

OPPORTUNITY OF TRAINED MEN

Liberal Leader Advocates the Technical School.

Hon. Adam Beck's Important Government Bill.

Sir James Whitney Scores Methods of Mining Company.

Toronto, March 12.—The leaders clashed in spirited addresses at the close of the budget debate in the Legislature yesterday. Hon. A. G. MacKay submitted a resolution which Mr. Speaker subsequently declared "lost on division," the first vote of the session.

The Liberal leader was at his best. He followed his vigorous lead on the forestry policy earlier in the week by blaming the trail towards a practical and progressive system of technical training, under which the sons of Ontario's artisans would be confronted with the open door to efficiency and its emoluments. He contrasted the trade institutions of Germany, which take the green apprentice and make him a finished man, with the English technical schools, which are supplementary to the workshop. Last year Ontario spent \$32,000 on technical education. Mr. MacKay strongly advocated the establishment in all our towns and cities of evening technical schools, arguing that these would reach the masses of young men who enter the workshops much more effectively than similar teaching in our high schools and collegiate institutes, which the majority never reach. "Let us have," said he, "evening classes in all our factory towns, where the young man has the opportunity to learn the general theoretical and scientific principles which underlie his chosen life work." Mr. MacKay emphasized his declaration that the largest practical problem before the Government was the proper handling of our great forest wealth, and showed that the greatest present educational defect was inability of the poor man's son to receive the technical training that should be at his own door. "Let us," said the Liberal leader, "not content ourselves with recounting the achievements and failures of the past. Opportunity lies in the living present. Let us be doing."

The reply of the Premier was unusually vigorous.

HON. MR. BECK'S BILL.

That no franchise or contract extending over more than one year can be entered into by any municipality without a vote of the people is the essence of an important Government measure introduced at the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Adam Beck.

The bill, which, according to its provisions, comes into force on March 11, 1909, covers heat and lighting contracts, telephone and street railway franchises and long-term agreements for all public utilities.

The bill was given its first reading.

ACCOUNTS GETS INTERESTING.

Mr. Allan Stoddard (East Hamilton), on resuming the budget debate commended Hon. Colonel Hendrie on the fact that that Minister had done his work as Provincial Commissioner at the Legislature without charge to the Province. It was a splendid example to other Ministers who "ran up big bills and expense accounts" on their trips to England, and the Judges who dined on the ratepayers of the Province every time they met to consider the revision of the statutes.

UNITED AND ABLE OPPOSITION.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, who was greeted with Liberal applause, took occasion to observe that never in his experience of budget debates had he seen an Opposition acquit itself as creditably as had the "little band" with which he was associated.

Liberal leader immediately dipped into public questions. After taking occasion to urge upon the Government the advisability of seriously dealing with the forestry policy he had previously laid before the House, Mr. MacKay touched on the question of education. One of the necessities of the hour was to meet the growing demand for technical education.

Referring to the much debated claims of the Florence Mining Company in connection with the Cobalt Lake Act, Mr. MacKay maintained his position that it was not the duty of the Legislature to decide the merits of the case. It was the duty of the House to make laws and of the Judges to apply them.

"Shall the Judges of the Land be trusted?" queried the leader. "To that elemental question we give answer in the affirmative." (Liberal applause.) He intimated that it was still possible to get a finding from the Privy Council, a British court that has been that the Province has the power to legislate on property and civil rights, but for the Province to confiscate is ultra vires.

KALEIDOSCOPE BOOKKEEPING.

Dealing with the finances, Mr. MacKay said it was his purpose to quarrel over bookkeeping. He was aware that if the Treasurer's Opposition arguments were applied to his present surplus it would vanish. In 1907, when there was a balance on the right side in debentures for municipal and tile drainage, it was placed in the current account; in 1908, when the expenditures exceeded receipts, it was placed among the capital items.

"You can make a surplus out of any series of figures with a system of kaleidoscope bookkeeping like that," declared the speaker. "It is worthy of a Japanese sleight-of-hand juggler on the stage."

MR. MACKAY'S RESOLUTION.

