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## BUDGET DEBATE AT OTTAWA IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE; MR. CALDWELL ATTACKS THE GOVT.

### FERTILIZERS COST TOO MUCH N. B.

Is \$15 a ton Higher than in Maine—Merchants and manufacturers behind the Government Tax proposals—Mr. Turgeon complains of High Freight Rates.

Ottawa, May 16.—Although the close of the budget debate is perceptibly nearer as a result of today's proceedings in the House of Commons, contributions to the discussion brought forth little that has not already been said. Opening with a speech by J. E. Armstrong (Conservative, Lambton East), the debate was carried on largely by members of the Liberal opposition. J. E. Prevost (Liberal, Terrebonne), Joseph Demers (Liberal, St. John and Iberville), and O. Turgeon (Liberal, Gloucester), joined in criticism of the government, while T. W. Caldwell (Progressive, Carleton, N. B.) charged that the taxation measures were designed for the benefit of the Canadian manufacturer.

Mr. Caldwell thought the premier's speech on the budget was one of the greatest exhibitions of ridicule and abuse the house had ever witnessed. As to Progressives not laying their platform before the house Mr. Caldwell was reminded of the words about casting pearls before swine.

There were cries of "Oh, oh" from the government benches.

#### Higher Fertilizer.

Mr. Caldwell cited, as an evidence of tariff effect, the price of fertilizer in New Brunswick, as being \$15 per ton higher than in Maine, across the boundary line. The Young bill at Washington was also likely to affect the potato growing industry of New Brunswick and the government should build a storage warehouse at St. John so as to enable the European market to be taken advantage of.

Attending to the Young bill a little later, Mr. Caldwell said he had written Premier Meighen on it and had been told that Canada could not interfere with the tariff policy of another country. "That is perfectly true, but if the United States is going to discriminate against Canadian farm products then I think the people of Canada will demand an embargo on pulpwood or at least a heavy export duty," he went on, adding that the United States got most of its pulpwood from this side of the line.

Mr. Caldwell repeated his charge that a huge mistake had been made when Victory bonds were made non-taxable. This year he would not have abolished the luxury tax. "The people will want to know what was behind the abolition of this and the abolition of the business profits tax, too," he said.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Caldwell produced evidence to show that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Wholesale Merchants' Association, and the Retail Merchants' Association were behind the present taxation proposals of the government. He said that these interests had got everything they wanted except the abolition of the income tax on corporations. They might get this next; but he hoped not.

#### M. Turgeon Speaker.

Mr. Turgeon criticized the government for its failure to revise the tariff after having made so many promises of its intention to do so. The present position of affairs made it more regrettable than ever that the Canadian people had refused the United States offer of reciprocity in 1911.

Mr. Turgeon commented on the present railway freight rates as excessive. He also criticized the government for taxing lumber at a time when houses were in great demand in the cities. The government insisted that Canada could not get on without a protective tariff, but Great Britain had prospered for sixty years without one. He favored direct rather than indirect taxation. There must be external trade for that would create friendship and and friendship between the nations would bring peace.

## CONTEST HENS ARE KEEPING UP GOOD WORK

Records in pen production and also in the weekly egg yield were broken in the egg laying contest at the Fredericton Experimental Station last week. A pen of Barred Rocks owned by Mr. W. E. B. Taft of Dorchester, laid sixty eggs, an average of six per bird, which is the best showing for a single week made by any pen in the contest to date. The total egg yield of the 21 pens for the week was 896 which is the best showing made in the 28 weeks the contest has been going on.

The Invicta Farm pen of Barred Rocks still leads in the contest with 1004 which is a fraction better than 100 eggs per bird. The Experimental Farm White Wyandottes is a close second with 1001 eggs. These are the only two pens to cross the 1000 mark but D. P. Mersereau of Ruslagornish is a good third with 953. The total egg production to date of the 21 pens is 15,960. No less than seventeen hens during the week produced the possible of 7 eggs each.

