

As between the Government of Manitoba and the Dominion Government it has been agreed,—

(1) That it is desirable and just that such adjustments be made between the Dominion of Canada and the Prairie provinces with respect to their natural resources as will give full recognition to the principle that in this respect they are entitled to be placed in a position of equality with the other Provinces of Confederation.

(2) That the Government of Canada will negotiate an agreement with the Prairie provinces with the above object in view, such agreement to be subject to ratification by Parliament and the respective Legislatures.

(3) That failing agreement on any point as between the Dominion and the Province of Manitoba all such items so in dispute shall be referred to arbitration.

(4) That any awards made by such arbitrators shall be subject to ratification by Parliament and the Legislature of Manitoba.

#### DATE OF THE BUDGET

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Sir HENRY DRAYTON (West York): I observe that the Finance Minister (Mr. Fielding) is now in the Chamber. Perhaps he will be able to tell us, approximately at any rate, when we may expect the Budget.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance): I am afraid I cannot gratify the reasonable curiosity of my hon. friend by mentioning a particular date. I realize that the session is moving on and that we should all like to have the Budget at a not distant date. I will try to bring it forward at a time when my hon. friend will feel the delay has not been unreasonable.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Within the next month?

Mr. FIELDING: It is always embarrassing to tie oneself to dates.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It was equally embarrassing when the hon. gentleman himself used to insist, and when we complied.

Mr. FIELDING: I think I can make a contract, that I will bring down the Budget this session as early as my hon. friend opposite did a year ago.

#### SUPPLY

House again in Committee of Supply, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Department of Agriculture—Live stock, \$1,000,000.

Mr. LANCTOT: I desire to take up a few minutes of the time of the House on a matter of great importance to the electors in my district, and, in fact, of great [Mr. Mackenzie King.]

interest to the country as a whole. With the permission of the House I will read a resolution passed unanimously by the County Council of Napierville:

At a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the County of Napierville, held in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the Village of Napierville, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the eighth of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, at which were present Messrs. Hilaire Lamarre, Esquire, Mayor of the Municipality of the Village of St. Remi; Alfred Marcell, Esquire, Mayor of the Municipality of the Village of St. Michel Archange; Wilfrid Gadouas, Esquire, Mayor of the Municipality of the Village of Napierville; Dosithée Payant, Esquire, Mayor of the Municipality of the Parish of St. Patrice de Sherrington; Edouard Mailloux, Esquire, Mayor of the Municipality of the parish of St. Cyprien de Léry and Warden of the County of Napierville, constituting a quorum under the chairmanship of the Warden.

"It is moved by Mr. Dosithée Payant, seconded by Councillor Alfred Marcell, that a request be made to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, at Ottawa, to place an embargo upon the exportation of manure from Canada to the United States of America: which exportation is calculated to do injury to the gardening industry of this country, to lessen the crops in general throughout Canada; that copies of this request be sent to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, also to the Hon. Roch Lanctot, Federal Member for the County."

Resolution passed.

EDOUARD MAILLOUX, Warden.  
JOS. E. DUPONT, Sec. Treas.

A true copy extract from the minute-book of the Municipal Council of the County of Napierville. Given at Napierville, Que., in my office, the 14th March, 1922.

JOS. E. DUPONT, Sec. Treas.

Some ten years ago the farmers of my county, and of the county adjoining, could buy manure in Montreal and have it delivered to their local station for \$13 to \$15 a car. At the present time we have to pay from \$50 to \$52 per car. It is true, the freight has increased in that time from \$6 a car to \$13 a car. Hon. gentlemen will see that the freight charge has more than doubled, but the cost of the manure to us has increased about four-fold. The manure output of Montreal is practically controlled by one man, Mr. LeFebvre. This gentleman was a resident of my own riding for about twenty-five years, but has been in Montreal for a number of years now. For a time he supplied hay to the Canadian Pacific Railway—that is to say, to the Dominion Transport company which performs transport work for the Canadian Pacific in Montreal. Later he built sidings on the several railways at such points as Hochelaga, Point St. Charles, and other freight terminals of Montreal, and erected