

APOLOGIZED FOR THE GOVERNMENT

HON. R. G. TATLOW AND
OVER EXPENDITURE

J. A. Macdonald Arraigned Adminis-
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The University Endowment Bill was put through committee yesterday afternoon after another woful exhibition of weakness on the part of the government, and a subservient spirit on the part of its supporters, who are prepared to vote for anything on faith.

The Minister of Education showed a disposition yesterday to accept the suggestions of the leader of the opposition made at a previous sitting. He would not accept the amendments of J. A. Macdonald, but proceeded to draw up others, which he intended to draw up to mean the same thing as those offered by the leader of the opposition.

Hon. Mr. Young had again changed front on the question of what was to be given the university and was willing to give only the land values without timber, coal or any other royalties, which he now proposed to give to the ordinary revenues of the province. The leader of the opposition has all along pressed for this, and suggested amendments to the bill that would have made these ends, but the amendment of Hon. Mr. Young was a bungled one, and it is doubtful whether it will have the effect which the minister proposes.

The weakness of the minister's amendment was pointed out yesterday by Mr. Macdonald, who professed to be going to aid the minister in any way, and manifested satisfaction with the humiliating condition in which Hon. Mr. Young found himself, jealous that Hon. Mr. Young should have been called into the cabinet while they were overlooked was clearly shown by the two lawyers referred to.

The debate on the budget has not yet been completed. J. A. Macdonald in moving the adjournment of the debate will lead in to-day's debate. Yesterday afternoon Chas. Munro, Mr. Eagleston, Dr. King and J. H. Hawthorthwaite in turn severely criticised the government's treatment of opposition constituents.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance, is leading the House in the Premier's absence.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Prayers were read by Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

Several additional petitions asking for the removal of disabilities from clergymen were presented. The minister of education recommended the bill respecting ditches and water courses with a number of suggested amendments.

Questions Answered.

Parker Williams asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions: 1. At what date did the government send out official inquiries regarding the assumed shortage of labor?

2. Mr. making said inquiries, what number of the returns were signed by persons who were, or are, employers of farm laborers?

3. What number of said returns were signed by persons who commonly employ domestic help?

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5. If government have no information on questions 2, 3 and 4, to what organizations or class of persons were said inquiries directed?

The Hon. R. G. Tatlow replied as follows: "1. March 20th, 1907.

"2. 3 and 4. Cannot state definitely.

"5. Secretaries of municipalities, secretaries of farmers' institutes, secretaries of fruit growers' associations, secretaries of farmers' exchanges, secretaries of creamery companies, managers of large fruit ranches, prominent farmers and fruit growers."

Dr. Kergin asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the purpose of the government to construct, during the coming year, a bridge over Bear river, at the head of Portland canal?

The Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows: "Yes."

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What amount of votes No. 150 of the session of 1903-4, No. 147 of 1905, and No. 149 of 1906, respectively, were spent in the electoral district of Newcastle?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows: "4967.75, 5446.56. None."

On resuming the debate on the motion to go into committee of supply, Charles Munro continued his speech. He referred to the appropriation of \$5,000 for a committee on irrigation. He thought this sum was inadequate. If before the dyking had been begun in the province \$25,000 had been spent the province would have saved money. He believed in doing the preliminary work well.

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