### GRAHAM L.O.L. ENTERTAINED

Large Attendance at Orange Hall Monday Night—Many Visitors Present.

The members of Graham, L.O.L., No. 20 on Monday night entertained the members of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association and of the Kingsclear Orange Lodges, at the Orange Hall, Queen street. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable program was followed.

R. D. Jones, W.M., delivered an address of welcome after which there were musical numbers including duet by the Misses Baird and Camp, solo by Wm. McCarroll, solo by Miss Baird piano solo by Miss Boone, banjo solo by A. Booth, duet by Miss Camp and Rev. Mr. Jones.

During the evening addresses were delivered by Rev. David Jones and H. T. Brewer. Refreshments were served.

#### Went to St. John.

Hon. J. P. Tweeddale, chairman of the New Brunswick Liquor Board, went to St. John this morning on business connected with the Board.

#### Junior Church League Opened.

The Junior Church Baseball League opened Monday evening with a game at the College field between teams representing St. Dunstan's and the Brunswick Street Baptist Churches. The result after six innings was a victory for the Baptists by a score of 7 to 4. At the end of four innings the score was tied 4 to 4. The batteries were Brunswick street Baptist, Currie and King; St. Dunstan's, McGinnis and Myhrall. The pitching of Currie was a feature.

#### An Early Catch.

A well known local nimrod is reported to have caught two salmon at Wheeler's Island with rod and fly last week. Although the story has been kept rather quiet and is being accepted in some quarters with a grain of salt there is reason to believe that it is correct. It is said to be the earliest catch with a fly in the St. John River of which there is any record. Of late years a number of salmon have been taken in the Hartt's Island pool but the fishing there does not amount to anything until late in the summer.

### PERSONAL.

F. A. L. MacMurray of Montreal is in the city.

T. M. Bell of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

Robert Dysart of Cocagne is at the Queen.

R. H. Irvin of West St. John is at the Queen.

F. P. Hunter of St. Stephen is at the Barker House.

## SOME PUNGENT CRITICISM WAS INDULGED IN AT G.T. SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

While they did not Relish the Treatment Received from the Government they Voted to Hand Over Control of the Road—An Amendment was Proposed and Afterwards Withdrawn—President Smithers thinks Canada Will do the Right Thing.

(By Dominion News Service)

London, May 17.—There was considerable liveliness at the meeting of the Grand Trunk shareholders, held here last week and some pungent criticism was offered. The sentiment of the meeting as a whole was that in spite of the treatment they had received from the Canadian Government the only possible course was for them to accept the inevitable endorsing the directors action handing over control of the road to the Canadian government. The resolution approving the agreement which had been drafted before the meeting was carried with only three dissentient votes. Mr. Sherman one of the shareholders moved an amendment that the acceptance of the offered terms should be subject to the Canadian Government granting the shareholders the right to appeal to a Board of Arbitration. When this amendment was proposed Sir Alfred Smithers appealed to the mover to withdraw it.

### CAN BE EASILY SETTLED

"It would be far better to leave the matter to public opinion in England and Canada," he said. "We can pass this resolution in full confidence that Canada will behave in a proper manner and I would strongly advise the shareholders to rely on this and not put their faith in any technicality." Mr. Hedged another shareholder said "I don't understand this interminable waste of time. A few business men if they got together could settle the matter in a couple of weeks."

Mr. George Ellison said "My interest as an ordinary stock holder who has not received a single penny inclines me to view that we have been rather badly treated by the Canadian Government. Some people sold Mexican Railway shares in order to buy Grand Trunk believing that in the matter of honorable dealing Canada was preferable to Mexico. During the course of his address, Sir Alfred Smithers said that the company was fighting for both ordinary and preference shareholders."

