

THE MONTH IN PARLIAMENT

1916.

February.

- 1 DEBATE on Address in reply to Speech from Throne, continued by LEVI THOMSON (L) (QuAppelle), W. F. MacLEAN (C) (South York), P. E. LAMARCHE (C) (Nicolet), HON. CHAS. MARCIL (L) (Bonaventure), HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM.
- 2 SEED GRAIN ADVANCES TO WESTERN FARMERS, W. E. KNOWLES (L) (Moose Jaw), SIR GEO. FOSTER, HON. W. J. ROCHE, HON. FRANK OLIVER, R. B. BENNETT (C) (Calgary), J. G. TURRIFF (L) (Assiniboia), W. M. MARTIN (L) (Regina), SIR THOS. WHITE and others. Discussion on TRAIN SERVICE IN WEST by J. G. TURRIFF and HON. J. D. REID. Debate on Address continued by HON. E. L. PATENAUDE, M. J. DEMERS (L) (St. Jean and Iberville). Debate concluded, address adopted.
- 3 E. N. RHODES (Cumberland) elected Chairman of Committees of Whole House (Deputy Speaker)—TRANSPORTATION AND MARKETING OF FISH, discussion on motion for enquiry by CLARENCE JAMESON (C) (Digby), J. H. SINCLAIR (L) (Guysborough), F. B. McCURDY (C) (Shelburne and Queens), B. B. LAW (L) (Yarmouth), A. K. MacLEAN (L) (Halifax), D. D. McKENZIE (L) (Cape Breton North), W. S. LOGGIE (C) (Northumberland, N.B.). Debate interrupted at 9 P.M. by FIRE WHICH ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND SENATE BUILDINGS.
- 4 First sitting of Parliament at Victoria Memorial Museum—Speeches on FIRE by SIR ROBERT BORDEN and SIR WILFRID LAURIER.
- 7 Resolution on death of RT. HON. SIR CHARLES TUPPER, moved by SIR ROBERT BORDEN, seconded by SIR WILFRID LAURIER.—References to death of B. B. LAW, Member for Yarmouth, N.S. by E. M. MacDONALD (Pictou) and J. H. SINCLAIR (Guysborough)—Resolution re NATIONAL LABOR BUREAUS, moved by HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX, seconded by HON. WM. PUGSLEY, discussion by HON. T. W. CROTHERS, A. VERVILLE (Labor) (Maisonneuve), J. H. BURNHAM (C) (W. Peterborough), W. M. MARTIN (L) (Regina), HON. R. ROGERS, A. K. MacLEAN (L) (Halifax), J. J. HUGHES (L) (Kings, P.E.I.), J. D. TAYLOR (C) (New Westminster, B.C.)
- 8 EXTENSION OF LIFE OF PARLIAMENT for one year, speech^s by SIR ROBERT BORDEN and SIR WILFRID LAURIER; motion of Sir Robert Borden agreed to—OCEAN SHIPPING AND THE WAR, discussion by HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX, SIR GEO. FOSTER and HON. WM. PUGSLEY.
- 9 PREFERENCE IN CIVIL SERVICE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS. Motion by W. S. MIDDLEBORO (C) (North Bay), discussion by HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM, HON. FRANK OLIVER, J. H. BURNHAM (C) (W. Peterborough), D. O. ALGUIRE (C) (Stormont), H. BOULAY (C) (Rimouski)—SUPPLY, General administration.
- 10 BANK ACT, Amendment re LOANS TO FARMERS, moved by SIR THOMAS WHITE—Statement by Hon. J. D. Hazen re Private Secretary Heidmann—SUPPLY, Royal North West Mounted Police; Marine Dept., Ocean & River Service; Discussion on SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING.
- 11 SUPPLY, Marine Dept., Ocean & River Service.
- 14 DIVORCE PROCEDURE REFORM, motion by W. B. NORTHROP (C) (E. Hastings), discussion by HON. R. LEMIEUX, W. F. CARROLL (Cape Breton South), HON. CHAS. MARCIL (Bonaventure), and others. Motion negatived, 39 to 24.—FREE WHEAT, motion by J. G. TURRIFF (L) (Assiniboia).
- 15 BUDGET, address by SIR THOS. WHITE, Minister of Finance—SUPPLY, Dept. of Interior, Dominion Lands and Parks.
- 16 FREE WHEAT, discussion continued by THOS. MacNUTT (L) (Saltcoats), SIR THOS. WHITE, HON. FRANK OLIVER, HON. R. ROGERS.

