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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION MAKES AN ELOQUENT AND FORCEFUL ADDRESS ON THE BUDGET DEBATE IN PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Contrasts Conditions Existing When the Late Government Went Out of Office with the Shocking Revelations Made by the Auditors in 1908—Refers to the Vast Improvements in the Public Services of the Province as a result of the Prudent and Systematic Management of the Late Government—Hon. Mr. Robinson's Views in 1908 and His Views Today—Not One Dollar Lost to the Province in the Operations of the Farm Settlement Board-The Cost of the Valley Railway Compared with the Cost of the National Transcontinental-The Improvement in the Book-Methods Under the Late Government-Their Honest Collection of the orial Revenue-Bonds To Be Issued by New Government to Care for Their Deficit on Current Account-Hon. Mr. Murray Places the Responsibility for Deficit Where It Properly Belongs. He wanted to point out that during the years from 1902 to 1906, under the pradecessors of the late administration, \$504,000 had been added to the permanent debt of the province to cover the over-expenditures of that government on ordinary account. This amount should not have been charged to capital account, but should have been paid out of the ordinary revenues of the province. That was the way the affairs of the province were handled by the administration supported by his honorable friend (Robinson) who while now disclaiming the actions of that administration, he had prior to 1908 stood up on the platform and defended the acts, actions and methods of the old government which went out of power in that year. Time and made the statement that that government had been able to keep the ordinary expenditures of the province with his contained with the actual facts, and all honorable members must agree with him (Murray) that those conditions of large over-expenditure could have been overcome had there been an honest collection of the territorial revenue which was justly due the province.

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\$3,260 for education or for the \$14,051 for elections, which were necessitated by reason of the term of office of the late government expiring during the current year. He would also like to know it the late administration were responsible for the increase expenditure of \$5,000 in connection with the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium. Could honorable members on this side of the house control that expenditure when the institution was managed by a board of independent commissioners. He (Murray) was a member of that board and his hon. friend (Robinson) who was also a member will bear him out in his statement that the board used every endeavor to keep down the expenditures. Then there was the increased expenditure of \$55,450 for public works, which he was not condemning, but surely no honorable member could say that the late administration was responsible for that increase. Were the members of the late government to be held responsible for the fact that it was necessary to install heating apparatus and repair certain public buildings? Were they to be held responsible for the new administration action in including \$5,676 in the estimates for unforeseen expenses or for the inferease in the expenditures to enable the province to give a grant of \$2,424 to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at St. John—a grant which he approved rather than condemned, but for which he felt honorable gentlemen opposite who made the expenditure should as the condemned of the condemned but for which he felt honorable gentlemen opposite who made the expenditure should as the condemned that the same condemned tus and repair certain public buildings? Were they to be held responsible for the new administration action in including \$6.676 in the estimates for unforeseen expenses or for the increase in the expenditures to enable the province to give a grant of \$2.424 to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at St. John—a grant which he approved rather than condemned, but for which he felt honorable gentlemen opposite who made the expenditure should assume the responsibility. In connection with the expenditure of \$30,000 for seed wheat, he would be fair and say that the government expected to receive \$27.676 from its sale, but he did feel that when the amount was paid into the province, it would be placed in the current ervenue than it was at the moment.

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Hon. B. F. Smith—"No, not contrary of the road law."

Hon. Mr. Murray, continuing, said that he wanted to point to this fact that his honorable friend (Venict) had made the statement that Mr. Couglan had done something that was improper, thereby casting a reflection on his character that was unjustified; while his honorable fried the provincial secretary-treasurer had informed Mr. Couglian by letter that he was dismissed for political reasone because the friends of the government wanted an out and out party man appointed to his position. His honorable friend the minister of public works (Venict) had said that he would pay no attention to the petition of the electors of Blackville parish but he was only too ready to pay attention to a petition from some of his friends in Carleton county, asking for the dismissal of an official who had sont his three sons to the firing line and one of them had already laid down his life for the cause of Empire. That was the kind of buncombe honorable members were receiving from the government benches. That was the way his honorable friends opposite carried out their pieds to the people when in opposition, that if they were returned to power they would take the roads out of politics.

The Automobile Fees.

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Honorable members would recall that legislation had been enacted in this House during the present session to provide for the funding of the fees from the motor vehicles to pay the interest on the bond issue of \$500,000 to provide for the construction of the proved highways. Yht the government had seen at to place \$55,000, the amount of the motor vehicle fees, in the current year, leaving it over until next year before they would begin to capitalize that sum. Something at variance with the advanced policy of the present government. They said they had not the time to inaugurate a road policy, but in their famous platform had down in January, 1915, they had already formulated their policy and they on that opeasion had pledged themselves to do certain things.

But when they did get into He would like to go into the question of the lost of the Valley Railway and make comparisons with the cost of the National Transcontinental Railway. Much could be said on this matter, but as the time was passing and he desired to afford his honorable friend every opportunity to reply, he would make his reference to that matter very brief. He wanted, however, to make

themselves to do certain things.

But when they did get into power, they abandoned that policy, took a portion of the policy of the late government, and now were absolutely at sea as to what course they intended to take. He wanted to tell his honorable friends opposite that when they came to the House at the next session they would have to give honorable members some better excuse than that they did not have time. Honorable members combet would expect to see something accomplished.

It would be useless for him with the limited time at his disposal to go into a consideration of the administration of the Crown lands. He would have liked to refer to what the late administration had accomplished and what they had in view; but he would say that there was nothing that the late government was ashamed of in their administration of the public do-





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The Farm Settlement Board.

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He wanted to refer briefly to the Farm Settlement Board.

Some criticism had been made of the actions of the board, but notwithstanding that he desired to say to the members of this in House and the people of the country that so far as his connection with the board as minister of agriculture was concerned, he stood behind it and was not ashamed of anything he had done.

There was no man who could point to one statement of his that in dealing with applications he had ever inquired as to the politics of the applicant. He made these statements unreservedly and without fear of successful contradiction. Some people seemed to have the idea that the Farm Settlement Board had been created only for the benefit of those who came to the province from across the seas or from other places without the province, But a reference to the act, passed in 1912, would show that the act was passed also for the purpose of keeping our own people on the farm in this province. Indeed that was one of the principal objects of the act—to encourage our own young people to stay here and build up comfortable homes in this province. The administration of the affairs of the Board came directly under the supervision of the department of agriculture in April, 1914. At the inception of the board came directly under the supervision of the department of agriculture in April, 1914. At the inception of the board the work was a thorough audit of the accounts of the board. That audit showed that not one doilar of the funds of the province had been improperly handled. He would not deny that the bookkeeping system was not of the board. That audit showed that not one doilar of the funds of the province had been improperly handled. He would not deny that the bookkeeping system was not of the board. That audit showed that not one doilar of the funds of the province had been improperly handled. He would not deny that the bookkeeping system was not of the board. That audit showed that not one doilar of the

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GROUP NO. 2.

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