

MR. J. K. PINDER TOOK FLOOR IN BUDGET DEBATE

And in a Few Interesting Remarks Made Many Good Points.

SAYS GOVERNMENT

Is Like a Cuttlefish That Dirts the Water in Order to Keep Any Other Fish from Coming in.

Fredericton, April 14.—Whenever a Liberal government comes into power I notice there is always an outbreak of smallpox followed by an outbreak of vaccination. I have never known any one to die from smallpox but several have died from vaccination. Such was the statement of J. K. Pinder when he resumed the debate on the budget at the morning session of the legislature. Mr. Pinder has a very poor opinion of the Government Health Act, especially as it is worked out in the country districts. The hon. member for York, the dean of the Assembly, has a very tense way of voicing his opinion and the greatest respect is accorded him when he gets up to speak. From his years of experience in political affairs he possesses a knowledge of events covering years and when he makes a statement it is founded on fact, and is never questioned. He thought the Government showed very poor judgment when it tried to cast reflections upon the conduct of the old Government, because he could say there never was a Liberal government got out of office that didn't leave a trail of scandal behind it. He said there were Liberals who spent government money as if it were their own. Some had paid it back, others hadn't and probably would not.

Mr. Pinder was solicitous regarding the future of the province under Liberal rule. They had burdened the people with a million dollar debt each year, they had been in power, and were making no effort to retrench. He didn't object, he said, to the expenditure of money, but he objected to the value for that money. But, when 50 per cent of the money expended was wasted, he thought it was time to make a change. The gentleman from York believed the Minister of Lands and Mines had been honest in his effort to secure a higher stumpage rate but got frightened off in his efforts.

Mr. Pinder believes an eight dollar rate for stumpage, at the present time, is not too high to be willing to pay it. As far as road work is concerned, he was concerned, he regarded it as nil. His people have come to the conclusion that they will not do anything done by the Minister of Public Works. It is necessary to entertain him. They have decided to invite him to an supper supper then they will expect results. Mr. Pinder held the close attention of all in the few minutes he devoted to criticizing government extravagance.

Mr. Potts, who followed Mr. Pinder, was interrupted in his debate before he had gotten well warmed up to the consideration of the various questions in order that the Temperance Alliance might talk to the members.

Mr. Potts believed that too much time was lost in the work of the session. The people he thought were becoming disgusted with the dilatory methods employed by the Government in their legislative work. He advocated a continuous session from the opening to the closing of the Assembly in order that work might be done promptly. He also suggested holding the session in the fall of the year immediately after the closing of fiscal accounts. He thought by this change the public would benefit and no hardship would be imposed upon the members.

Like other speakers, Mr. Potts was of the opinion that the lumbermen were not paying their proper share to the revenues of the province. The people, he said, were demanding an increase in stumpage and the Government was growing richer. Mr. Potts was just launching out upon a criticism of the road work when he was obliged to stop in order to give his will continue tomorrow night. (Continued on Page Three)

SIR LOMER GOULD

Paris, April 14.—Sir Lomer Gould, Premier of the Province of Quebec, was this afternoon received by President Deschamps. Sir Lomer accompanied Ambassador Lord Derby, of Great Britain.

QUEBEC RIOTS RESURRECTED IN THE HOUSE

By Member Who Wanted Compensation Paid to Innocent Victims.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Also Discussed, and a Motion Offered That the Collection of Them Should be a Criminal Offence.

Ottawa, April 14.—Echoes of the counter charges on campaign funds were heard in the House today. George Parent, of Quebec West, raised the question of the riots on the point of composition of "innocent victims" who were either killed or wounded by the soldiers of His Majesty's troops.

Mr. Parent claimed that newspaper reports of the resistance offered by the counter charges were greatly exaggerated and publication of such reports had influenced the government to use military force. He read letters in which soldiers were accused of shooting a cigar store and seriously injuring the proprietor and necessary molestation of civilians and of insulting priests who had gone to minister to the injured and the dying.

Mr. Parent had submitted a motion which was merely one for production of papers. Following debate Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice announced that there was no objection to production of papers and the motion passed. Mr. Doherty promised that Cabinet consideration would be given to the general question of compensation. But the speaker of such statements could not be justified. There was considerable discussion of a motion by J. H. Burnham, East Peterborough, dealing with campaign funds. The resolution provided that, in the opinion of the House, in view of the reported statement by the Hon. J. H. Burnham, that another prohibition referendum might be held, the collection of party funds and the use of such funds should be a criminal offence.

Mr. Burnham, at the outset had some difficulty in securing a second vote for his motion. Two members whom he applied, declined to be named. Thomas Hay, of Selkirk, who consented, was careful to explain in a few words that he was not in favour of the question discussed—he did not agree with all Mr. Burnham had said.

And Mr. Burnham, in finally withdrawing his motion, concluded with the remark, that so far as prohibition, that prohibition has been an appalling disaster to Canada and the United States. Mr. Burnham says that prohibition is so closely associated with a certain delinquent humor that it is not always easy to tell when he solemnly affirms that the prohibition of prohibition are perpetrated by the enjoyment of persecuting their fellows would be offensive to any other writer.

"I admit frankly there are some grave weaknesses in the enforcement of the prohibitory laws," continues Bishop Richardson, "but I am convinced that prohibition brought with it moral and economic benefits of a value which more than compensates for any losses. The adoption of the prohibition law in Canada, considered as a whole, so far from being an appalling disaster, has been a magnificent success."

MONTEBELLO CONVENT DESTROYED BY FIRE

With Loss of Property of at Least \$30,000.

Ottawa, Ont., April 14.—The convent and its contents at Monte Bello, Que., half way between Ottawa and Montreal, owned by the Grey Nuns and valued at between \$25,000 and \$30,000, was totally destroyed by fire, which broke out shortly after 9 o'clock this morning in the chapel, adjoining the main building. There was no loss of life.

TWO YEAR TERM FOR LIQUOR SMUGGLING

Syracuse, N. Y., April 14.—Richard Warner, of Montreal, whiskey smuggler was this afternoon sentenced to two years in Atlanta Prison when he pleaded guilty in Federal Court to smuggling whiskey into the United States. A prison sentence of two years was imposed for each count. Frank Walker, an accomplice, was sentenced to a year and a day's imprisonment.

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