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- 17 BUDGET, debate by A. K. MacLEAN (L) (Halifax) SIR GEO. FOSTER, W. A. BUCHANAN (L) (Medicine Hat).
- 18 BANK ACT, amendment re LOANS TO FARMERS, second reading; discussion by SIR THOS. WHITE, G. E. McCRAINEY (L) (Saskatoon), J. G. TURRIFF (L) (Assiniboia), J. M. DOUGLAS (L) (Strathcona), E. M. MacDONALD (L) (Pictou), WM. SMITH (C) (Ontario), G. W. KYTE (L) (Richmond, N.S.), and others. SUPPLY, Dept. of Interior, Yukon Administration.
- 21 SUPPLY, discussion re office of HIGH COMMISSIONER, London; Civil Government.
- 22 BUDGET, debate continued by J. A. CURRIE (C) (N. Simcoe), E. W. NESBITT (L) (N. Oxford), J. E. ARMSTRONG (C) (E. Lambton), D. C. ROSS (L) (W. Middlesex).
- 23 FREE WHEAT—Discussion continued by HON. R. ROGERS, R. CRUISE (L) (Dauphin), A. MORRISON (C) (Macdonald), J. J. HUGHES (L) (Kings, P.E.I.), H. BOULAY (C) (Rimouski), LEVI THOMSON (L) (QuAppelle), HON. A. MEIGHEN. Motion negatived, 77 to 44.
- 24 BUDGET, debate continued by H. BOULAY (C) (Rimouski) A. VERVILLE (Labor) (Maisonneuve), A. L. DAVIDSON (C) (Annapolis), L. T. PACAUD (L) (Megantic), P. MICHAUD (L) (Victoria, N. B.), HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM, D. D. McKENZIE (L) (Cape Breton N.S.).
- 28 SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, motion by MICHAEL STEELE (S. Perth)—FRENCH-CANADIANS IN PUBLIC SERVICE, motion by S. BOULAY (Rimouski)—WOMAN SUFFRAGE, motion by HON. WM. PUGSLEY, discussion by G. W. KYTE (Richmond, N.S.), W. H. BENNETT (E. Simcoe), G. E. McCRAINEY (Saskatoon), E. PROULX (Prescott), MICHAEL CLARK (Red Deer), J. G. TURRIFF (Assiniboia), E. W. NESBITT (N. Oxford), E. M. MacDONALD (Pictou), HON. R. ROGERS. Motion negatived.
- 29 RAILWAY ACT, amendment re Transportation of Grain, introduced by HON. J. D. HAZEN—BUDGET debate continued by HON. FRANK OLIVER, HON. A. MEIGHEN, E. M. MacDONALD (L) (Pictou), SIR H. AMES (C) (St. Antoine, Montreal), G. E. McCRAINEY (L) (Saskatoon), W. F. MacLEAN (C) (S. York) and J. A. C. ETHIER (L) (Two Mountains). BUDGET debate concluded, motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY IN 1915.

A \$7,000 Pierce-Arrow Motor Car purchased for the Postmaster in Montreal.

Expenditure (ordinary) was \$48,000,000 more than in the last year of Liberal administration. This did not include one dollar of War expenditure.

Post Office Department expenditure was 75 per cent. more than in 1912, and the deficit in this department was close to \$3,000,000 as compared with a surplus of \$1,310,912 in 1912.

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