

BUDGET DEBATE CONTINUED BY MR. L.P.D. TILLEY

Who, in a Well Considered Speech, Offered Some Effective Criticism of Governmental Methods.

WAS FOLLOWED BY HON. J. P. BURCHILL

Who Made the Best Presentation He Could of the Muddled Condition of Affairs.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 25.—Mr. Tilley, of St. John, was the first Opposition speaker in the budget debate.

Mr. Tilley had marshalled his facts in telling array, and in a keen manner shattered some of the claims set up by the Government. Thoroughly conversant with the subject matter in hand, he assailed claims made by Government speakers, and by their own figures he proved the absurdity of certain lofty positions taken by them.

He thought the Government was taking much credit upon itself for the workings of the Compensation Act. Previous Governments had quite a hand in forming that important document. It was his belief that the organization that has the Act in charge was deserving of great credit for the manner in which they have performed their duties with fairness to all parties concerned. Mr. Tilley delivered his views into the question of the Crown Lands, and with an array of figures showed when the people were not getting full returns from the most valuable asset of the Province. Government members frequently endeavored to bewilder Mr. Tilley with pointed questions. He was equal to the occasion on each interruption, and came back at his questioners with answers taken from their own reports. He had Government bench warmers chafing at over the Comptroller's report to verify his figures, and they had no come-back.

The speaker took occasion to say that the Public Works Department was not the one that had been extravagant. He claimed that the department presided over by the affable Dr. Smith had also gone beyond the mark of the year, but by a peculiar process of figuring had made their books strike a balance.

The financial statement called forth sharp and effective comment from Mr. Tilley, who thought the expert auditor was especially careful in their choice of language and words when they framed their report.

Mr. Tilley was followed by Mr. Burchill, who was put up by the Government to try and make their claims appear more convincing. He was roused into the argument with the idea that by the mantle of his respectability over the exaggerated and misleading statements of the previous Government speakers he might be able to bring some resolution on Government claims. Mr. Burchill commands the respect of all prominent men and well known to the Opposition members when he arose to speak.

He was dignified in his bearing, manner and speech. He received the closest and most cordial attention from the Opposition who were impressed by what he said although not convinced. Mr. Burchill apologized for the unparliamentary remarks of the Premier in his speech on the Address especially in the Premier's reference to the Conservative convention at St. John.

He said the Premier was in a humorous vein when he referred to the convention and the members must remember "a little nonsense now and then is the best of men."

He naturally championed the cause of the lumbermen and thought they should not be forced to pay a too high rate of stumpage but they could stand a little more than they are now paying. He tried in a jocular way to bear down Mr. Peck's argument on the bond sales but failed to do so.

Mr. Burchill, in his very dignified and pleasing way, endeavored to bolster up the cause of his party and repair their glaring mistakes. He failed in this.

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ST. MARTINS GIRL TO MARRY NEGRO

Both Parties Went Through the War, and Bridegroom is Now a Real Estate Agent.

Special to The Standard. Boston, Mass., March 25.—Thomas S. Fletcher, a full blooded negro, 28 years of age, residing at 203 West Springfield street, will be married to Miss Jesse Mae McLean, 22 years of age, a native and resident of St. Martins, N. B., a white girl of unusual beauty, Saturday night or Monday morning.

Fletcher, who enlisted in the Canadian Army, at the beginning of the war, and also was later transferred to the American Army, is now a real estate agent with offices at 997 Tremont street. He was born in Cambridge, Maryland, and attended school in Baltimore and Washington. Miss McLean served throughout the world war as a nurse in the Canadian Red Cross.

LARGE LUMBER CUT ON THE MIRAMICHI

Upwards of 160 Million Feet to be Brought Out When Season Opens.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 25.—More than 160 million feet of lumber had been cut on the Miramichi this season and is now ready to be brought out by the spring's driving operations which will soon commence according to estimate in the Gleason report.

The cut on the Southwest Miramichi amounts to more than 100 million feet, while the Miramichi Lumber Co. are next with 23 million, and D. J. Buckley has about 15 million feet.

The South and North Miramichi amounts to a strong 80 million feet. The Southern Company have about 10 million coming out and so have the Ritchies, Burchills, and one or two other concerns. The Miramichi Lumber Co. are cut on the North West Branch has been about 7 million, bringing their gross output up to about 30 million feet the past winter.

Early driving indications are very promising, as there is plenty of snow and a good foundation with lots of ice formed in the swampy but a great deal depends, of course, on the way the spring break-up occurs.

