

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1924

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY MEMBERS SPEAK

Flewelling and Scovill Heard in Debate on Budget in Local House.

Fredericton, March 26.—Charlotte county had the floor this afternoon with its two St. Stephen members, J. M. Flewelling and J. W. Scovill speaking upon the budget. Mr. Flewelling is one of the Opposition front benchers and assumed the role of financial critic in a manner that showed he had given some attention to the statements made by the Government as well as the receipts and expenditures. He was not as severe as some other critics have been and he started out by making the usual charges of extravagance and reckless piling up of the public debt. He compared the debt of the province in 1917 with the debt today and showed how it had increased as he said, from \$16,000,000 to about \$30,000,000.

Pleads For Fair Deal.

Regretting in distinct terms the action of the Federal Government in withdrawing the agricultural grant, he pleaded for a fair deal for the Maritime Provinces at the hands of the central administration. He commented briefly upon the improvement in lumber conditions and returning to the financial methods of the Government, claimed that the loan concerning which there had been so much satisfaction expressed was not as favorable as it had been pictured. The province would have to pay the principal at maturity in American funds and the interest every year would necessarily be in the same currency, and he estimated that the exchange would cost the province \$1,000 per annum.

John W. Scovill.

J. W. Scovill, the Liberal member hailing from the town of St. Stephen,

replied to Mr. Flewelling. Mr. Scovill is a young business man of the border and his experience in politics has only been since 1920, but his ideas on public matters, expressed in an independent, fearless fashion, claimed the attention of the House. He made some comparisons between politics and business, claiming improvement for the latter, but the same old methods so far as the business of the country was concerned. "It is my opinion," said Mr. Scovill, "that partisan politics are carried too far. Business has a code of ethics, but politics seem to have none, for in politics people would stoop to methods which they would not employ in business."

As a more lengthy report of Mr. Scovill's speech appears elsewhere further reference is not necessary except that in his handling of political principles as well as the attention he paid to Mr. Flewelling, the speaker who preceded him, left nothing apparently to be desired.

The speakers this evening were D. A. Stewart, of Restigouche, and O. W. Wetmore, of Kings county. Both of them are always vigorous in their own way. Mr. Stewart expressed his ideas in his usual graphic fashion, and Col. Wetmore, never antagonistic, dealt with the budget and other issues in his usual fair method.

Notices of Enquiry.

Notices of enquiry were given for Tuesday next as follows: By Mr. Dickson—As to the amount of subsidy paid to the steamer Oceanic and as to whether the same was to be continued. By Mr. Smith (Albert)—As to claims of the landowners on the hydro line between Musquash and Moncton. By Mr. Taylor—As to the amount of power in kilowatt hours from Musquash development from May 1, 1923, to Jan. 31, 1924, and the revenue received from the same; as to the tenders for work on the Scott Falls dam at Musquash; as to the original estimate of hydro development at Musquash and the actual cost of the same; together with the amount of dependable horse power and as to the estimated cost of the hydro development proposed at Grand Falls, and the amount of dependable power available.

Oppose Church Union. Mr. Martin presented a petition from members and adherents of St. Andrew's and St. John's Presbyterian churches, Chatham, praying against the passage of the bill relating to church union. Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Fawcett from adherents and communicants of Knox Presbyterian church, Shediac; by Mr. Pickett from adherents and communicants of St. James' Presbyterian church, Andover; and by Mr. Young from communicants of the Stanley Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hayes introduced a bill to amend the St. John City Electoral Act of 1918.

Mr. McKenna introduced a bill to amend the town of Sussex incorporation act.

Hon. Mr. Michaud introduced a bill to authorize Fraser Companies Ltd., to erect piers and maintain sorting works in the River St. John.

Mr. Stewart (Restigouche).

