

# THE ACTING PREMIER'S EXPLANATION RATHER LAME

Rises to a Question of Privilege in the House and Delivered Lengthy Speech But Failed to Clear up the Matter—Further Documentary Evidence—That Patriotic Potatoes Were Sent to Cuba.

Hon. Mr. Murray, acting premier and minister of agriculture, spoke on a question of privilege yesterday afternoon with reference to some comments in The Telegraph concerning information that he had brought down in the House last session that was utterly disproved by correspondence laid upon the table this session.

Mr. Murray attempted to make out that a personal charge of profiting by the transaction had been made against him and gave a somewhat passionate denial to such a suggestion. The public, of course, knows that at no time has such a suggestion been made, but an explanation has been asked for how the minister accounts for a sum of over \$32,000 from sales of potatoes, etc., which is credited to the surplus potato account in the auditor general's report.

More Explaining Needed.

Hon. Mr. Murray's explanation needs further explaining. He did not tell the House how the \$32,000 was made up. He said it was in the accounts. He might have given a simple statement of how many potatoes were sold, to whom they were sold and at what prices. That still remains to be told. Instead of doing so, he abused the opposition organizer and The Telegraph and dwelt upon the fact that he, the minister of agriculture, knew nothing of Secretary Daggett's transaction or correspondence with the bank or B. F. Smith.

He did not explain why he, the minister of agriculture, being as ignorant of the facts as he says he was, gave from his seat in the House, denials that any authority was given to anyone to make drafts, and many other answers that have since been questioned.

In his speech yesterday Hon. Mr. Murray made some remarkable statements. The official report, which he revised carefully, makes him say:

"No potatoes whatever were shipped by the government to Cuba or anywhere else."

Then how does he explain an answer to an inquiry given last session which is printed in the appendix to the official report as follows:

"The potatoes for the patriotic gift and Belgian relief that were not shipped are being handled by a broker in Cuba under the supervision of J. G. Manzer, the New Brunswick representative there."

If the Province of New Brunswick shipped no potatoes to Cuba, as Hon. Mr. Murray says, how does he explain the freight payments on page 202 to the United Fruit Company for freight of \$1,255? How does he explain the payment for \$1,612.44 freight to the Boston and Havana Steamship Company? The steamers of the United Fruit Company run between Boston and Havana. If New Brunswick sent no potatoes to Cuba what are these freight payments in the public accounts for under the heading "expenses of surplus potatoes for patriotic purposes and disposal of by sale?"

Some Correspondence.

If, as Hon. Mr. Murray said in his speech yesterday—to quote his exact words—"No potatoes whatever were shipped by the government to Cuba or anywhere else," what was the payment to the New Brunswick Brokerage Company for freight and commissions? Mr. Clements was the manager of this brokerage company and it is interesting to note that among the letters laid upon the table of the House were several from and to this concern. While Mr. Daggett, the secretary for agriculture, was in Cuba trying to place this "surplus potatoes" A. G. Turney was acting secretary and this is one of the letters he wrote to Mr. Clements:

Fredericton, N.B., Jan. 21, 1915.  
F. deL. Clements, Esq., Broker, St. John, N.B.

Dear Sir:—I acknowledge receipt of your contribution of sales as follows: 500 bbls. at \$2.10 c.i.f., Havana to Milan.

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Also schooner from 4,000 to 5,000 barrels St. John.

In addition to the schooner this makes a total of 1,300 barrels or 40 less than my cable, which read as follows: "Order wired Boston cancelled. Total orders now 5,000 schooner St. John 230, 1,200 barrels Boston 2,10, 500 sacks Boston 1.80 pounds two."