## MR. SOMERBY WILL HUNT BIG GAME IN CHINA FOR WASHINGTON MUSEUM

(By Dominion News Service)

London, May 17.—Among the passengers sailing on the C. P. R. Steamer Melita for Montreal is Arthur de Carle Sowerby, who is going to South China on a shooting and trapping expedition of three years duration for the Washington Museum. Mr. Sowerby expects to gather a collection of birds and animals similar to his famous North China collection and he hopes on this expedition to get a specimen of the little known "Blue Tiger" and also the Great Panda or Car Bear of the Thibet border, making in this connection a link between the musk ox and the sheep. He is taking a powerful new Savage rifle of low trajectory and small bore which is considered eminently suitable for his purposes.

Mr. Sowerby has spent several years in Canada. He emigrated in 1905 and settled in Saskatoon but later drifted to China where he met the British Museum hunters and as a result the present expedition was planned.

## LLOYD GEORGE WORLD LEADER

New York, May 14.—The Senior class at Yale, which cast its statistical votes yesterday, decided on Lloyd George as the leading world character, with 75 ballots; Woodrow Wilson was second choice, with 24 votes; while Herbert Hoover was favored by 16, President Harding by 7, Marshal Foch by 6 and Clemenceau by 3. John Acosta, football guard and hammer thrower, was voted the best athlete; Henry J. Mall, oarsman, one who has done most for Yale; J. E. Nevill, quarterback, the most popular man of the football squad, and a Phi Beta Kappa membership was held the most desirable thing that could be obtained during a college career. The favorite character in history was Abraham Lincoln; the favorite novel, "A Tale of Two Cities" and the favorite newspaper, the Tribune. John Barrymore was the favorite actor and Elsie Ferguson the best beloved actress. History was voted the most valuable study and physics the hardest. A total of 110 members of the class smoke and 40 do not. Forty abandoned smoking on entering college and 56 began smoking.

## MR. WIGMORE LEAVES TOWN

After enlightening the electors of Ruslagornish on the great political questions of the day, Hon. Mr. Wigmore, minister of Customs and member of the firm of Nagle & Wigmore, shipbrokers, Etc., left the city by yesterday afternoon's C. P. R. train and it is presumed by this time is safely back in his office at Ottawa. As a political campaigner the party managers here concluded that the Minister belongs to the kindergarten class and that the cause of Candidate Hanson did not stand to derive much benefit from his stay in the constituency. In fact it was intimated to him that he could do far better work for the cause by remaining at his post at Ottawa, and the party leaders were evidently able to bring the Minister around to their way of thinking. A few party heelers dogged the Minister's footsteps while he was in the city, but with citizens generally his advent did not create even a ripple of excitement.

P. E. Fownes of St. John is at the Queen.

## TENSION IN SILESIAN CRISIS SHOWS SIGNS OF RELAXING; NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED

## DR. BAIRD AND FAMILY LEAVE TODAY FOR CHINA

Farewell Social at Fraser Memorial Hall Monday Night—Presentation made to both.

At the Fraser Memorial Hall Monday night the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church presented Dr. Kenneth Baird with a gold watch and Mrs. Baird with a silver travelling clock. Members of the Young Ladies' Mission Band presented Mrs. Baird with a gold fountain-pen. Dr. and Mrs. Baird will leave this evening for Montreal enroute to North Honan, China, where he will enter the Presbyterian mission field as a medical missionary. The presentation was made by Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

Rev. J. A. McKiegan of St. David's Church, St. John, also delivered an address.

There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable entertainment was carried out as part of the gathering which was a farewell social for Dr. and Mrs. Baird. There were selections by a Ladies' quartet and also solos. The presentation was made on the platform Dr. and Mrs. Baird being called. Dr. Baird made a suitable reply.

## TAKES EXCEPTION TO CONCLUSIONS

Poughkeepsie, May 11.—President Henry Noble MacCracken of Vassar and members of the faculty take exception to the statement made recently by Thomas A. Edison that college men were far less efficient in their work than men who were not college bred, according to tests that he has made.

"In the first place," says Dr. MacCracken, "unless one knew more of the tests made by Mr. Edison one would hardly be able to decide whether or not they were fair tests. There are certain kinds of tests for mental quickness that college does not affect in the least, for these do not vary among people. This is shown by the army tests. College cannot make a color blind person know colors. It can not make the stone deaf musical, nor can it make the student have a good memory if he forgets easily, nor make the slow quick."

