

ESTIMATES A SURPLUS OF \$10,000

Important Speech by Sir Lomer Gouin in the Budget Debate

WILL STAND BY LAURIER POLICIES

Minister of Justice Breaks Long Silence and Replies Effectively to Opposition Leader—His Speech a Triumph for the Liberals—Discussed the Railway Problem.

Ottawa, March 16—Sir Lomer Gouin broke out of silence in the house of commons today and Tommy Church of Toronto broke into the same state after two house continuation of his rapid-fire speech. Sir Lomer's speech only took up twenty minutes but it was a long time since twenty minutes contained anything so vitally interesting in the house of commons.

For two hours crowded galleries and a crowded house listened patiently to the torrent of words from Toronto's former mayor endeavoring at intervals to extract some meaning from the irrelevant mass. The contrast added to effect of Sir Lomer's first speech in the house of commons his remarks cleared the political atmosphere.

For two or three days Sir Lomer has sat in the house listening patiently to the many speakers, all of whom made references directly or indirectly to him. Today he concerned himself with none but Mr. Meighen the opposite leader and with one reference to Mr. Crerar. He admitted that he would not have spoken in debate had not Mr. Meighen made some assertions which required a reply from him. It was a good thing that the house should have heard from Mr. Church and Sir Lomer on the same day. For in the camp of each other there has been little appreciation of the other. But to friends and foe alike today they showed that although in principle they may be miles apart, Church of Toronto and Gouin of Montreal at least know now that the other "isn't near as bad a fellow as he has been painted."

To the Liberal group the speech of Sir Lomer seemed a triumph for seldom has a minister or member of the house been accorded such an ovation as that given Sir Lomer when he resumed his seat after the speech. The Liberal members believe that Sir Lomer successfully and completely destroyed the campaign of talk that he was trying to be "dictator" of the government and that interests of Montreal were the dominating forces of influence with the new government.

The Conservatives, even if they maintain that Sir Lomer was not conquered, readily admit that the house of commons has gained a man of ability in speech and debate equalled by few. The house and galleries listened almost breathlessly to Sir Lomer's remarks. Much was expected, and to friend and opponent he lived up to expectations.

Sir Lomer spoke of his own attitude on the tariff and on railways. In the tariff he declared anti-enthusiastic applause from the Liberal members that he favored the Laurier-Fielding type of tariff, "taking into account the interests of the consumer as well as those of the farmer whose industry we have always regarded as the basis industry and the interests of manufacturers in general."

Sir Lomer said that the opinion of those who did not favor state ownership or railway should be respected, but he put himself on record as supporting policy of giving the National

CANTEEN FUNDS DISCUSSED BY LOCAL G.W.V.A.

G. Earle Logan of St. John Addressed Branch on Disposition of Fund.

The G. W. V. A. Fredericton Branch held their regular monthly meeting last evening at the Court House. There was a fair attendance and a large amount of business of a routine nature was transacted. Secretary-Treasurer John S. Scott made his financial statement of the past month showing that the Fredericton Branch had expended in February \$90 the most of this being for the support of the needy. None of this went to any member of the G. W. V. A. but to dependents of non-members and for the conduct of funerals of returned men. There is a balance on hand of \$480 the finances of the association being in a very flourishing condition. The Branch here has a membership of fifty.

The meeting was addressed by G. Earle Logan who is Provincial Secretary for New Brunswick. He has just returned from Ottawa where he was attending the Dominion Conference of the G. W. V. A. as a representative of the New Brunswick association. Each province was represented there and the conference was concerned in drawing up resolutions to be presented to the Dominion Government.

The resolutions that were passed were read by Mr. Logan. He dwelt particularly with that respecting the disposal of the Canteen Funds which amount to \$50,000,000. Three plans had been proposed the most popular one being that money be devoted entirely to educational purposes to the establishment of scholarships for returned men and their children.

President Maxwell of the Dominion G. W. V. A. will be in Fredericton on April 5th and will address a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the local branch. An entertainment committee has been appointed to make all arrangements.

Left For Gagetown.

Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson and her sister Mrs. Phoebe Belyea left this morning for Gagetown where they will spend a few days with their sisters the Misses Palmer.

James P. Finigan of Boston was in the city yesterday. Coun. Frank Coburn of Harvey Station is in the city today.

Railways "a fair trial under the best possible conditions." The interest which had defeated the late government, Sir Lomer told Mr. Meighen, was the will of the Canadian people. But it was in the remarks concerning himself at the latter part of his short address where Sir Lomer cleared the atmosphere properly.

