

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING," SAYS YORK-SUNBURY'S M.P. IN REPLYING TO VENIOT'S DIATRIBES

A complaint of alleged irregularities in connection with unemployment relief in the county of Gloucester by Hon. P. J. Veniot in Parliament last week, brought a crushing reply from R. B. Hanson, M.P. for Gloucester. Hanson's remarks:

Mr. R. B. Hanson (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I would not attempt to take up the time of the house in a discussion of this question were it not for the speech just delivered by the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Veniot).

Mr. Veniot: The hon. member always mentions me.

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): There has been so much ado about nothing. I am going to take the house into my confidence and state the truth about the matter.

On October 26 last there was a provincial by-election in the hon. member's county, and for the first time in twenty years he was trimmed and trimmed to a frazzle. That is why he has attempted tonight to explode the bile which has been gathering in his system ever since that election. After what he has said about his fellow citizens and his own electors I feel that someone should rise in his place in this house and defend the reputation of the people of the fair county of Gloucester. I do not believe that they are nearly as bad as the hon. gentleman would have this house and the country believe. If they are bad, it is because of the tutoring they have received from the hon. member for Gloucester.

Knows Conditions

some knowledge of the unemployment situation in the New Brunswick. I have interest in the work in constituency where, I am glad the condition is not quite so bad as it prevails in other parts of the province. I happen to know that in connection with the expenditure of unemployment relief moneys in the province of New Brunswick the Deputy Minister of Public Works, under whose immediate care the expenditure takes place, has issued specific instruction that unemployment relief is to be granted without regard to politics, race, creed nor religion. Those are the instructions sent out in the signed manual of the Deputy Minister of Public Works, and I know that they have been observed to the letter in the constituency of York-Sunbury. The hon. gentleman will not find one single complaint of the administration of unemployment relief fund in my constituency, and this applies to the direct relief and the relief granted by the municipalities in cooperation with the provincial government.

I do not pretend to have any first-hand knowledge of the situation in the county of Gloucester, but if the truth were known I have just as much first hand knowledge as has the hon. gentleman. I venture to state that ninety-nine per cent of the assertion which he has made here tonight are based on hearsay evidence. In the very nature of the cases themselves it could not be otherwise.

Mr. Veniot: It was a personal investigation.

Hearsay Evidence

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): If what somebody else told the hon. gentleman is not hearsay evidence, then I do not know what is hearsay evidence.

Mr. Veniot: I saw the work being carried on and I know of individuals who had no right to be working.

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): That may be true; there may have been men there that should not have been employed, but I am not in a position nor is the hon. gentleman, to say whether this or that man has a bank account. If he is in a position to state that, then he is sticking his nose into somebody else's business, something that he has no right to do.

With respect to the specific complaints made to the department by the hon. member for Gloucester, he admits that as soon as those complaints were made, and because they were made by him as the member for Gloucester, they were immediately investigated. The information that I have received from the authorities in the province of New Brunswick is that in all these cases the works being carried on were not unemployment relief works conducted by the province and the dominion jointly, but were purely provincial works. What right has this government to investigate such works? I say to my hon. friend in all kindness, he is in the wrong court. If he has the courage of his convictions, he will have some of his henchmen for the county of Gloucester lay a charge and stake their seats in the provincial legislature.

Mr. Veniot: They are going to.

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): I venture to say that not one of them has the courage to lay a charge and stake his seat on the outcome.

Mr. Veniot: Did they not do it last winter?

Mr. Gott: I thought the hon. gentleman did not like interruptions.

Another Case Cited

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): My mind goes back to 1919 when the hon. gentleman was Minister of Public Works in the Provincial Government, and when the hon. gentleman for Victoria-Carleton (Mr. Smith) was a member of the provincial legislature. The latter hon. gentleman laid charges with respect to the Shippigan road, and an investigation was held. Charges were laid in connection with the administration of public moneys in respect to this road in the county of Gloucester, and who do you suppose held the investigation? The Minister of Public Works. That is the method he adopted when he was Minister of Public Works, and I would like to contrast it with the methods adopted by this government. The investigation disclosed that there were boys 12 years of age who were on the payroll and were drawing men's pay. There was one child of eight years drawing a man's pay. That is not denied; in fact it never was denied. I was present at the investigation and the hon. gentleman did not take any part in the hearing.