"There are certain other capacities and opportunities for growth which college trains, including a capacity for leadership and for organization, and certainly college men are the best proofs in the record by what they have done."

"I should like to ask Mr. Edison why the General Electric Company is at the present time making so many gifts to colleges of expensive equipment unless it feels college men are worth while. The company has just given Vassar \$3,000 worth of equipment and the students are now using it. Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, who was president of Dartmouth and who resigned to take an important position with the electric company and who soon is to be president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told me at a dinner a short time ago that a Vassar girl was his 'right hand man' and he couldn't get along without her. I am sure not all of Mr. Edison's experiments have turned out right and a student is an experiment."

"That doesn't say that there are not many men who have never gone to college who don't develop all these abilities if give a chance, nor that there are not many college boys who do not develop what their training should make them."

The director of publicity at Vassar Prof. Burgess Johnson, said that he had no disagreement with Mr. Edison, and if the latter had found it so it must be true, but he was sorry that he hadn't had a better variety apply to him for jobs. He said that he has found that the young women

## PARIS WAS UNDER MISAPPREHENSION

Lloyd George Did Not Advocate the Sending of Troops by Germany—Contended if the Allies Could Not Restore Order They Could not Prevent Germany from Intervening.

London, May 16.—The intervention of the Whitsun holiday brought a slight easing of the tension in the Silesian crisis. No new development was reported today and apparently nothing further has been decided upon with reference to the meeting of the supreme council which probably will not be held before next week, as the debate in the French chamber is expected to occupy several days.

The view held in London is that the delay will serve a useful purpose in allaying passion on both sides and providing a more favorable atmosphere for calm discussion when the council meets. Moreover, it is believed that the French premier, M. Briand, was not averse to seeing the opportunity afforded by Premier Lloyd George's speech to assume a strong patriotic attitude, which would assure him a big vote of confidence that otherwise would be somewhat doubtful, since the French press had attributed to the diplomacy of the British prime minister defeat of the French plans for immediate occupation of the Ruhr.

#### The Paris Excitement.

The excitement caused in Paris seems to have been due to the idea that Mr. Lloyd George had advocated the sending of troops by Germany to Upper Silesia. The prime minister only contended that if the Allies themselves were unable to restore order they should not prevent Germany from intervening.

The London Times in an editorial under the caption "The Return of Goodwill" alludes to this misunderstanding and says: "The marked subsidence of the excitement of the French press will be noted here with relief and gratification. It seems to have been attributable partly to defective reports of Mr. Lloyd George's speech hastily circulated in London and telegraphed abroad."

#### ADDRESSED MILLMEN.

William Irvine Spoke at Victoria Mill On Behalf of E. W. Stairs—Large Attendance.

There was a largely attended meeting in the interest of Ernest W. Stairs, Progressive candidate in the York-Sunbury by-election held at Victoria Mill in this city Monday night. The attendance was largely composed of members of the Victoria Mill crew and other millmen. Thomas Blizard was chairman.

Mr. Irvine dealt particularly with the organization of the United Farmers. He pointed out that it was similar to the organization of Labor and was for a similar purpose. He urged that there was every reason why organized Labor and the United Farmers should act in unison in the political field.

The speaker dealt particularly with R. B. Hanson the Conservative candidate and mentioned his record in opposition to organized Labor. Mr. Irvine spoke in detail of Mr. Hanson's opposition before the Provincial Government to the efforts of the Labor Federation to secure better conditions.

A meeting on behalf of Mr. Stairs also was held at Bear Island last night the speakers being the candidate and Mr. McKie of Toronto.

of Vassar who have applied for business positions have been welcomed and satisfactory.

Prof. Laura J. Wylie, head of the English department, said that such a statement as Mr. Edison's was hard to refute because of lack of statistics but that she felt that many people prefer the college trained men and women.