"The Liberal party has one chief and one chief only," he declared "and that chief is the prime minister of Canada."

He won further acclaim when he said "I am nothing but a man of good will. I have only one ambition in coming here. It is simply to be permitted to serve my country in my own modest way and to give full expression to the spirit towards which I have directed all my efforts of my life of twenty-five years in another field, the spirit of unity which is so necessary for the prosperity of our country and the happiness of our citizens."

The Budget Brought Down in Legislature by Premier Foster

An Able and Lucid Exposition of Province Finances---A Crushing Reply to the Critics of Opposition---A Big Drop in the Territorial Revenue Expenses are cut in Every Department.

The budget was brought down in the house yesterday by Hon. Mr. Foster, who, in an address lasting nearly three hours, dealt with the finances of the province in a masterly and lucid manner. He went over conditions of not only last year but those of his term of office and compared them with the term of the opposition from 1908 to 1916 with striking effect.

The estimates as submitted showed a remarkable decrease in estimated receipts from Crown Lands—\$850,000 as compared with 1920—and yet in the face of such a tremendous falling off in revenue the estimates as presented showed a credit balance of more than \$10,000. This has been brought about by retrenchment in the different departments of the government and by additional revenue arising from the profits of the liquor commission and the new tax on liquor stocks held for export.

AN EXHAUSTIVE SPEECH

In a speech that was exhaustive in every particular, the finances of the province were dealt with, and the progress that the administration had made by protecting bond issues by an adequate sinking fund, which is now nearly six times as large as that provided by the former administration, was shown.

The increases allowed to the important public services such as education, public works, health and vocational work, were brought out to account for the increased expenditure in previous years.

When dealing with the increase in the public debt, the premier pointed out that exclusive of what is expected to be revenue bearing debt incurred in the development of water power, the average yearly increase in the bonded debt from 1908 to 1917 was greater than average yearly increase from 1917 to 1921.

In discussing ordinary expenditures, stress was laid upon the fact that the life of this administration was in an abnormal period of high costs following the war while the ordinary expenditures of the preceding administration were made during a low cost normal period, and the percentage of increase was 65 per cent for this administration against 100 per cent for the previous administration.

CREDIT STANDS HIGH

The high credit of the province among financiers seeking to handle its bonds was pointed out, and records of bonds issued in June of last year showed that New Brunswick six per cent bonds brought better prices than those of any other province.

The progress of the provinces was splendidly illustrated in tables showing the increase in motor vehicles, in collections of crown land revenue, and in the close attention to and large amounts derived from corporation and other taxes.

Mr. Smith (Albert), moved the adjournment of the debate which is taken to indicate that he has been chosen for the post of chief financial critic of the opposition. His willingness to tackle such a big job shows that he is not lacking in courage.

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FIRST ILLNESS IN CENTURY FATAL

West Orange, N. J., March 14—The first serious illness in her 100 years of existence proved fatal today for Miss Elizabeth Babb of Ridge Place.

Hundreds of friends, including Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, helped Miss Babb celebrate her 100th birthday on Feb. 12th. A week ago she suffered a paralytic stroke.

She is survived by a brother Thos. Babb of Holden, Mass.

Entertained Choir

Mrs. E. A. Bell and Mrs. G. W. Hodge entertained the Choir of St. Paul's Church at the Fraser Memorial Hall last evening. Games were played and refreshments served, and the gathering broke up at midnight after a very jolly evening.

WINDSOR WON N.S. TITLE

Amherst, N. S., March 16—Windsor, by defeating Thorburn, 5 to 4 after an overtime session played in the Amherst Arena tonight won the amateur hockey championship of Nova Scotia for 1922. The ice was fair and the play rough, the Valley boys being perhaps the worst offenders.

It's Lent

This is as it was reported to The Mail: Two men met on Queen Street. Said one of them, "Can you let me have that ten you borrowed a month ago?" "Sorry, old man, but you see it's lent."

F. G. Spencer of St. John is in the city today and is registered at the Queen.

Two Men Shot Dead in County Hospital at Gilmartin, Ireland

SECOND COLLEGE TITLE WON BY U.N.B.

Acadia University Basketball Team Overwhelmed Thursday Night—Score Was 53 to 27.

The University of New Brunswick basketball team last night won the championship of the newly organized Maritime Intercollegiate Basketball League by defeating the team of Acadia University in the College gym by a score of 53 to 27. The match is the second which U. N. B. has played, having previously defeated Mount Allison at Sackville. Mt. Allison and Acadia are still to play. These three universities comprise the league.

