

Progressive Members Take Part in the Debate on Address in House

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A Progressive View.

MR. TRACEY extended his congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address and also to the hon. leader of the official opposition. With reference to the hon. seconder of the address he had been under a handicap by speaking in a language which was not his own. In that connection he only wished that the English-speaking members of the House could speak French fluently as the French members could speak English, and he hoped the time would come when both languages would be taught in the common schools of the province. He concurred in what had been said with respect to the late hon. member for Northumberland, and he wished to extend congratulations to those who had preceded him in the debate. At the previous session some hon. members had expressed the opinion that the presence of a third party in the House was a mistake, and had intimated that their aims were of a selfish nature. He disagreed with the sentiments which had then been expressed. The farmers' party was not in politics to get control of affairs, but their object was to try and improve social conditions in the rural districts. The schools were not what they might be, and the same might be said of the roads. The farmers' party was anxious

to build up the agricultural industry on which the province depended so much for its prosperity. They were quite willing to do their part in the carrying out of any measure calculated to benefit the people at large.

There had been a great deal of criticism aimed at the government because of an over-expenditure during the last year. It was perhaps right that every government should keep the expenditure within the income, but it was a question where the blame ought to be placed. It seemed that every government in the last forty years had done the same thing that the present government was doing. He believed, however, that the time had arrived when it should be stopped. They should face the situation today as they found it and endeavor to pay their debts as they went along.

The speech from the throne had referred to the condition of lumbering and agriculture, and in that connection he wished to offer a few suggestions. He was not familiar with lumbering, but he did know something about agriculture, and could say that the farmers were today up against something which they had not looked for a year ago. The same thing was in all probability true of the government. In the case of the farmers, when they found themselves paying for ninety cent fertilizer with ninety cent

potatoes, nobody could blame them for feeling discouraged. If some improvement did not come soon the result would be that many now engaged in farming would be compelled to take up some other occupation. It had in the past been the policy of the government to spend money on greater production. He had no fault to find with that, but he thought today that the farmers had sufficient education to produce the products providing a market could be found for them. He was glad to note that the government proposed to help the farmers procure markets and better transportation facilities for the handling of their products.

In the province of Manitoba they had a Rural Credit Act, passed in 1917. Its object was to help the farmers and give them credit in time of need. He had before him a report covering the operations of the Act, and it seemed to him that it had worked out in a satisfactory manner and without loss to the province. The Act provided for long-term mortgage credit and also short-term rural credit, the latter being available to group of fifteen farmers on completing the organization and making application to the provincial secretary. He was not urging the passage of a similar Act in New Brunswick, but was merely bringing the matter to the notice of hon. members.

He thought the criticism made against the government for over-expenditure had been levelled chiefly at the public works department. If it had reference to misappropriation or poor administration it might be justified, but he thought the hon. minister would bear him out in the statement that if double the amount had been expended last year over what was actually expended, the people would still be asking for more. The people made demands on the department and if the money was available and expended judiciously it was hard to find fault over it. He thought that the government had found itself in the same position as many private individuals, and had discovered that it was more necessary to practice economy than was the case a year ago. He would urge the government to practice economy in every way, and he even thought they would be justified in cutting down expenditure on the roads. He would like to have the opinion of the hon. minister as to the wisdom of adopting, with respect to road expenditures, some arrangement such as now existed between the province and the federal government. Under the existing rate some municipalities were now paying for road work more than their share in proportion to what they received from the province, while in other cases less was being paid. He believed that if the people were to look at it in the right light all would be willing to pay their share. Personally he believed that such an arrangement would be more satisfactory than that which at present prevailed. While on that subject he wished to say that he felt the time had arrived when the rule of the road. He understood that action had been deferred pending a change in provincehead of Nova Scotia. That province had now come into line, and he believed the change in New Brunswick would be decided in the interests of public safety.

With regard to freight rates all would agree that they were a serious handicap, not only to the lumbermen, but to the farmers as well, and he felt sure that all hon. members would welcome a reduction. He did not hesitate to say that he had been favorable to the Public Health Act and had supported it while a member of the municipal council. He still believed the Act to be all right, but considered the cost of administration to be too high. That was responsible for the trouble which the government was having with several of the municipalities. He did not agree with the opinion expressed that all opponents of the Act were

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acting from political motives.

He strongly hoped that some steps would be taken that would prevent fatal shooting accidents in the woods during the hunting season. It seemed hard to place the blame for those accidents. If a man shot a moose out of season he was fined \$200, but if he killed a man in mistake for a deer he got off free. He hoped that steps would be taken to bring about a change in the future. He wished to extend his thanks to hon. members for their attentive hearing and he hoped that good would come out of their deliberations.

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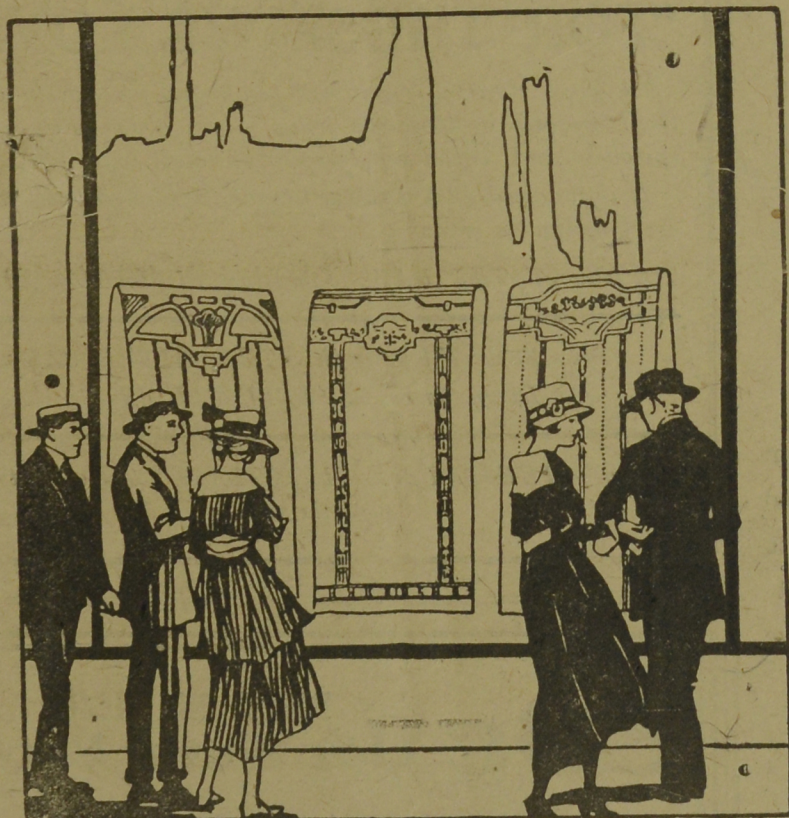
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