Dealing with the expenditure Mr. MacKay showed that it had increased in the four years by 62 per cent, while the receipts had only increased 40 per cent, and criticised in detail a large number of items. He closed a concise, reasoned and comprehensive and forcefully delivered criticism of the financial situation by moving, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the following resolution:

"That this House regrets that, when a proper classification of current and distinguished from capital, receipts and expenditures has been made, it clearly appears that the current expenditures for 1908 exceeded the current receipts, and this House views with alarm the large increase in the ordinary controllable expenditures of the Province during the past four years, particularly those under the heads of civil government

and miscellaneous; the expenditure under civil government having risen from \$344,006 in 1904 to \$518,823 in 1908, and that under the head of miscellaneous from \$139,007 in 1904 to \$468,131 in 1908; and this House, especially in view of the deficit of last year, strongly urges a curtailment of expenses, particularly under the heads mentioned. This House further regrets the tremendous increase in the expenditures of the Province that are made without the annual vote of this Legislature, which expenditures last year amounted, under three heads of special statutes, Treasury Board minutes and special warrants, to the large sum of \$1,486,894, or seventeen and a half per cent of the total expenditure."

THE PREMIER REPLIES.

Sir James Whitney got a prolonged and enthusiastic reception from his followers.

In reference to the Cobalt Lake difference the Premier said: "For some time the Electrical Development Co., the Electric Light Co., and the Mackenzie interests have displayed hostility towards myself and this Government because we did not choose to allow an adventurer to set upon this Province a deliberately bogus claim."

"I could remind Sir Henry Pellatt, president of the Electric Light Co., and a citizen of good standing, of the time when it was a just Government, and this Government stood between his company and disaster in the committee room of this House. He is the head and front of the Cobalt syndicate, and yet in his annual address to the Electric Light Co. he quoted approvingly some newspaper criticism of the legislation that assured its title. If this gentleman does not believe he got his property honestly why does he not hand it back and say, 'Pay me back my outlay.'"

"We are ready and willing and able to pay anything we owe," retorted the Premier, "but we propose to see that the mining speculator does not get the better of us, even if he is helped by the leader of the Opposition."

"I have something more to say on this matter," continued Sir James. "Notwithstanding the high position in which our judiciary is held, these financial aid to a shadowy disapproval of the statute. I state this seriously, with the full conception of my responsibility for the statement. It was, as I say, an indecent untruth to quote a distinguished Judge as guilty of what would have been a grave violation of the rights and privileges of the Legislature, of which he never was guilty."

"The men concerned as the original claimants on Cobalt Lake were the commonest of ordinary swindlers. If they were not that there are constitutional reasons why I must be careful as to what I say, I could tell the House what manner of men these are. One solicitor may shortly be called before the Law Society, if he has not been summoned already."

"Now," continued the Premier, "I must say something more—and I say it with sincere sorrow. Emissaries of these parties succeeded in securing the assistance of a newspaper man, and a newspaper in this city published a story that the Cabinet had quarrelled over the measure and the Lieutenant Governor had refused to sign it. Of Sir Mortimer Clark, let me here say he proved as worthy of his high office as was her Majesty Queen Victoria herself of the throne. Subsequently the reporter confessed that there was no foundation for the vile statements in the paper. I expect on a future occasion to say more in reference to this matter. I refrain to-day."

"Now," concluded the Premier, warmly, "let the penny-a-liners and grub-stake pamphleteers who labor under the wing of the Toronto Electric Light Company do their worst. They are using an organization styled as the Economic Society to send out their literature. Only the other day one of their leaders declared, 'We are not through with those fellows, the paper says.' Well, later on I anticipate that I shall have something further to say. It is fair that the people should know these things. Meantime we shall go on aiming to do right and deal honestly and fairly with all, realizing that there are obligations and responsibilities in the confidence which the people have so bountifully given us. We trust the people and the people trust us." (Government applause.)

Mr. MacKay's resolution was declared lost on division.

GIRLS' HOME.

The committee of the Girls' Home thankfully acknowledge the following donations for the months of January and February: Mrs. Leishman, 25c; Mrs. Wm. C. Watkins, 25c; Right Hon. 40 pocket handkerchiefs and 2 boxes of fruiting; Mrs. H. H. Robertson, 4 bottles of jam; H. J. O'Neil, 8 lbs. of candy; Junior Intermediate Endeavor of Erskine Church, a tea entertainment and gifts of dolls, books, 8 work boxes and oranges; Wm. Lees & Sons, discount on bread bill; Mrs. John Moodie, bag of apples; Mr. Chalmers, 11 loaves of bread; Royal True Blue Orange Lodge, basket of sandwiches; Mrs. Hall, Sherman avenue, 8 loaves of bread; Wm. Lees & Sons, 8 loaves of bread; Mr. R. Chalmers, 15 loaves of bread; James Street Baptist Sunday School, a tea and entertainment; City, 2 bags of potatoes; Wm. Lees & Sons, discount on bread bill.

