

SHOWS UP OPPOSITION IN THEIR TRUE COLORS

Mr. Dixon Compares Progressive Policy of Present Government with Methods of Late Administration.

Fredericton, April 2.—Mr. Dixon in his speech in the budget debate in the Legislature yesterday expressed his pleasure in having this opportunity to speak on the address, to express his pleasure at the elevation of Senator Wood to the Governorship of the province. He had been personally acquainted with Mr. Wood for a number of years and he believed that he had the respect of the honorable gentlemen on this side as well as the honorable gentlemen opposite, and the people of the province as a whole. He would also like to congratulate the mover and seconder of the address. The mover while young in legislative experience has been prominently identified with the political life of St. John and was one of the leading members of the legal profession. He felt that his honorable friend would fulfil his duties with credit to himself and the constituency he represented. The junior member for Charlotte acquitted himself admirably in seconding the address and the schooling which he would receive during his first year in the House would be of great advantage to him when the general elections were held. He would be able to give his constituents a straightforward report of the proceedings. He regretted the departure of the late leader of the government, whom all honorable members honored and revered and were proud to sit beside. What had been the loss of this House he hoped would be his (Hazen's) and the country's gain. He also regretted very much that the ex-leader of the opposition was to leave politics and he felt that the House and its ex-leader of the opposition lost two straight-forward and conscientious men. He desired to extend his congratulations to the new premier and thought that it should be to him as it was to the honorable members a matter of great pride that he (Fleming) had raised himself to the proud position of premier of the province. He would also congratulate the leader of the opposition and at the same time sympathize with him in the arduous duties he had to perform.

One of these resolutions asked that there be a greater number of members in the House. Of course the government was not to blame for the condition. The convention enabled the farmers to come to Fredericton and see for themselves what their representatives were doing. Horticulture. If the government had done nothing except to appoint the present horticulturist they had done a great deal to bring about the present great interest in apple growing and its possibilities in this province. The honorable gentlemen opposite said that the old government, ten years ago, planted the trees which grew the apples exhibited at the St. John fruit show, and which attracted so much attention, but no doubt, the people would be surprised to learn that of twenty-seven illustration orchards planted by the old government, ten had been abandoned when this government came into power, and only three were found to be in a proper state, while of fourteen hundred plates of apples shown at the exhibit at St. John in 1911, only fifteen of the plates were from the illustration orchards of the old government.

The old government's policy regarding illustration orchards was all right, but they went at its administration the wrong way. Want of proper care and proper instruction from the agricultural department office in Fredericton, and the fact that there was nobody connected with the department capable of effectively handling the administration of the policy were responsible for the sad state of affairs. He had been told by a political opponent of his in Albert county upon whose place one of the illustration orchards had been, that he had never received any instructions as to the handling of orchards, and it was a remarkable thing that in the department of agriculture there could be found no correspondence regarding apple growing in the days of the old government. This government had a capable horticulturist who had been going about the province assisting fruit growing, and so many of the orchards were abandoned that there were only four or five men capable and suitable for the department to send out to various sections to do spraying and pruning. There would be lots of work for them to do.

The hon. leader of the opposition, speaking in this House last night, had said that there were lots of old women in Westmorland county who knew as much about law as the government's poultry expert knew about poultry raising, but he (Dixon) had been pleased to hear another hon. member for Westmorland, Mr. Sweeney, pay a warm tribute to the worth and ability of the poultry expert. He believed that the poultry expert was doing a very good job of arousing an interest in poultry raising among the farmers and causing them to improve their stock. He believed it would be a matter of years before this industry would be a sufficient quantity of poultry-raising in this province to at least supply the home market. Accomplished Much. The government had also by means of importation done a great deal to improve the live stock of the province generally. They had also brought a sheep raiser here from Ontario and he had taken two deserted farms in Kings County and was carrying on an extensive and successful sheep raising business and at the same time pure bred stock from his farm was being distributed about the province. He believed that much could be done towards assisting agriculture in New Brunswick by means of an educational campaign in any other way. He had said before in this House that he believed that work should start in primary schools and he felt that the work of a number of unnecessary subjects on the school curriculum which could be well eliminated and replaced by subjects which would be more useful to young people and attract them to the land. He believed, however, that the time was not ripe for establishing of an agricultural college. He believed much good would be accomplished if a capable man was engaged to visit the various parishes to interest the farmers in intensified farming and show them just how much larger production could be secured under intensified farming methods than by the methods which most of farmers of the province are now using. Nothing would stir up the farmers more than an actual demonstration of what could be accomplished by intensified farming. The hon. member for St. John Co. (Mr. Bentley) had said that he favored bringing in only one family of immigrants for a single parish, but he (Dixon) believed that the plan announced by the present premier, that of bringing in a number of families and settling them together on recreated farms so that they might have the benefit of their own society and companionship and would not feel that they were strangers, would prove a much better and more effective method of getting settlers to come here and stay here when they came. Better Roads. The hon. gentlemen opposite seemed to be very much aroused over the expenditures on roads and bridges. It had been said in the past that this government came in on the road question and would go out on it, but from