Mr. Veniot: Because I had no right.

Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): That is the fact. I never made any fuss about it because the hon. member for Victoria-Carleton was present and he was quite capable of carrying on the investigation.

With these few observations I would like to conclude by saying this, that in New Brunswick, so far as I have any knowledge, either personal or by hearsay, there has been an economical expenditure of the public moneys under the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act. I have personal knowledge of

A PUNCTURED TIRE WAS THE CAUSE OF MUCH TROUBLE, WORK OF A POKER PARTY

(New York Sun)

That calamitous sound emitted by a punctured tire reached the ears of young Thompson when he was no further than a half a block away from home, outward bound on a very special engagement to play poker. "Hiss-wis-wis-ssss. Thump, thump, thump," came the disgusting noise.

Young Thompson's remarks were violent and profane. Crestfallen, he looked at the deflated tire. Then a sudden inspiration sent him hastening back home afoot. With a rapid explanation of his predicament he petitioned his father for the use of the family car. That being granted, he phoned to the neighboring garage for his tire to be repaired. In almost no time he was off to a second start.

In the course of the evening's game the host provided young Thompson and the other players with ample quantities of what passed as a substitute for whiskey. Flush with apparent invincible luck, young Thompson helped himself liberally and in the perfectly natural course of events achieved a state of mild intoxication.

At the close of a highly successful session he looked up and down the street for his automobile, which he was sure he had parked near the house. Friends who knew his car by sight assured him that it simply was not there. No use looking any more. It had been stolen obviously.

Young Thompson went back to his host, uttering unintelligible noises through his teeth. With permission to use the phone, he informed police headquarters, very succinctly, that his automobile had been stolen. He then called a taxi, refusing the lifts offered by his pals.

Half an hour later he stumbled into his bedroom and after a bit of a struggle, succeeded in getting undressed.

Just as he was putting his first foot between the sheets the dawn of remembrance started to break through the mist of intoxication. Simultaneously came a awful anticipation of his father's wrath, not so much at being without a car as because of the plain evidence that his beloved son had taken too much to drink.

Determinedly, though reluctantly, young Thompson pulled on his clothes. Downstairs he phoned for another taxi. As he waited on the front lawn he saw his own car, looming, inept, through the darkness.

His taxi arrived and departed with him. Presently he climbed into the family car almost directly in front of his host's house. He drove it home and locked it safely in the garage, resisting a strong temptation to slam the doors.

Sober now, and dog tired he let himself in by the back door, only to find his father confronting him in a dressing gown—and a stern mood.

"Well-er, there must be some mistake," he said.

He bolted upstairs and in the sanctuary of his own room he unhappily imagined his next breakfast interview with his father.

GOOD PROGRAM ON THE AIR THIS EVENING

WEAF NEW YORK

- 7.45—Swift Program.
- 8.00—Vermont Lumber Jacks.
- 8.15—Archer Gibson.
- 8.30—Prince Albert Quarter Hour.
- 8.45—The Goldbergs.
- 9.00—Seconyland Sketches.
- 9.30—Voice of Firestone.
- 10.00—A & P Gypsies.
- 10.30—Parade of States.
- 11.00—True Story.
- 11.45—The Simonise Guardsmen.
- 12.00—Orchestra.

CKAC MONTREAL

- 7.30—Vaper Ambassadors.
- 8.00—Safety League.
- 8.30—Lynn Melodies.
- 8.45—Clark's Entertainers.
- 9.05—Wrigley at Home.
- 9.45—Unemployment.
- 10.00—Living Room Furniture.
- 10.30—Canadian National Railway.
- 11.00—Mme Maubourg Roberval.
- 11.30—"Nocturne."