TO EXPLAIN THE FRANCHISE BILL. Hon. Mr. Meighen Will Tomorrow Make Statement.

House of Commons, Ottawa, March 25.—Before the debate on the second reading of the Franchise Bill is resumed tomorrow, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, will make a statement as to the character of the disfranchising clause in the bill. Interpretations placed on the clauses during the debate are, it is understood, not in accordance with the intention of the Government, when the bill was formed. Mr. Meighen, it is proposed, will therefore state the Government's position in the matter.

Mr. Meighen who adjourned the debate, has, it is understood, consented to give place to Mr. Meighen for its purpose.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN MINISTER. Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 25.—The death of Rev. Jos. Howe Brownell, a well-known Presbyterian minister and one of the most prominent citizens of eastern New Brunswick County, occurred yesterday suddenly this morning at Port Elgin, following an illness from influenza. The Rev. Mr. Brownell had been pastor of the Port Elgin and Sheungue Presbyterian Churches for the past twenty odd years, and was highly esteemed by the people in the eastern parishes. Deceased was a prominent man and well known to the parishes of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He is survived by a widow and a daughter, Elison, a student at Mount Allison.

The death of Isaac Newton Wilbur, one of Moncton's oldest and best known citizens, occurred this afternoon at his home here, after some weeks' illness, death being caused by the ailments of old age. Mr. Wilbur was in his 87th year, was born in the parish of Moncton and lived in this city practically all his life. He saw Moncton grow from a village, when it was called "The Bend." The deceased was one of twin brothers, who at the age of 86 were reputed to be the oldest twins in Canada. The late Mr. Wilbur is survived by his own brother, Abram, Moncton; one son, Flowering, and two married daughters, all residing at Moncton.

SYDNEY TO BE PORT OF CALL For the Canadian Government Ocean Steamers.

Sydney will be in winter, and Louisburg in the summer, regular ports of call for the Canadian Government ocean steamers, according to John R. McIsaac, Traffic Manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel Corporation in an interview with the Canadian Press at Sydney, C. B., yesterday.

MAPLE SUGAR AT MONCTON. Moncton, March 25.—The first maple candy made its appearance in the city today selling for fifty cents a pound. A considerable advance over last year's prices. The season has opened up with good prospects of a large yield of maple sugar the past days being ideal weather for sap. The season has opened earlier than usual in this section.

DOUBLE MURDER IN NEW-YORK. New York, March 25.—The bodies of Dr. Vincent J. Cannata, wealthy physician, and a patient to whose bedside he was hastily summoned were found tonight in a tenement house in Brooklyn—the physician stabbed to death and the "patient" strangled.

ELECTED PRESIDENT. Halifax, N. S., March 25.—O. Macdonnell, General Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company was elected President of the Nova Scotia Accident Prevention Association at the annual meeting held there today.

COL. GUTHRIE SPEAKS AT SMOKING CONCERT

Given by Republican League at Boston—Talks on Work of Kilties—A Popular Speaker.

Special to The Standard. Boston, Mass., March 25.—The Republican League entertained about 300 guests at a smoker and reception in the league's quarters here today. Assistant District Attorney William S. Kinney presided. Colonel Guthrie of the McLean Kilties, gave the smoker, dealing principally with the work of the Kilties, a large number of whom enlisted for Boston. He said the mode of discipline in the last war had changed from the discipline of fear to a discipline of patriotism and love of home, had brought out an unselfishness beyond anything known in other wars. The Colonel has been a popular speaker at many functions and has captivated his auditors with simplicity of speech and manner.

SUGAR SUPPLY ABOUT USED UP As Result of Housewives Laying in Summer Stock.

Ottawa, Ont., March 25.—(By Associated Press)—As a result of the advice sent out by the Canadian Trade Commission to householders to begin now to lay in their supply of sugar for the coming season, Eastern Canada and Middle Canada have already cleaned up all the granulated sugars offered. There is still a shortage of sugar in British Columbia and Alberta.

As an evidence of the demand for sugar coming to Canadian refineries from points outside the country, it was stated this morning that to date there have been requests for export from the United States, the West Indies and elsewhere. All of these have been refused.

MONTREAL DOCTOR FOUND NOT GUILTY On Charge of Causing Death of Girl by Operation.

Montreal, March 25.—Dr. Zepan Malo was this afternoon found "not guilty" of the charge of murder against him, and the jury's verdict was the signal for such an outburst of applause and cheers that the Court room quaked with the uproar for some minutes. The doctor, who had been summoned, but soon joined in the rejoicing with a broad smile and clapping his hands.