Mr. Stewart, resuming the debate on the budget, extended congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address. Referring to prohibition, he said that the Hon. Premier had promised a temperance delegation to enforce the act but had not done so. He considered the enforcement of prohibition had been before a farce and was now a scandal, and those who claimed that an attempt was being made to enforce the law were insulting the intelligence of the people. In regard to lumbering he was convinced that the system of forestry protection now in vogue had been a failure. Thirty years ago, before permits were issued for the burning of slash, there had been few fires, as every care was exercised. Today permits were issued by men sitting in hotels miles away who knew nothing of the conditions. He did not think that the forestry survey now being carried on would be of any practical benefit, as there was altogether too much guess work and conditions were changing each year.

Col. Wetmore of Kings.

Mr. Wetmore, after congratulating the mover and seconder of the address, spoke of the benefits which the people of St. John and Kings counties had received from the Musquash development. The plant was now paying running expenses and something was being set aside for depreciation. The flood situation last spring had been very serious and the Government deserved much credit for the manner in which it had been handled. In regard to agriculture the farmers had experienced much difficulty in carrying on because of the falling prices and the high cost of labor. There had been altogether too much extravagance during the war and the people were paying the penalty. Complaint had been made that there was no market for dairy products, and while that might be true of some sections it did not apply to farmers living near St. John or Moncton, who disposed of their cream and butter at fair prices. Freight rates to the upper provinces were high, but farmers of New Brunswick had an advantage over the West in regard to shipments overseas.

As to Prohibition.

He was a prohibitionist first, last and all the time. He did not believe the law was enforced as it ought to be and was confident in St. John holders of beer licenses were selling liquor. Before any change could be talked of the act must be given a real trial. He did not think they ever will be cleared of the bootlegger. The trouble was caused

by the easy way of making money, by bootlegger, vendor, doctor and Government. The future of the province he did not think was so very bad. The cry of over-taxation was not borne out by facts. The province had some great assets on which it would realize. He noticed a cut in liquor revenue of \$80,000 but the reduction could be greater. Mr. Fawcett moved the adjournment of the debate, which was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock tomorrow.

## MORE HEBRIDEANS COMING TO CANADA

Considerable interest has been aroused throughout Scotland by the sailing of 400 or more crofters from Barra and South Uist, Hebrides, this week, for Canada on the steamship Marloch. The Marloch will arrive in St. John on her next voyage from Great Britain to Canada. The Marloch will take 200 Hebrideans from Stornoway.

Many of these latest immigrants from the Hebrides are closely related to those who went out to the Dominion under similar conditions last spring. At least 80 families have sold out their crofts or small farms with a view to starting life afresh in the Canadian west. Many wives and children are sailing to join husbands and fathers who preceded them overseas.

Scottish newspaper comment on the emigration of the people from the Hebrides to Canada is entirely favorable to the scheme. Letters are being printed in the newspapers from Hebrideans already established in the Dominion, who speak well of their experience in their new homes.

## PLAN FIRST AID CONTESTS.

A meeting of the St. John centre executive of the St. John Ambulance Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Red Cross depot immediately after the meeting of the provincial executive of the association. Dr. J. M. Magee, president, was in the chair, and the chief business dealt with consisted in arranging for the conduct of the local junior first aid contests for the St. John cup. The committee to take charge of the contests was appointed as follows: Capt. D. V. Palin, for the cadets; Dr. G. B. Peat, for the Boy Scouts; Miss Dorothy Purdy, for the Girl Guides, and Miss Irene Barber to represent the St. John Ambulance Association. It was reported that there was a large enrollment in the home nursing class being taught by Mrs. Van Dorner, and that arrangements had been made to lengthen the course to seven lectures instead of six in order that special addresses might be heard from Miss Melvillejohn, who will speak on public health and from Dr. H. A. Farris, who will speak on tuberculosis prevention.

