall her assuredly announce the joyful tidings that a crown of sempiternal glory awaits her. R. I. P.—Com.

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Notice of Application.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada now in session for an Act empowering the applicants to construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines throughout the Dominion of Canada. Dated at Ottawa, 27th of March, 1903. KIDD & THOMSON, Solicitors for the applicants. April 15, 1903—91

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