

MR. BYRNE'S TELLING SPEECH IN THE BUDGET DEBATE

The Attorney General Replies Effectively to Mr. Baxter's Diatribes--Some Hot Shot for the Men Who Misgoverned the Province for the Past Nine Years--The Flemming Debacle Referred to--Alarming Increase in the Debt of the Province.

The budget debate in the Legislature was continued last evening by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Mr. Campbell, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Smith (Charlotte) and Mr. Burchill. Shortly after midnight when the members began to give evidence of that tired feeling, Mr. Potts of St. John moved the adjournment of the debate, which was made the order of the day for this afternoon. In the absence of Mr. Murray, opposition leader, his chief lieutenant, Mr. B. F. Smith, acted as leader of the opposition.

The House met at 8.45 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to amend the Motor Vehicle Law.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale laid upon the table of the House the annual report of the Director of Elementary Agricultural Education for 1916.

Hon. Mr. Byrne rose to continue the debate on the budget. He said the question of the financial condition of the province was one of more than ordinary interest, particularly at the present day, when the country was passing through such troublous times. As part of the empire New Brunswick was gladly doing its share, as was proved by the fact that last year the amount which had been raised in the

province towards the patriotic fund was over half a million dollars. People realized that when peace once more reigns o'er the earth, and the men get back to this country, some of them maimed for life, when they come to the province to ask for assistance, the people of this province will not turn a deaf ear, and therefore the people are taking a greater interest in their financial affairs than they perhaps would if the times were normal. Another reason why the interest taken is greater than usual is that the present time marks a line of demarcation between the outgoing and incoming governments, and it was well that that line should be rightly observed so as to place the responsibility for any delinquencies that may be found upon those rightly entitled to bear it. During the late electoral campaign the candidates of the present administration promised that if they were returned to power they would at once institute an independent audit of the provincial finances. This promise

has been carried out and the report of the auditors was submitted by the hon. member from Moncton when he introduced the budget. When the public reads this report and finds out what it says and what it means, and that the public debt is some \$20,000,000, it will certainly be an eye-opener.

The Hazen Platform.

Hon. gentlemen opposite came into power in 1908 on a well-defined platform, and one of the principal planks of this platform which they exhibited and talked about in every village and hamlet in the province, was that they would keep the ordinary expenditure within the ordinary revenue. They declared that the old government was extravagant, they carried expense accounts and misrepresented the true state of affairs and over-spent their revenue. They promised not to do any of these things, and it was on such promises of retrenchment and reform that the people entrusted them with the reins of power, which they held until the 24th of February last, when the people, having found they were false to their trust, dispossessed them.

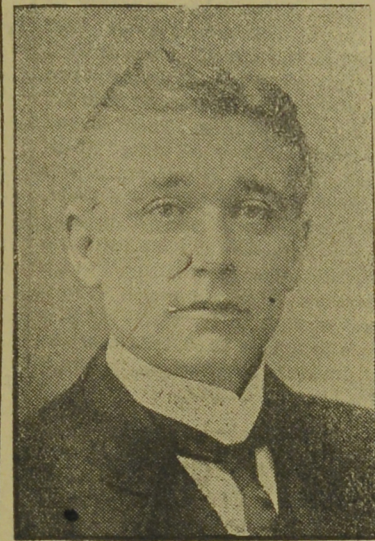
They had promised honest government with no fake surpluses, and no transferring sums from revenue to capital.

The ex-Attorney General, in his speech on Friday, had said that it was impossible to show by the public accounts that items had been carried over and that the government which had just gone out of power did not carry over accounts in order to show fake surpluses. He (Byrne) thought there could be no difficulty in establishing beyond all question that the late government had regularly carried over accounts and shown fake surpluses in the last eight years. It could be quite readily shown that they did not keep the expenditure within the revenue.

Broken Promises.

In the session of 1908, when the late government came into power, the then Provincial Secretary in his first budget speech promised that his government would always keep the expenditure within the revenue. As years went by, time and time again they said they had surpluses when they had no such thing. A glance through

the public accounts for all the years from 1908 to 1916 would show that in only one of those years did they not tell the people that they had a surplus. The exception was the year 1912, when they went to the people and on that occasion they admitted that they had a deficit of \$58,000. If it be true that they did not carry out their promises and it is shown that they did not by the report brought



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down by the hon. member from Moncton, then they had misrepresented and deceived the people, and it would come as no surprise to the people, therefore, to find that the public debt was now about \$20,000,000.

Succession Duties.

A reference to the report of the Auditor General for the year 1915 shows the amount received by the province for succession duties. On the amount thus received, the ex-Attorney General was entitled to a certain sum for commission, but the Auditor General's report for 1915 does not show truly what it should have done in regard to the amount received for succession duties, and the ex-Attorney General must have known this.

It had to be borne in mind that the Auditor General's report only shows the accounts to the end of the fiscal year the 31st of October, but it is required by law that a statement of the consolidated revenue should be laid before the House every session from the end of the previous fiscal year until the opening of the session.

It would be found from this statement that the amount received from succession duties between October, 1916 to the 10th of May, 1917, was \$13,400. The Attorney General was entitled to a commission of 5 per cent. which would amount to \$620 only, but what he actually did receive, according to that statement was \$3,920.30.

Now, if he was entitled to the latter sum for commission, a very much larger amount must have been received from succession duties, so that a large sum must have been carried over from the previous year. In so doing the ex-Attorney General concealed some very material facts; but there were to be no more of these sort of things, for there will be no more commissions paid to Attorneys General collecting succession duties.

A few days ago, when the bill to provide for a deputy Attorney General was before the House, hon. gentlemen opposite raised a great outcry and said there was no need whatever for such an official. The ex-Attorney General himself had said that it only took him about a week out of the whole year to do all the work necessary in the collection of the succession duties, yet according to the consolidated revenue account he received for that work \$3,920. Pretty good pay for so little work. He said he gave a considerable amount of that sum to the Patriotic Fund. Well, many people had given to that fund besides the ex-Attorney General, and they had not given it out of money obtained by them from the

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