

LIEUT. COL. BLACK, M.P.P. WAS HEARTILY WELCOMED

Hearty cheers greeted the entrance and first appearance of Lieut. Colonel Frank Black in the House last evening. This is the second time the Legislature has expressed its appreciation of members who have returned from the front after a narrow escape upon the battle front.

Colonel Black was in uniform and is looking remarkably well after his experience.

The business of the evening session was short, including the introduction of a few bills and some answers to and notices of inquiry by Mr. Dugal.

Premier Clarke was not in the House.

On the entry of Lieut. Colonel Black, Hon. Mr. Murray said that the House had already departed somewhat from its usual custom in having given expression to its feeling by the members in their places cheering for Col. Guthrie a few days ago. He noticed that another honorable and gallant member had just entered the chamber and he proposed that the members rise and give three hearty cheers for Lieutenant-Colonel Black, who he was sure every member was pleased to see once more in their midst.

Led by Hon. Mr. Murray, the members then rose and gave three hearty cheers and a tiger for the honorable member for Westmorland, Lieut. Col. Black.

Lieut. Colonel Black, whose rising was a signal for a further outburst, said he thanked the members most heartily for the reception they had just given him. Whatever pleasure it might be to them to meet him again—and he had no doubt whatever that it was a pleasure to them—their pleasure at seeing him was nothing to the pleasure which he himself felt at

being back amongst them once more. During his absence he had seen many things both pleasant and otherwise, but nothing that he had ever seen had given or could give him so much pleasure as to meet all his old friends in that assembly chamber once more, and he wished to thank them most heartily for the expression of good feeling towards him.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry respecting persons who did work on the Lameque roads, and also as to the action, if any, contemplated by the government in connection with work on the Gloucester county bridges, and also as to work on the Caribou Creek bridge.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the time for the introduction of private bills expired ten days after the opening of the session, but he thought the rule was capable of a little expansion and it might be interpreted to mean ten days actual sitting. In that case the time would expire on Friday next. He desired to say that after Friday all bills introduced would have to pay a double fee, as provided by the rules.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to amend the act respecting county courts; also a bill to amend the Judicature Act.

Favors Conscription.

Lieut. Colonel Guthrie gave notice of motion for Tuesday next as follows: "That in opinion of this House, in order that the 500,000 men promised by Canada to the Empire may be speedily raised, parliament should pass an Act calling to the colors all physically fit single men between the ages of 18 and 45 years." The motion was seconded by Captain Tilley.

The House adjourned at 10 o'clock.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THE LEGISLATURE

Answers to inquiries by opposition members were brought down on Tuesday. The questions and the government's replies are as follows:

Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry:

1. Has the department of public works, through its road engineer, ever made an estimate of the cost of repairs to the Lameque road, Gloucester county, the cost of which was investigated by W. B. Chandler?

Ans. No.

2. If so, when and what was the estimated cost and what was the actual cost as rendered by Foreman Robichaud and Chaisson?

Ans. Foreman Robichaud rendered accounts to the amount of \$2,543.72 and Foreman Chaisson rendered accounts to the amount of \$4,206.53.

3. What was the account of Jean J. Robichaud, one of the foremen of the repairs to the above road, for services rendered by him and how much was he finally paid?

Ans. Jean J. Robichaud rendered an account for services at \$233.70, being ten per cent. on \$2,337.03, but was paid \$70, being \$2.50 per day for twenty-eight days.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. What amount has been spent on the Petitcodiac bridge at Moncton, to date?

Ans. \$61,621.04.

2. Have any claims been made by the contractors for extras?

Ans. Yes.

3. What was the amounts of these claims and what decision was arrived at concerning them and what were the reasons given by the department of public works to the contractors for such action?

Ans. The amount of claims were \$1,300 and upon the recommendation of the engineer, no action was taken upon these claims until a final report is made after the completion of the work, when all claims for extras, as well as deductions from compensation will be considered and reported upon by the engineer.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry:

1. What was the total amount spent by the province in the purchase and expropriation of land and other property for the approaches to the Suspension bridge, St. John?

Ans. With the exception of \$75 paid H. H. Mott in 1916 and \$15 paid Edward Bates in 1916, for services in connection with the expropriation of lands taken in connection with the bridge at St. John, full information as to payments for lands in connection with this bridge is contained in the public works reports of 1913, 1914 and 1915.

2. What expenses were there in connection with these matters and to whom were the amounts paid?

Ans. Answered by No. 1.

3. From whom were the lands purchased, and expropriated, and through whom were the transactions effected?

Ans. The public works reports for 1913, 1914 and 1915 will show from whom the lands were purchased and expropriated and the transactions were effected through a board of arbitrators appointed under the Expropriation act, except the purchase of the Nugent property, which was effected by the minister of public works.

4. If any commissions were paid, to whom were they paid and what did they amount to?

Ans. No commissions paid.

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Slants Of Humor

PH, MRS. MURPHY!

Mrs. Flannigan—Sue, I just got a letter from Barney, sayin' he would be home tomorrow; he got a month off for good behavior.

Mrs. Murphy—A month off for good behavior, is it? Faith, and that's a lad to be proud of.

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"Well, I'm not an expert, but I didn't think I made such a poor job of it as that."

Prof.—What three words are used most among college students?

Wearily Fresh—I don't know.

Prof.—Correct.

"Delia studied medicine you know and I've taken a cooking school course."

"Well?"

"We're going to start a magazine called 'What to Eat and How to Get Over It.'"

"Have ye heard of old Ezzy's son bein' engaged?"

"Naw, but I heard he wuz lookin' for a job."

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 Trans-continental 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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