

OVALATION IN HOUSE TO HON. MR. GRAHAM

Ex-Minister Takes His Seat

Tories Show Chagrin at Return of Man They Fear

Finance Minister to Deliver Budget Speech Today, and it is Said There Will Be No Iron or Steel Duties, Owing to Rural Opposition to the Proposal.

Ottawa, March 12.—Amid scenes of infectious Liberal enthusiasm, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, the victor of South Renfrew, took his seat in the commons this afternoon in a gala day for the Liberals. The galleries were thronged, and the opposition benches were gaily decorated. Mr. Graham's desk was adorned with a huge basket of American beauty roses, while the adjoining desk of "The Chief" was garlanded in red flowers, and every Liberal member found a deep red rose resting upon his ink well.

LAURIER STANDS FOR NO COERCION

Declares His Settlement of Manitoba School Question Is Satisfactory

Ottawa, March 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and most of his followers voted against the Bourassa Nationalists in parliament tonight on the question of separate schools in Manitoba. Mr. Laurier declared that the settlement of the Manitoba school question he had made in 1896 was satisfactory. He declined to take any action to arouse passion in Canada and would vote against the amendment. He was cheered by Liberals and Conservatives alike when he stood up and recorded his vote.

More Queries About St. John Valley Road

Federal Government Non-committal About Subsidy for Line to Grand Falls

Ottawa, March 12.—The question of constructing the Valley railroad from St. John to Grand Falls is causing the greatest concern. It is not yet clear that the federal government will approve of the whole route. Some time ago Hon. Mr. Cochrane stated that the route had been approved from St. John to Centreville, but not beyond. Today Mr. Michael asked: "Does the government intend to grant a subsidy to assist in the construction of the St. John Valley railroad to Grand Falls?"

Madawaska Firebug Convicted Himself

Crown Had Little Evidence Till Bapstiste Albert Took the Stand in His Own Defence—He Got Five Years.

Edmundston, N. B., March 13.—(Special)—The March term of the circuit court was opened here yesterday. Judge McKeown presiding. There was no civil business and only one criminal case, that of the King of the Bapstistes, Albert, defendant being accused of setting fire to the barn of one Laurent Ouellette of the parish of St. Basile, on the 30th of November last.

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GOVERNMENT BALKS AT QUERIES

No Details on Road Expenditures

Hon. Mr. Morrissy Pleads That Detailed Information as to Where the Money Went Since Nov. 1 Would Involve Too Much Work—Auditor General's Criticism on Extravagance Apparently Silenced.

Fredericton, March 12.—The house met in a regular session this morning. Mr. Morrissy in reply to Mr. Copp's inquiry, said that work on wharves and bridges in Queens county since the close of the fiscal year amounted to \$5,944.08 on bridges and \$2,872.12 on wharves. He said that it would take perhaps three weeks of the time of the house to read all the detailed accounts as requested in inquiry. He said he was ready and willing to have this done if the hon. leader of the opposition who had made the inquiry would be prepared to ask the speaker to have the secretary of the board of works come into the house and take charge of the accounts. It was not desirable, he thought, that they should pass out of his possession.

NATIONALISTS BEATEN

Amendment for Separate Schools in Manitoba's New Territory Voted Down by Big Majority—Sir Wilfrid and Followers Vote Against Proposal.

Ottawa, March 12.—Never in the recent legislative history of the province has there been such a decisive vote made to hide information from the public as was made today by the chief commissioner of works. The day after the opening session Mr. Copp asked for information concerning expenditures on wharves and bridges in Queens county since the close of the fiscal year. The hon. leader of the opposition, Mr. Morrissy, asked the speaker to have the secretary of the board of works come into the house and take charge of the accounts. It was not desirable, he thought, that they should pass out of his possession.