WJZ NEW YORK

- 7.45—Literary Digest Topics in Brief.
- 8.00—The Pepsi-Cola Program.
- 8.15—Tastyest Jesters.
- 9.00—Concert Organist.
- 9.30—Phil Cook.
- 9.45—Paris Night Life.
- 9.50—To Be Announced.
- 9.55—Death Valley Days.
- 10.00—Maytag Orchestra.
- 10.30—Musical Dominoes.
- 11.00—Gold Medal Express.
- 11.30—Chesbrough Real Folks.
- 12.30—Slumber Music.

WLW CINCINNATI

- 7.45—Lowell Thomas.
- 8.00—Amos n' Andy.
- 9.45—Viola Program.
- 10.00—Armed Band.
- 9.35—Variety.
- 9.45—Paris Night Life.
- 9.50—To Be Announced.
- 9.55—Hollingsworth Hall.
- 9.45—To Be Announced.
- 10.00—To Be Announced.
- 10.30—Musical Dominoes.
- 11.00—Canada Dry.
- 11.30—Real Folks.
- 11.55—Estate Weather.

- 10.00—Korn Parishes Program.
- 12.00—Sport Slides.
- 12.30—Chime Beveries.

WTIC HARTFORD

- 7.30—Memories of Broadway.
- 7.45—Stabbin Boys.
- 8.00—Vermont Lumberjacks.
- 8.15—Hank Keane.
- 8.30—Recorded Novelties.
- 9.00—Dramatic Skit.
- 9.05—James Melton.
- 10.00—The Gypsies.
- 10.30—Family Party.
- 11.00—Harry Salter's Orchestra.
- 11.30—Famous Favorites.
- 11.45—Harry Kogen's Orchestra.
- 12.05—The Merry Madcaps.
- 12.00—Bulletin's Marine Forecast.