Women and Children Fleeing To U.S. from Turbulent Mexico



Hundreds of Mexican women and children daily cross the international line at El Paso, seeking safety in the United States from the outrages committed by many lawless men of their own country. These photographs, just received, show two scenes at the international bridge, where the household goods of the expatriates are examined by U. S. customs men.

what had been said at this session of the House, he did not believe that the opposition felt just the same about that now as they used to. The hon. member for St. John had said that the people of the province would need more convincing evidence than the roads were bad and the way he had of proving it was by asking the member for St. John if that was not true. The hon. member for St. John had said that the roads were 100 per cent better now than they were before this government came into power. The hon. member for St. John county had also said that there were very few good permanent bridges built by this government in comparison with the old government, but figures showed that in the last three years of their regime the old government spent \$284,000 on permanent bridges while in the first three years under this government \$490,000 was spent on permanent bridges. This showed that the statement of the hon. gentleman was incorrect. The ex-chief-com. Mr. LaBillois had made the statement that he had driven through Albert county soon before the old government went out of power and that he had never seen better roads and bridges. Either there was snow on the ground or else the ex-chief had worn dark glasses because the people of the county were not of such an opinion and if the honorable gentleman's statement was correct, why was it that this government in the past three years spent \$22,556 in 1939, \$22,636 in 1940, \$14,247 in 1941, or a total of \$59,444 for repairs on ordinary bridges and he felt that that was a very small amount for \$1,549 in 1935, \$6,435 in 1936, \$1,923 in 1937, or a total of \$10,211 in the last three years of the old government.

He courted the closest investigation of all bridge work that has been carried on in Albert county since this government came into power. The work being done is as near permanent work as possible and included in the list of bridges upon which would be charged as permanent work were several which under the old government would have been charged as permanent work but which were not. Mr. Dixon said that he did not agree with the honorable member for St. John county that the time had not arrived for the construction of bridges. He believed that the smaller bridges of the province. He believed that the more permanent work that was under construction in the province was better than the bridges built in the old government. In Albert county they had one of those bridges built in the old government's slap-dash way in 1906. The bridge was built under contract and the contractor was driven down into mud a short distance but although it was pointed out at the time that they were not in proper condition, the bridge was turned over by the contractor to the old government and when this administration came into power they had to spend some \$4,000 to stop it tumbling down completely. The policy of this government has been to build and repair bridges by tender as far as possible and in Albert county where the work had been done by day's work it had been only upon the instructions of the chief engineer of the department. He believed it was the same in the other counties and knew that in Albert county better work had been done at smaller cost under the day's work system than by contract.

Fully Justified. He would like to ask the honorable member for St. John county (Mr. Bentley) if he was in his place, if he would say that the \$11,000 expended on the suspension bridge during the past year was not justified? The honorable member for St. John county had criticized that expenditure, but if the old government had not allowed the bridge to get into such a dilapidated condition such an expenditure would not have been necessary. This government of course had to keep the bridge in proper repair and a new structure was ready to take its place, if the old government had collected the revenue that was honestly due the province, they would have had enough money to have kept the public bridges and other public

ELECTION CARDS

To the Electors of the City of St. John: Ladies and Gentlemen,—Now that the New Charter has materialized I have decided to accede to the earnest solicitation of the citizens in general to become a candidate for the Mayoralty at the approaching Civic Election. During the eight consecutive years you so loyally supported me, I think I faithfully and impartially discharged my duty (at least I have heard nothing to the contrary). I also will be pardoned if I assume the credit of having made a banking agreement that has saved the city thousands of dollars and of launching a system that has helped to bring about the very strong financial position that the city now enjoys. The re-organizing of the Chamberlain's Department was also a distinctive feature during my term of office. I am not out with any cheap pre-election promises. If you support my candidature my aim will be to give you the best that is in me and that will mean a lot and decidedly to the advantage of the city. The Board of Trade should be encouraged in their endeavor to induce new factories and business houses to locate here and in order to bring this about in these days of keen business competition, we must have something to offer, something for the manufacturer and something for the men employed by him. Furthermore a more persistent effort is required seeking for the nationalization of the port. The Railway and Harbor facilities are to be expanded—never before equalled in the City's history and with the growth of our population and community—Civic business will certainly assume larger proportions and your representatives increased responsibilities. Personally I will see that the future is not jeopardized by extravagant expenditures and contracting of debts. I think all are bound to admit that an active, successful business man and one who is well versed in civic matters is a pretty good combination. If I did good work before, I stand to accomplish even better results under the new order of things. Thanking you in advance for your vote and support, T. H. BULLOCK.

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ELECTION CARD

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