The charge against Dr. Malo was in connection with the death of Beatrice Chiochio, following an alleged illegal operation. Dr. Malo stands to face trial on this count, and so was liberated on bail, for which his counsel's bondsmen offered.

TARTARS MASSACRE 17,000 ARMENIANS. London, March 25.—Tartars recently massacred seventeen thousand Armenians within the boundaries of the new Armenian state at the time of the Young Turk revolution. An Armenian from Erivan, who has arrived in London, has been held by the Armenian public with Allied authorities, regarding the situation in Armenia.

Three thousand persons are being herded in Tartar villages, and portions of the Armenian frontier are being held by the Tartars, according to the Archbishop.

FUR PRICES AT MONTREAL SALE. Montreal, March 25.—Total sales for today at the fur auction here amounted to \$178,649, making a grand total for the four days of \$1,998,947. Silver fox was the principal fur offered and the highest price was \$1,225 each paid by H. Silbert, of New York for two silver black fox skins. The low was \$1.50 per pelt for a lot of damaged skins which had been cut up when caught in traps.

The total sale for the day on silver fox skins from Prince Edward Island amounted to \$136,360 and 442 skins were offered. Dr. Malo stands to face trial on this count, and so was liberated on bail, for which his counsel's bondsmen offered.

BEFORE THE SALE AN ADDRESS WAS MADE BY Hon. E. Arsenault, ex-Premier of Prince Edward Island, who gave a brief sketch of the fox ranching industry in the island. He said the industry had suffered at first from over-hoarding, but that it was now a stable state, where all difficulties had been overcome, and it had been found that the ranch-bred animals produced better pelts than the wild animals, contrary to the general impression.

DUBLIN'S MAYOR WANTS PROTECTION. London, March 25.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin has applied to the authorities to furnish police to protect the speech to be given at the opening of the Central News from Dublin.

BIG CATCH OF FISH. Halifax, N. S., March 25.—(By Canadian Press)—Four hundred thousand pounds of fresh fish, said to be the largest catch ever brought to this port by a single vessel, the steam trawler Venosta, arrived this afternoon from the banks.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER AT GRAND FALLS

Phoebe Hall, Aged 18, Shot and Killed by Rejected Lover.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE SHIP CANAL SCHEME

Will be Strenuously Opposed by New York and Other American Interests.

Special to The Standard. New York, March 25.—(By Canadian Press)—The delegates of New York State to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in convention here today passed a unanimous resolution opposing the proposed construction of a ship canal in the River St. Lawrence.

The delegates are advised by this resolution to recommend to their respective chambers and commercial organizations that they use all reasonable means to combat the recommendation of the International Joint Boundary Commission in favor of the United States joining with Canada in the construction of the proposed ship canal.

Delegates to the convention with few exceptions were so fully opposed to the project and their views were generally applauded. Robert R. Hann, of St. Paul, addressed the convention this afternoon, favoring the construction of the canal.

Ex-Senator Geo. H. Cobb, of Watertown, N. Y., expressed the views of the people in the northern part of New York where they have the feeling that the enterprise will benefit the trade in Canada to the detriment of New York State. He urged the delegates to support the New York State barge canal.

ST. JOHN WOMAN WAS SKIPPING OUT With Her Family, But Was Detained at Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 25.—Mrs. Georgina Frost and her three young children aged 10, 8 and 5 years were apprehended by the Moncton police on the arrival of No. 10 train here this morning at the request of the St. John authorities, who alleged that the woman was stopping out from her husband in company with another man.

The woman and her children are still being detained by the Moncton police awaiting action from St. John. Mrs. Frost alleged that her husband was a hopeless quantity and the child she was accompanying had promised to look after her family. The man in the case is not being detained, all had through tickets to Moncton.

BRIBERY CHARGE IN NEWFOUNDLAND. St. John's, Nfld., March 25.—William Woodford, elected from the district of Harbor Main as member of the House of Assembly, has sprung a surprise on the courts and the country. He was indicted on a charge of bribery and corruption charges when he resigned. He now makes affidavit that he never received any money or gifts from the contractor, and that he had no knowledge of the same.

Whitehead Island had been sadly neglected and the present administration, Doer Island and Campbell were not receiving their share of road expenditure.

Mr. Gupitil regretted the extravagance which is rolling up a tremendous debt on the province. When he was elected to the House in 1912 New Brunswick had a debt of six millions. In eight years it has reached the stupendous total of twenty millions. Mr. Gupitil considered this as appalling and thought if this continue this way in another eight years the province will be bankrupt.