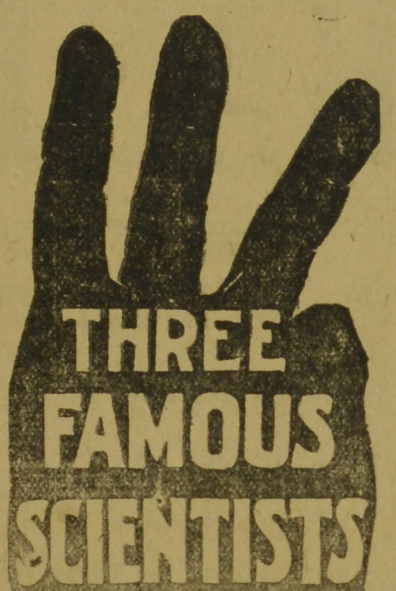
As you say this difference is not very important since I do not know how many potatoes there really are in storage.

Yours very truly,  
(Sgd.) A. G. TURNEY,  
Acting Secretary for Agriculture.

Another One.

Then, just to show that even Hon. Mr. Murray, minister of agriculture, who made his remarkable statement yesterday, knew something personally about the sales to Cuba, here is another letter:

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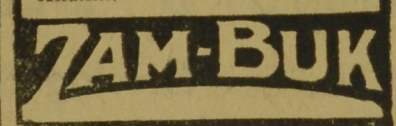


Dr. Andrew Wilson, Dr. Gordon Stables and Dr. Lascelles Scott, the famous English analyst, have all personally tried Zam-Buk and expressed themselves convinced of its great healing value.

Mrs. St. Denis, of Thompson St., Weston, Winnipeg, suffered long with eczema; and finally her doctor said only Zam-Buk could cure her—another fine tribute of a scientific man to this great herbal healer.

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LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.

Lower Prince William, March 24—The death occurred at Dumfries on March 2 of Jacob Lounsbury, an old and respected resident of that place. The deceased was born in Queens county in 1838 and moved to Dumfries in 1815, where he resided until his death. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Christopher Murray of Dumfries, and Mrs. David Otis of Benton. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. D. Bell and interment was made at Fredericton. Mr. Wm. Lounsbury of Prince William, is a brother of the deceased.

Mrs. Chas. Courser of Queensbury, is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Jas. Miller entertained at a thimble party at her home last Tuesday evening.

The Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ludlow Hoyt.

The Episcopal Church at Bear Island was the scene of a happy event last Wednesday evening when the wedding of Mr. Geo. C. Joslin, one of our popular and prosperous young farmers, to Miss Alice Gertrude Earl, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Earle, was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson of Springhill. The bride was tastefully attired in a tailor-made suit of grey, with satin trimmings, and hat to match. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos-

lin will reside at Prince William and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. Estabrooks of Carleton county visited H. L. Lounsbury one day last week.

Mrs. Hayward Long and Mrs. Ludlow Hoyt spent last Sunday with friends at Bear Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Hammond visited Mrs. G. L. Hoyt on Sunday last.

WOULD OBEY ORDERS.

The foreman swore at Cassidy for not fully loading up his hod. The hod, he said, would hold so many bricks, and Cassidy must take a full load up the ladder every trip.

One morning the supply of bricks ran out and Cassidy, after gathering every brick in sight, found he was still short of the proper number. He yelled up to a workman on the fifth story.

"What do you want?" asked the workman.

"Throw me down wan brick," shouted Cassidy, "to make good me load."

GETTING HIS FORTUNE TOLD.

"The future holds a great deal for you," "When will it begin to loosen up?"

## SHE RECOMMENDS

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur of St. John, were here yesterday attending the funeral of the late Donald Fraser.

## Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently: In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Transcontinental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

IMMIGRATION.

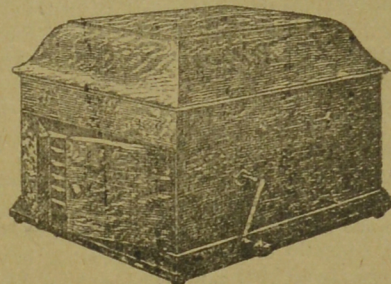
9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

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