## THE WOES OF HALIFAX

Discussing civic affairs in Halifax the Echo says: "Nero fiddled while Rome burned and students of history have always had a poor opinion of Nero and his fiddling tactics. But in comparison with the city council the much maligned Nero was a poor fiddler. For three months the city council has had the case of City Auditor Foster under consideration. In all that time the city has been without an auditor, but absolutely nothing has been done to relieve the present incumbent of his office or to make a new appointment. The net result is—Nothing."

Wigg—"What did you say when he told you to go to thunder?" Wang—"I said 'I'd been to 'Lighthouse' and 'Rain' and was satisfied."

## CAT SAVES LIVES AT PERTH BLAZE?

Awakens Tenants Above Regal Pharmacy—Loss is \$12,000

Andover, N.B., March 26.—The Regal Pharmacy was completely destroyed by fire at Perth, early this morning, with a resulting loss of about \$12,000. In the flat above the store an entire family were asleep. The mewling of a cat awakened them and they had but time only to escape from the burning building in their night clothes. The fire started in the small store-room in the rear of the drug store and had gained such headway when discovered that nothing could be done to save the place from total destruction. Nothing was saved from the store and the family living in the flat above lost all their furniture and personal effects. The loss is estimated at \$8,000 on the building and \$4,000 on the stock of the store, in addition to the furniture loss. There is about \$6,000 insurance in all. The furniture was not insured. Gerald Lovell, manager of the drug store could give no explanation of the origin of the fire.

## ENGINEERS TO MEET IN FREDERICTON

Several members of the St. John branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada leave tomorrow for Fredericton where a point meeting of the Engineering Institute and the Engineering Society of the University of New Brunswick will be held to hear Samuel H. Millman, of Boston, speak on "Public Relations of the Engineer," and F. A. Bowman, M.E.I.C., of Halifax, on Friday night. Mr. Millman is a consulting engineer and also an auditor and accountant, has been engaged in appraisals and inventories, public utility investigations and rate schedules. Mr. Bowman is vice-president of the Institute, and has recently returned from Montreal, where he attended the inauguration of A. Surveyor, M.E.I.C., as president of the Institute. The members of the branch will be the guests of the U. N. B. Club of Fredericton at dinner at the University on the arrival of the train.

## DRURY PUTS BLAME, IF ANY, ON SMITH

Newmarket, Ont., March 26.—Former Premier E. C. Drury places any blame for possible poor business methods of the treasury department of his Government on the former Minister of Finance, Peter Smith. Each minister, he declared, had always been held responsible for his own department and if there had been any details of the conduct of the treasury department warranting condemnation, the fault did not lie with the Government. Peter Smith, he said, was personally responsible for the conduct of all affairs connected with the financing of the province during the regime of the U. F. O. Government at Queens Park.

## TWO DOGS SHOT.

A dog found in Paradise Row yesterday by Police Constable Lindsay, which had been very badly wounded

in a fight with another dog, was assisted to a yard off the Row and put out of its misery when the officer killed.

ed it with a shot from his revolver. Yesterday morning Police Constable Hughes was called to the residence of

Mrs. E. D. Ring, 385 Haymarket Square, and shot a dog that had been sick with no chance of recovery.



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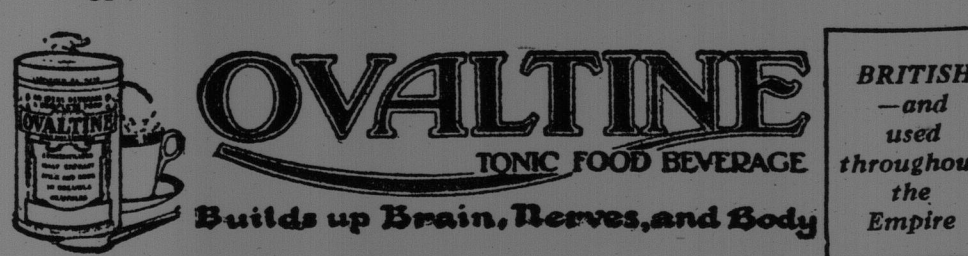


## The Strain of Housework

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