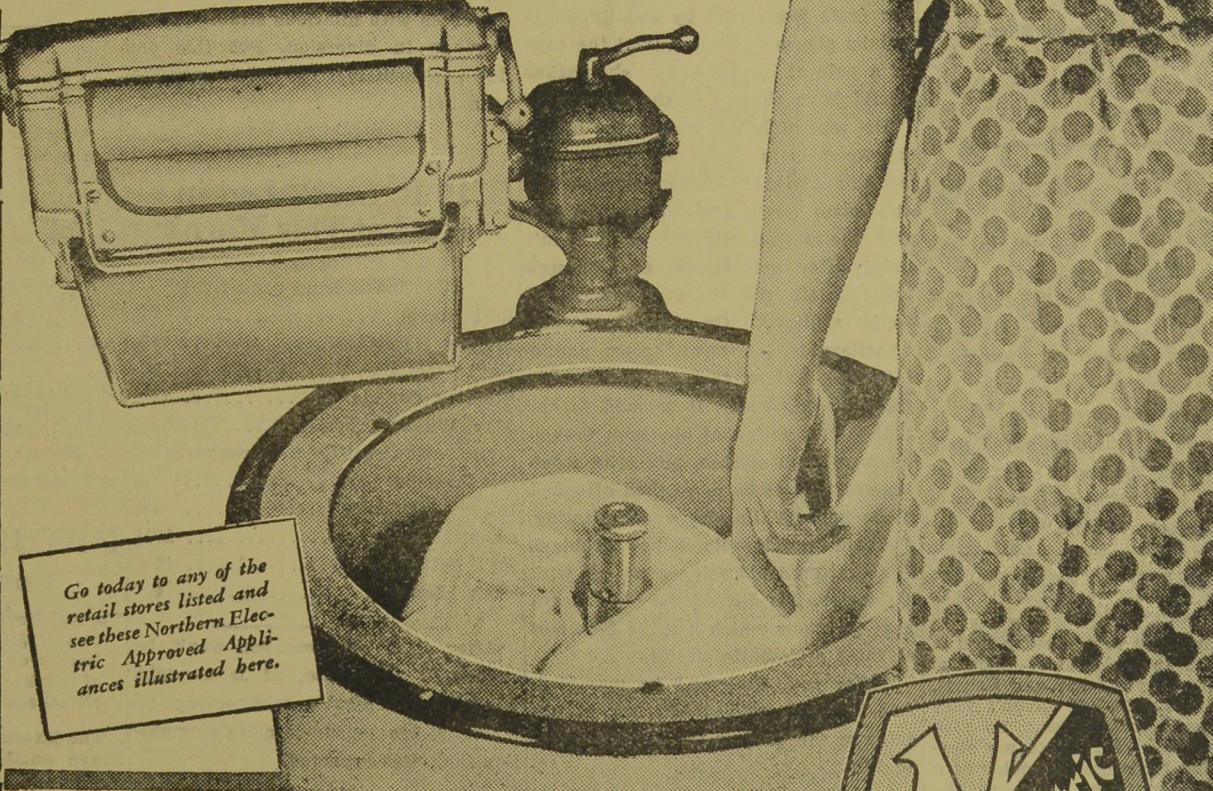
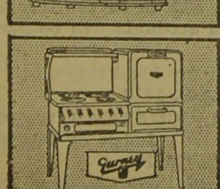
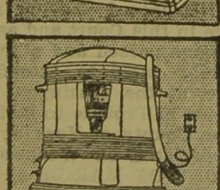
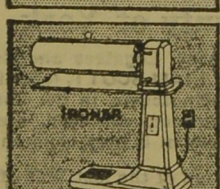
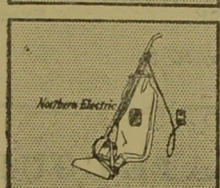
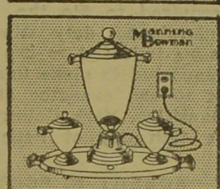
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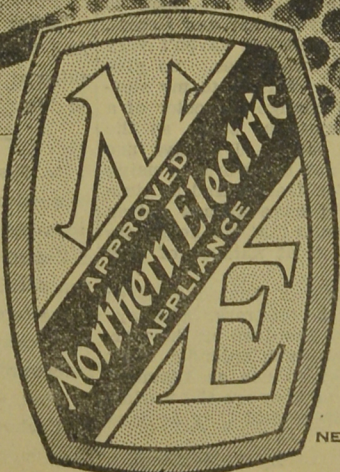
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SANATORIUM AT RIVER GLADE SHOWS DEFICIT

The Jordan Memorial Sanatorium in River Glade, cared for a total of 249 patients during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1931, according to the nineteenth annual report of that institution tabled Thursday in the Provincial Legislature by Hon. A. J. Legier, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer. Of the total, 124 had been in residence prior to October 31, 1930, and the other 125 were admitted during the past fiscal year.

Total operating revenue for the year was \$68,056.08 against an operating expenditure of \$140,385.88, occasioning a deficit of \$72,329.80.

Commenting on financial conditions the report refers to "the reluctance on the part of the Municipalities and refusal of others, to finance the treatment of their indigent cases of tuberculosis."

"An economy which curtails scientific and public health measures is a false economy," says the Superintendent. "While the law is specific on the point discussed above, we feel that a proper appreciation of the situation by the Municipal Authorities involved, is better than legal procedure. Indigent cases of Tuberculosis and all other diseases will surely be increased by the present unemployment and its consequent hardship, therefore the necessity of more active measures to promote better health is greater than at any time since the period of the Great War."

If all the people who are trying to find out what is the matter with the world would try to find out what is the matter with themselves there would be an immediate improvement.

the direct expenditure that was made by the dominion government through the public works engineer, and I venture to say that not a dollar of that was wasted and that it went where it was most needed. That is what we on this side of the house undertook to do so far as was humanly possible. I believe that it has been done in the majority of cases and I would hate to think that the fair county of Gloucester was any exception.