Want More Aid to Dairying

Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—The first meeting of the agricultural committee was held this morning, with a large attendance. The meeting was addressed by Dairy Superintendents McDougall and Beagle. Mr. McDougall said dairy work was very weak and the time had come when it either should be encouraged or given up altogether. He suggested encouragement of factors in certain districts and appropriations made to certain persons. If the government would establish a cheese factory and improve or ten years ago condition that the farmers would patronize it, he thought the department at the end of that time would find the factory established and on a paying basis. There were two factories and one kills the other. Consolidation of factories would strengthen dairying and cheese making.

Superintendent's Snaps

This is the result of last year's criticism and comparison of the general superintendent's bill and the pay list. In many cases Robert Wilkins, of St. John, or Ezra Hoar, of Albert, or Howe, of Queens, or Eby, of Carleton Place, were charged driving around inspecting the work than all the laborers received.

Muzzled the Auditor General

The auditor-general is dumb this year. Last year he was fearless and though the demands upon him were far fewer than in 1911 he spoke his mind plainly, and occasionally members said that if he did not alter his ways he would get his walking stick. He has changed his ways. This year there is not a word of him in spite of the fact that the departments began to howl for money by the middle of May and up to the end of the fiscal year they were still waiting from the treasury board under the famous audit act giving the three departments all the money they asked for.

I. C. R. BRAKEMAN HAS FOOT AMPUTATED

Moncton, N. B., March 13.—(Special)—George Crossman, I. C. R. brakeman, while coupling cars in the Moncton yard yesterday, had his right foot caught in the drawbars and so badly crushed that amputation in the city hospital was necessary. The foot was taken off at the ankle. The patient is doing well this morning. Judge Wells, who recently resigned, left yesterday for Southern California to spend a couple of months. He will return to Moncton about July 1. In the fall he intends taking up his residence in England. Sheriff Wiley, confined to his room in the Brunswick Hotel with an attack of pneumonia.

Amending School Law

There was an interesting discussion respecting a proposed amendment to the school law making the establishment of school saving banks permissive and also the medical inspection of pupils. Messrs. Currie, Tweeddale, and Legere spoke strongly in favor of the benefits of medical inspection, and Mr. Sweeney pointed out that the school teachers were being burdened with regulations and that the board of education might wisely eliminate much of the present curriculum that was more ornamental than useful. What was required was a course of instruction that would ensure a sound, sensible education.

Road Between Reed's and Perry Point

Inquiry by Mr. Copp: 1. Is the intention of the government to open up a new highway between Reed's Point and Perry's Point, in the county of Kings? A. Yes. 2. If so, what is the estimated cost of the undertaking? A. About \$80,000. 3. Has any work been done up to the present time? A. Yes. 4. If so, what sum has been expended, and under whose supervision, who have been employed, and at what rate of wages? A. \$124.33, under the supervision of Road Commissioner S. H. Scribner, as per account hereto attached.

Central Railway Bill

The bill to amend the act to further aid the development of coal areas of Sunbury and Queens counties was then taken up. Concerning Sub-section A of Section 4, Hon. Mr. Flemming explained that object was to provide that in case the amount received as rental by the province from the operating company was insufficient for any year during the first ten years to meet the interest payable on the bonds, the province should pay the amount in arrears in royalties on coal carried over, the railway to pay the deficit in interest during that year. It was provided, however, that the amount of royalties so appropriated should be first charge against any amount subsequently received by the province as rental in excess of the interest.

Too Many Ornamental Subjects

Mr. Sweeney agreed very largely with what had been said, but thought it would be well to consider the elimination of some of the unnecessary routine that teachers and pupils are forced to go through. Every year it seemed that something of a new character was being added to the duties of pupils and the teacher, and a great deal of the time of the school was occupied with what might be termed ornamental subjects. It would be well to consider a plan to eliminate from the operating curriculum a great deal that was taking up time. For ordinary people the government should endeavor to get the education system down to a few sensible, practical subjects. Mr. Baxter said that the proposal in the bill had originated in St. John, and medical inspection of pupils would be made for an additional assessment for school purposes.

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