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Provincial Legislature.

On Monday, the 17th, the House met at 3 o'clock. After routine the first order of the day was resumed and Hon. Mr. McLean continued the debate on the address. Referring to the visit of his Royal Highness the Governor General and suite and the splendid reception tendered them, he expressed the hope that their Excellencies would again visit our Province. He was of opinion that the crops of last season were among the best we have ever had. The short course and other profitable developments pushed forward by the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture were most highly praised by the speaker. Referring to the development of the oyster industry, he expressed surprise at the remarks of the Leader of the Opposition, that licenses for oyster areas could have been procured for the past twenty years. It was generally understood such licenses could not be procured. As a matter of fact nothing could be done until the present Provincial Government had the difficulties between the Local and Federal authorities adjusted. The areas could be rented to large corporations; but the Government would not let them in that way; they rather held these areas until all who wished for small allotments would have a chance. Eventually a large revenue would come into the Provincial treasury from this source. Taking up the advances and improvements inaugurated by the Commissioner of Public Works, he instanced the renovation effected in the Provincial Building. A new heating apparatus was set up and in every respect improvements were made. The road act and other departures instituted by the Public Works department were highly commended. Wonders had been accomplished in the matter of establishing steel bridges. Deterioration in our educational affairs had been arrested. During the present year some \$20,000 of an increase will be paid from the Provincial treasury to the school teachers. That is one-fifth of the increased subsidy from Ottawa. The supplements had also been restored, and an opportunity afforded the people of assisting the teachers. All the late Government did in the matter of education was to appoint a commission at a cost of \$4,000. The report of that commission was never acted upon. He commended the efforts of Premier Mathieson in his efforts to have our Federal representation restored to its initial number of six members. Turning to the improvements in our telegraph service he reviewed the history of that service in this Province. From this it was evident the late Government had done nothing to bring about improvements in the matter. For years we had no night accommodation in the matter of telegraphic messages, and the service, such as it was, was very expensive. Now, up to 7 p. m. at any Railway Station on the Island a message can be filed and the agents are obliged to forward this message to Charlottetown and thence it is to be sent to its destination during the night. More than that, it is expected we shall soon have a complete working basis between the telegraph

and telephone companies. All this shall be effected and the improved service will be at very much reduced rates. He considered we were entitled to this under the terms of the British North America Act. He was of opinion that when the car ferry became an actuality, industries undreamed of would be developed in this Province. Our fishing industries, especially, he felt sure would grow to enormous proportions.

Hon. Mr. Dalton continued the debate. He took up the first paragraph relating to the visit of his Royal Highness, the Governor-General. It was something to be appreciated by us that he was the first of the royal blood ever appointed a viceroy of any of the over seas Dominions. As to the increase of subsidy from Ottawa he thought it was worthy of the highest commendation that under our present Government we had received more in one year than all the increases that had been secured under all previous Governments. With the car ferry, our industries would grow in unprecedented fashion. This would be especially true as regards our fisheries. He considered the road act had been eminently successful. No complaint had been heard in any part of the first district of Prince County. He considered the school act had been well improved, and a beginning had only been made. Greater improvements will be made from time to time. Referring to the fox industry, he was satisfied this was an industry that was destined to revolutionize the financial conditions of this Province. It was his opinion that this industry would not slump. He thought the demand would last and increase. For these reasons he was convinced that there would be no deterioration in the demand, for a quarter of a century at least. He thought the industry would bring millions into this Province.

Mr. Buntain was the next speaker. He referred to some length to the different phases of the speech. He considered that great improvements were made in our educational system, and still greater improvements would be effected as time went on. Much had been done for the advancement of agriculture. The establishing of the short course was worthy of every praise. In this, too, but a beginning had been made. The advance in the oyster fishing industry, he regarded as of eminent importance to this Province. The public roads act next come in for commendation and praise. Any defects in the act could easily be amended. He commended the course pursued by the Public Works department and the policy of the Government in general.

