

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 had been a member of the Legislature for a number of years. He was one of the leading members of the legal profession. He felt that his honorable friend would find his duties with credit to himself and the constituency he represented. The junior member for Charlotte acquired 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 premier and his 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 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.

Important Matter.

The discussion on the budget had been participated in by able men on both sides and they had acquitted themselves nobly. What he had to say would be on a subject dear to his heart and dear to the hearts of the people of the province and Dominion, because it was realized that the backbone of every country is its agriculture. He did not think that sufficient attention had been given to it in the past by any government, but he was pleased that a new feeling was being aroused and a greater impetus was being given to the development of this industry. He hoped that the opposition and the government would agree instead of the criticism being offered which after all did not amount to much. It was not good politics for a man because he was in opposition to criticize the government, but on the contrary they should work with the government in its active endeavors to advance agriculture.

This government was endeavoring to keep young men on the farm and also to bring settlers and it was hardly right on the part of the hon. gentleman opposite to find fault with the administration because some people had left the province. He had listened to the remarks of his hon. friend from St. John that the agriculture department was not doing much for the advancement of farming and he (Bentley) had also expressed his lamentations that in one part of St. John County two schools were tumbling down because settlers had left the farms and the children were being sent to the city. He had become discouraged and left the place. That would hardly be encouraging agriculture to go before the country through the press, particularly when the department was anxious to bring in new settlers. These statements came in very bad grace from his hon. friend, he (Bentley) must have known that this government could not be charged with any lack of interest in the agriculture department. The old administration could be blamed for being derelict in their duties. The old government could not have done more after these cases in the proper way for if they had the people would still be on the farm today instead of having deserted it.

Ill-Advised Criticism.

This government had practically doubled the appropriation given by the old administration for the advancement of agriculture while the number of societies had also been doubled and between \$13,000 and \$14,000 was being expended by these societies for the advancement of farming. In view of this activity it ill behooved any member of the House to say that the department was not doing anything in the right direction. Honorable members were told that this government had not proposed any policy. Education was the prime factor in the proper advancement of agriculture and this government had done what it could to afford the farmer practical education.

His honorable friend from Westmorland had made the remark to this House which he thought came with bad grace when he (Sweeney) had declared that the government was fooling the farmers. He had said the government was bringing the farmers to Fredericton to hold their conventions and have them come to the House and hear the government tell them how much they were loved. If his honorable friend thought the farmers could be fooled he would find that any honorable gentleman who attempted to would be undertaking a proposition bigger than he could handle.

What this government had done had been in the interests of the farmers and not in the interests of the government. In holding the Farmers' and Dairywomen's Convention an opportunity was afforded the farmers to meet and discuss agricultural problems among themselves and a great deal of good would doubtless come from these conventions. The last convention had appointed a committee to wait on the government and present the resolutions which had been adopted.

ed. One of these resolutions asked that there be a greater number of farmers 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 gentleman opposite said that the old government when in power, planted the trees which grew the apples exhibited at the St. John fruit shows, 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 it in 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 on, that he 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 was making a great deal of progress. He had been told that if there were 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.

Accomplished Much.

The government had also by means of importation done a great deal to improve the live stock of the province generally. He had also brought a sheep raiser here from Ontario and he had taken two deer from Kings County and was carrying on an extensive business. He had also brought a sheep raiser here from Ontario and he had taken two deer from Kings County and was carrying on an extensive business. He had also brought a sheep raiser here from Ontario and he had taken two deer from Kings County and was carrying on an extensive business.

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 intensive farming and show them just how much larger production could be secured under intensified farming methods than by the methods which most of the farmers of the province are now pursuing. Nothing would stir up the farmers more than an actual demonstration of getting settlers to come here and stay here when they came.

Better Roads.

The hon. gentleman 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

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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 that. He (Dickson) believed 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 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. LaBille 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. He believed that the honorable gentleman's statement was correct, why was it that this government in the past three years spent \$22,556 in 1909, \$22,636 in 1910, \$14,247 in 1911, or a total of \$59,444 for repairs on ordinary bridges? The county were not of such an opinion. He believed that the honorable gentleman's statement was correct, why was it that this government in the past three years spent \$22,556 in 1909, \$22,636 in 1910, \$14,247 in 1911, or a total of \$59,444 for repairs on ordinary bridges?

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 government money was expended were several which under the old government would have been charged as permanent work. Mr. Dickson said that he did not agree with the honorable member for St. John county that the time had not arrived for the construction of a permanent bridge over the smaller bridges of the province. He believed that the more permanent work that was undertaken by this government the better it would be rather than have bridges built in the slapdash way in vogue under the old government. In Albert county they had had one of those bridges built in the old government's slapdash 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 contractors 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.

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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 reorganizing 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.

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