Last night's victory for U. N. B. was clear-cut and decisive and from the very start the issue was never in doubt. Their combination simply dazzled the visitors who displayed very little effectiveness in this respect. Acadia always used long passes and their shots at the basket were usually from long range. U. N. B. on the other hand worked the ball down the floor right up to the basket in short passes.

The first period ended 32 to 15, and the score in the second period was 21 to 12.

Consistent Basketball

The U. N. B. five played very consistent basketball, Capt. Willett being the outstanding man. But he had to share honors with Seely and Dummer. Scovill on defence was very effective in starting the combination that brought the ball up the floor, while Sargent who used his head at all times seemed to display an uncanny knack of breaking up what little combination Acadia used.

For Acadia, Wigmore and Brown were the heaviest point-gatherers. Robinson also played a fair game but was handicapped by his lack of size. Capt. Lewis was unable to play because of injuries received in a former game this season.

The teams lined up as follows:

Acadia	U. N. B.
Forwards	
Brown	Seely
Robinson	(Capt.) Willett
Center	
Wigmore	Dummer
Defence	
Corey	Sargent
Chipman	Scovill
Referee, Jack Lunn.	
Neither team used any substitutes.	

Second Title for U. N. B.

The Basketball Championship is the second championship which U. N. B. has won this year. The football team was successful in winning the Clark Trophy emblematic of the Championship of the Western Section of the Intercollegiate League, and it seems that just a bit of hard luck was the cause of the Hockey Championship not coming their way. Sport followers are convinced that the U. N. B. hockey team was this year superior to any in the league, but that fatal Acadia game at Wolfville was its downfall.

One on Mr. Dickson

"Whoa! Whoa!" was the expression heard frequently about the eligible halls today. G. H. Dickson, representing King's was the objective, all members having read the comment on "The Gallery Man" in the St. John Globe. The mystery concerning the identity of the writer remains unsolved.

ATTACK MADE BY MASKED MEN

Entered Hospital While Nurses Were at Supper and Shot Sergeants—Twelve Persons Injured in Belfast by a Daylight Bomb Explosion—Carson Heard From.

Galway, March 16—Four men in disguise entered the St. Bride's home last night and shot and killed Sergeants Gibbons and Gilmartin and seriously wounded a constable. Just previously three masked men entered the workhouse hospital and killed Patrick Cassidy, of Mayo.

The two sergeants killed were members of the Royal Irish Constabulary. They were patients in the St. Bride's home, the attackers entered while the nurses were at supper and riddled the sergeants with bullets while they were in bed.

Bomb in Belfast.

Belfast, March 16—Belfast had the unusual experience today of daylight bomb throwing which resulted in the injury of twelve persons, four of them seriously hurt.

No deaths had been recorded up to an early hour this afternoon.

A grenade was thrown during the noon hour into a churchyard in the Ballymacarret district where soldiers are stationed.

There were no casualties. Two other grenades were thrown in the Seaford street area and it was here that all the casualties occurred.

Heard From.

London, March 16—During today's debate on the Irish Free State bill in the house of lords, Lord Carson bitterly attacked the government declaring it had abolished constitutional government and had laid down the principle that by executive action could be brought about not merely constitutional changes but revolution.

Lord Carson declared that in effect the government had told south and west Ireland: "You have known how to bring the British government to its knees; surely you can do the same thing with Ulster."

Mock Parliament at U. N. B.

The election at U. N. B. today for the annual Mock Parliament resulted in the election of the Liberal party to power with fifty seats against the Conservatives forty-four the Parliament this year will be conducted along two-party lines. There will be four sessions, the first one merely a formal opening the second a discussion of Provincial affairs and the third and fourth a discussion of Dominion affairs. M. V. Cain is the Governor General. D. R. Bishop Premier and C. M. Burpee, Speaker. Saturday night in the College Library the annual Mock Trial will be held.

Considered Finances.

The Governor Carleton Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held a meeting last night in the Board of Trade rooms in Queen street to conclude the financial business connected with "In Walked John," the play which was put on at the Opera House under the auspices of this chapter. The report of the finances for the play showed that total receipts amounted to \$1,100 total expenses, \$587.59 and the total net receipts, \$512.41 of the amount that was cleared, \$400 was voted to the I. O. D. E. War Memorial Fund.

Mr. Arthur Dorgan of Montreal is a guest in the city.