Mr. T. W. McDonald controverted the statement that had been made by the opposition to the effect that the speech was remarkable for what it omitted. Comparing this speech with similar documents of previous years, he was of opinion the speech under review contained much valuable matter, as compared with some former speeches. He reviewed favorably the conduct of the Government generally in the various departments. He eulogized the steel bridge policy of the administration, and hoped that during the present session some further improvements would be made in our school act. Much had been done in this direction; but he hoped a great deal more would soon be done. He thought Georgetown would have been the best place to establish the car ferry. He however will be pleased wherever the ferry

was placed, so long as it would be a success.

Mr. John A. Dewar continued the debate. He was delighted with the event which had occurred here during the summer; the visit of the Duke of Connaught and family. He praised what had been done by the agricultural department. The purchase of the agricultural building and the short course were commended. He trusted that in future lecturers in this department would be selected who could speak so that they could be heard. He thought the road act, so far as his experience went, had worked well. Perfection had not been reached; but improvements would come. He thought that the winter roads had not been very good and was of the opinion some improvement in this respect should be made in the act. He did not think the dog act had protected the sheep industry; something that was expected would result therefrom. He thought it was the duty of the Dominion Government to protect the sheep. He approved of all that had been done in improving our education, and hoped still greater improvements would come from time to time. He hoped the people of this Province would not be carried away by fondness for the golden fox. So far as the question of representation is concerned he was pleased to hear the encouraging remarks of the Premier. Referring to the money received from Ottawa, he had only to say we were not receiving anything that we were not entitled to receive. We were contributing about \$1,800,000 annually to the revenues of Canada, and consequently were not receiving anything that did not belong to us.

During the evening session the debate was continued by Mr. A. P. Prowse. At the outset he congratulated the Government on the greatly improved appearance of the Assembly chamber. Notwithstanding the contention of the Leader of the Opposition, he considered the speech contained a great deal of important and interesting matter. He next referred to the disintegrating evidences that had rapidly accumulated for some time prior to the death of the late Government. Finally the day of reckoning came when the rising tide of indignant public opinion swept all but two of the Liberal cohorts into political oblivion. Such a slaughter, as this must convince the people that the Conservative have the unbounded confidence of the electorate. Referring to the visit of the Duke of Connaught and his family, he spoke in the most satisfactory vein of the splendid reception accorded the distinguished visitors and he expressed the hope that if they should come to our Province again they would visit some of the outlying country. The large attendance at the short course, and the various other important developments in connection with the Department of Agriculture came in for high commendation. The generous grant from the Dominion Government enabled the department to carry on these improvements. The intention of the Government to introduce nature studies and subjects of a kindred nature, deserved much praise. The progress made by the Provincial Government in developing the oyster industry must be of the greatest possible advantage to the people of this Province. The steel bridge policy and the new road act of the Government should receive the endorsement of all well wishers of the Province. Our roads are now in a quite different condition from that of the old order. Some amendments here and there to the road act

would improve it and, no doubt, these would be made by the Government. The improvements in our educational system were a matter of much importance, and this was only a beginning. The extent and importance of the car ferry was the most momentous boon that has ever come to this Province. The Borden Government certainly deserve the highest praise for their prompt action in this matter. The efforts of the Government in pressing our claims at Ottawa and to have our former Federal representation restored were deserving of the highest commendation. He considered the time had arrived when we should all take a pride in our Province and exert ourselves to advance its best interests. He felt glad that he had been spared to see the disastrous policy of the Liberals wiped out and a new and better order of things established under an energetic Conservative Government.

Mr. Myers commenced to speak at 9 o'clock. He referred in complimentary terms to the various matters contained in the speech.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture, continued the debate. He said that we had passed a dark period in our political history, and had entered upon an era of hope and material progress. We could now hold up our heads and refer with pride to what our Governments are doing for the Province. It is our good fortune to live at a time when our rights are coming to us. We are now getting what had been constantly refused to us by the Liberals here and at Ottawa for many years. Premier Mathieson had secured from Ottawa in one short year a greater amount of additional subsidy than had been secured by all the previous Premiers of this Province combined, since Confederation. No less than \$4,000,000 were subscribed in this Province during the past year towards the fox industry. This industry is destined to continue progressing for many years to come. The oyster industry also was something from which great things for the Province must result. The car ferry advantages were destined to assume proportions of which we could form no conception. The road act was a success wherever properly tested. This act had taken the road business out of politics. The introduction of agriculture into our educational system, by the short course, etc., was a most important departure for this Province. The agricultural grant from the Dominion Government has enabled us to make these improvements. The beginning thus made in this direction will be enlarged upon and added to, as time goes on, until we shall have arrived at a high degree of efficiency and perfection. At 10 o'clock Hon. Mr. McKinnon moved the adjournment of the debate.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dalton a petition for the incorporation of the town of Alberton was received and read, and a bill in accordance therewith was received and read a first time. The House then adjourned till Tuesday afternoon.