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CANADA HAS ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF SHIPS

One Cruiser and Two Destroyers of the Latest Type to Come Here in July.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 25.—The light cruiser and two torpedo boat destroyers which Canada is to receive from the British Government will be of the latest type in their particular classes. These vessels will serve as the beginning of a fleet of 5,000 tons displacement, having a speed of 30 knots and armed with six six-inch guns, two anti-aircraft guns and two torpedo tubes. Her crew will consist of 350 officers and men. This cruiser will be representative of a type of very speedy ships of medium sized armament and moderate displacement, which proved useful during the war for scouting and reconnaissance, for convoy and escort work, for use against raiders and for destruction of enemy commerce. The cost of such a vessel in Canada is estimated at in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. The Navy Service, composed of 1,000 tons displacement, of steaming 35 knots an hour and armed with three four-inch guns, four torpedo tubes, they carry crews of 90 officers and men. In addition, Canada has two submarines of the latest British type, boats of 500 tons armed with two guns and six torpedo tubes and each capable of running 10 knots an hour on the surface, and 10 knots an hour when submerged.

When the cruiser and torpedo boat destroyers will be handed over to Canada has not been definitely announced. They will be delivered and sent from England to Canada as soon as the Minister of the Naval Service has so far completed the re-organization of the service as to be ready to receive them. It is believed that they will likely be turned over to the Dominion government some time in July next. When they are placed in commission in Canadian waters, the Dominion will have three really modern ships of their class, instead of two obsolete cruisers, the Noble and the Rainbow, stationed on the Atlantic and Pacific respectively. The demobilization to which Mr. Ballantyne referred in the House today will affect in all about 1,000 naval officers and men and civilians employed at headquarters in Ottawa, and at the naval dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux. It is said that when the problem of the re-organization of the naval services was attacked, it was found that the service was considerably overmanned. It was decided that the task could be better accomplished and the service on a peace footing could be made more efficient if re-organization was proceeded by complete demobilization of the service. When the demobilization has been completed, the organization will be commenced. From the force which is being disbanded will be selected the men whom the Government (Continued on page three).

NAVAL SERVICE TO BE REORGANIZED. And the New Service Will be Selected from the Most Suitable Personnel Now Available.

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IRISH TROUBLES GROWING WORSE. Police Barracks Blown up and Destroyed—Man Shot Dead in Broad Daylight.

Cork, March 25.—The police barracks at Gortales, seven miles southeast of Tralee in County Kerry, Provisional Government, were blown up and destroyed by fire today. Three policemen were seriously injured but there are no civilian casualties. No arrests have been made in connection with the explosion.

Dublin, March 25.—In the absence of information to indicate another motive, the popular belief prevails here that the unidentified man who was shot and killed in a downtown street in broad daylight late yesterday, was suspected of being a police spy.

The man shot was about 25 years of age, and well dressed. He was crossing the street when three men approached him, one of them thrusting a revolver close to the victim's face and firing three times.

London, March 25.—Ian Macpherson, Secretary for Ireland, said in the House of Commons today that any information with regard to the identity of the murderers of Lord Mayor Curzon of Cork or whether the murderers were believed to have belonged to any political organization.

No arrests had been made in connection with the murder, the secretary said.

WINNIEPEG ST. BY ALSO WANTS NEW SCHEDULE OF FARES

Winnipeg, March 25.—It is now generally believed in business circles of this city that the Winnipeg Electric Railway will have no serious difficulty at the hearing which is to take place before the Public Utilities Commission beginning tomorrow. The reports of the experts on valuation is ready to be submitted.

LLOYD GEORGE AND THE COAL MINERS. London, March 25.—Mr. Lloyd George, answering questions in the House of Commons this afternoon with regard to the government's negotiations with the coal miners, said he could not usefully make a statement at present regarding the action contemplated by the government to stop exports and unnecessary consumption of coal throughout the country if the negotiations broke down.

The Premier also said there was absolutely no truth in reports that the government had made arrangements to blockade the mining districts or mobilize the military. He expressed the hope that the House "will not accept these wild and misleading statements," as there is not a word of truth in them.

BIG RUSH FOR OIL FILLS. Calgary, March 25.—Oil seekers have secured leases for 8,000 acres of land in Northern Alberta. The areas to be prospected included stretches along the Athabaska River and tracts along the Great Slave River and the Mackenzie River. One of the heaviest rushes in the history of Canada is expected to take place shortly.

ACADIA SUGAR REFINERY CHANGES HEAD OFFICE WILL BE MOVED TO MONTREAL SHORTLY.

Halifax