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A corps of skaters is attached to the Norwegian army, the members being men selected for good physique and accurate marksmanship. These skaters can be manoeuvred upon ice or over the mountain snow fields with as great rapidity as the best trained cavalry, and as an instance of their speed, one of the corps some little time back accomplished 120 miles in eighteen and a half hours over mountainous country.—London Tit-Bits.

Fun For Our Readers

Woes of a Diner.
"I'm tired of nothing but beef or chicken for dinner."
"Well, I don't know what you're going to do about it. The okepi, the only really new animal, is too scarce to be of any practical food value."—Puck.

Knew How He Felt Himself.
Wife—Oh, hear that parrot scaw! Hub—No wonder, with a big bill like that stuck in front of his face.—Boston Transcript.

Unkindest Cut of All.
"I understand she recently underwent a severe operation."
"Yes, her husband cut off her credit."—New York Herald.

Helped Him Out.
Mrs. Rox—I believe you married me for my money.
Mr. Rox—I'm glad you mentioned that. I was trying to think how I could break it to you gently.

Breakfast Hours.
Mrs. Gillet—So there is a tablet in your transept to her memory. Did she do anything to bring people into the church?
Mr. Gillet—Well, I guess! She wore a new hat every Sunday for three years.—Harper's Bazar.

Curious.
"It's curious," said Uncle Eben, "dat a lot of folks will hardly notice the speeches of de country's brainiest men, an' dat dey'll read every word of what an ex-champion of prize-fightin' has to say."—Washington Star.

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A traveller stopped at a hotel in Greenland, where the nights are six months long, and, as he registered, asked a question of the clerk:
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Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, M. A., will leave on Tuesday next for 'Olds, Alberta, where he has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He will be much missed here, not only in the church, but in the public library, of which he was a prominent member, and as a musical director, in which he had few equals. Smithville loses one of her

His Spiritual Status.
The Rev. Dr. Fourtly—Brother Hepperly, I have not seen you at church for a long time.
Parishioner—No, doctor, I'm a religious reactionary this year.

All Persuading.
Visitor (in the country, sniffing)—Isn't there a specimen of the er—metaphis Americana somewhere in this neighborhood?
His Host—Isn't there? Why, man, the woods are full of him!

His Observation.
They were looking at the paintings in the art gallery.
"Alfred," said the young bride, "do you think angels really have wings?"
"No, Effie," answered the young husband, "The sweetest angel I know isn't disgraced with a pair of wings, I am happy to say."

In ecstatic silence they continued to look at the paintings.

Time to Protest.
Before the spelling upstetters—Have put them to utter rout. Why don't the silent letters of the alphabet speak out?

Setting the Frightful Example.
Policeman—Fwhat's all this r-racket about?
Man at Door—This is a meeting of the Anti-Noise Society. They're having a little wrangle over the election of officers; that's all.

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Airship Contest.

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Thomas Lipton is planning a battle for supremacy in aerial navigation between America and Britannia is intimated in a letter to Milwaukee correspondents whom he met in this city last year. The letter intimates that Sir Thomas has wearied of trying to win back the America Cup, but will or is considering putting up a cup for aeronautic supremacy between representatives of the two great English-speaking races.

His letter was not intended for publication, the Milwaukee men say, so the text is being withheld, but it is believed that Sir Thomas is feeling out the sporting blood of America on a new proposition which will give him a chance to enter into a pretty contest with Americans. Sir Thomas has been greatly interested in the work of the Wright brothers, and it is probable that the contest will be restricted to dirigibles.

Sir Thomas has great faith, he says, that it will be an Anglo-Saxon who will finally solve the problem of absolutely successful aerial navigation, and he hopes to figure in the conquest, when that time comes. The present work he considers to be of great value for experimental purposes, and some day the real solution will be found.

When a Boston girl fishes for a husband it must be a good bit like fishing through the ice.

CALLS MEN "SCUM."

French General at Toulon Gets

Himself Disliked.

Paris, March 11.—Despatches from

Toulon report that in consequence of insubordination among the colonial infantry stationed at Toulon, Gen. de Ferron, commander of the Fourth Colonial Division, assembled the officers and severely reprimanded them for not maintaining better discipline. He is reported to have said to them: "Your men are wasters. If they did not keep in the rear in the colonies it was because they were afraid of being punished by having their heads cut off."

The General is said to have added that he felt disheartened in having to command such scum. He has denied using these words, but the men became very much excited on being told that he had, and their officers had great difficulty in preventing them from making a demonstration against de Ferron.

General Perraux supported the colonel of the Fourth Division, and protested against de Ferron's language. Both were therefore ordered under arrest for eight days.

The incident has made a sensation in Toulon.

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