The House opened on Tuesday at 8:30. When questions were reached the Leader of the Government, in answer to a question placed on the order paper by the Leader of the Opposition, explained the basis of the agreement entered into between the Federal and Provincial Governments on the matter of oyster culture. He said that the arrangement was embodied in a Statute passed by the Parliament of Canada last year. This Statute can be examined by any member of the House or any person at all, who might desire to peruse it.

The debate on the address was resumed by Hon. Mr. McNeill. He

referred in the first place to the visit of their Royal Highness, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia. It was a grand visit and would long be remembered by the people of this Province. Passing to the consideration of the Public Works Department he showed when he took charge of this department he found things in very bad condition. No less than six bridges had tumbled into the streams and demanded immediate attention. The statement had been made by the Leader of the Opposition that the Liberals, during their term of office, had built sixteen steel bridges. He had failed to find any such number of steel bridges. All they had built were four-ten bridges in thirteen years, a little over a bridge a year on an average. The total length of their bridges amounted to 911 feet. During their one year the present Government have built eleven bridges measuring in all 1350 feet, a balance in favor of the present Government of 439 feet. Our bridges are wider than theirs. The average width of theirs was 13 ft. but our bridges are ordinarily 15 feet, but the Montague bridge is 16 feet wide, besides a sidewalk 5 feet wide. In addition to these steel bridges the present Government constructed a number of excellent wooden bridges besides many expensive repairs. The estimates made last year by the engineer of the department for bridges was \$220,000. This will give some idea of the condition of things which confronted the Government when they assumed office. The changed and improved condition of the Provincial Building affords some evidence of what the Government are doing. The installation of a heating apparatus was not only a vast improvement as to appearance, comfort, cleanliness, etc. but would effect a saving of about one quarter in the matter of fuel. All these improvements were but a beginning of what the Government intended to do.

Dr. Dewar continued the debate. He referred to the long time the Liberals were in power. It is possible there was some good in some of their acts. He thought the present road act was the best we have ever had. Perhaps some extravagant language of eulogy had been used by some of the speakers, he said. So far as he was concerned he preferred to wait until the public accounts were tabled, before passing judgement on the financial operations of the Government. He thought the late Liberal Government had done some good for this Province; such as the Hillsboro bridge and the Murray Harbor Railway. But the building of the Car Ferry by the present Federal Government would be infinitely greater than all these. It will be the greatest thing that ever has occurred for the improvement and advancement of this Province. The Agricultural and the Public Works Departments were commended for what they had accomplished for the good of our people. He was sure that when the Car Ferry would eventually enter upon an era of great prosperity, he was very much pleased at the knowledge that improved arrangements had been made in connection with the telegraph system.

Hon. Mr. Arsenault thought nearly all that could be said had been said on the question under review. He thought it was quite proper that the Government should give an account of their stewardship. That is what the annual meeting of the Legislature amounts to. For several years before the present Government came into office, there had not been sufficient money at the disposal of the administration. But much of the limited public money had been improperly and dishonestly spent by the late Liberal Government. Several serious problems had to be grappled with by the present Government. Our educational system was left in a wretched condition by the Liberals. Many improvements had been effected and more would follow, from year to year. Provision would be made for the carrying on of nature study. As to the oyster culture, so far as Richmond Bay is concerned, over 13,000 acres have been reserved for our local fishermen. He expected this bay would be turned into a beehive of industry. The Government that looks forward to the future is the one that makes a success of public affairs, and not the Government that does not look beyond the immediate future. The improvements in our telegraph and telephone systems are matters of the greatest importance to this Province and to our people. So far as the Hillsboro bridge is concerned (Continued on third page.)

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