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### THE CONSCRIPTION DEBATE.

The debate on conscription was continued in parliament yesterday by Sir Sam Hughes, ex-Minister of Militia, and Mr. Hugh Guthrie, Liberal member for South Wellington, Ont. Sir Sam, while supporting the bill, took a fall out of the Borden government. He declared among other things that Sir Robert Borden had once urged him to slow down on recruiting. He also said that his efforts to raise men for overseas service had been hampered by the "meddlers" in the cabinet, and this was in a large measure responsible for the collapse of the volunteer system. It seems that Sir Sam Hughes yesterday delivered the speech which he had intended delivering soon after he resigned the office of Minister of Militia. On that occasion his mouth was kept shut by party influences, and he declared in Parliament that it would almost break his heart to fall out with "the dear good fellows of the Conservative party." He gave no indication of that feeling in his plain-spoken utterances of yesterday, and it is certainly refreshing to have the plain truth from Sir Sam, even though it comes at a rather late day.

Mr. Guthrie, who is one of the ablest Liberal members from Ontario, declared himself in favor of the principle of the conscription bill and unable to agree with the conclusions arrived at by the Liberal leader. He thought that the bill should be made free from partisanship and baneful influences. He also expressed the opinion that the government should bring down legislation empowering it to use the wealth and resources of Canada in connection with the needs of the great war. The exposures made by Sir Sam Hughes show conclusively that the need of inspiring leadership at Ottawa during the past three years is largely responsible for the serious situation that now exists in Canada. It is clear that under the Borden government the volunteer system has never been given a fair trial.

Announcement was made yesterday in the Legislature that Dr. T. C. Allen, K. C., had been selected for the position of Deputy Attorney General created by an act passed by the Legislature this session. The appointment is a splendid one and will give entire satisfaction to the people of this province. Ex-Attorney General Baxter undoubtedly voiced the sentiments of the legal profession when he declared from his place in the House last evening that the appointment was one which left no room for criticism.

Mr. Magee of Westmorland brought up the question of technical education in the Legislature last evening and made a strong plea for the introduction of the system in this Province. A report of his remarks will be found elsewhere in this issue, and will repay a careful perusal. While the late Government gave the matter some thought nothing tangible resulted from its efforts. New Brunswick is certainly behind Nova Scotia and other Provinces in the matter of technical education and it is to be sincerely hoped that such will not long be the case.

Premier Foster in reply to a question by Mr. Pinder in the House last evening announced that the salary of his secretary would be paid out of his own pocket. Mr. Pinder, who was in a grouchy mood, professed to be astonished at the information and could not forego the opportunity to throw out some insinuations. The old gentleman has apparently not yet woken up to the fact that there has been a change of administration and that Flemming methods no longer prevail in the Government of this Province.

The bill making needed changes in the law relating to motor vehicles passed the Legislature yesterday afternoon. It provoked a long and breezy discussion but was evidently adopted unanimously. The bill provides for a slight increase in the auto license fee, but as the money is to be spent in the improvement of the roads, owners of cars are not likely to raise any objection. In future the license fee will not be based on the horse

power of a car, but on the weight, the rate having been fixed at sixty cents per one hundred pounds. This seems to be a much more equitable arrangement than the present system.

In the Legislature last evening Hon. Mr. Sweeney made a strong plea for better salaries for the school teachers of the Province. He pointed out that members of the profession were poorly paid for the splendid services they perform in the interests of the country. There is a lot of truth in what he said, and it is to be regretted that the present state of provincial finances will not enable the Government to take such action at the present time as the situation calls for.

For a two-months-old government, the Foster administration seems to be coming to the front with a lot of what looks like very practical legislation.

### VALLEY RAILWAY

(Continued from page 1.) company. He also had had somewhere between two and twenty conversations with Hon. Mr. Baxter about the contract, but could not say that Mr. Baxter knew that he was a member of the company. Mr. Tennant did not know how Kennedy & McDonald could have learned the figures in the tender submitted by the construction company and said his only dealings with them in the matter were through Thomas Nagle, to whom he had promised that he would try to arrange a sub-contract for Kennedy & McDonald if they did not get the main contract.

When the court resumed for the afternoon session, it was agreed to adjourn until Tuesday July 10. In the meantime, in order to spare Mr. Tennant the necessity of exhibiting all his private business in court, an examination of his books and papers will be made by Mr. Carvell and Mr. Teed.

### HON. MR. SWEENEY MAKES PLEA FOR TEACHERS

(Continued from page 5.) creased greatly. So far as Newcastle was concerned, the government grant to teachers of that town was equal to only one-tenth of the amount spent by the town itself for education.

Mr. Tilley said he thought too much time was being wasted by hon. members in making long speeches. If they hoped to get through with the work of the session this week they would need to shorten their remarks. Personally he would like to see the teachers better paid, but it was evident that the government had not seen its way clear to take the matter up this session. The estimates had been prepared and it was the duty of the House now to vote the money asked for.

Mr. Baxter said that in view of the fact that hon. members were anxious to secure more liberal salaries for teachers, he would move an amendment to the item for Normal School contingencies, that salaries of teachers be increased.

Mr. Robichaud said that while he favored better salaries for teachers, he did not think the time was opportune for the House to deal with the matter. He thought it should be given careful consideration and provision made in the estimates for some increase next year.

Mr. Baxter said that his object in moving an amendment was simply to emphasize the fact that a lot of time was being wasted in useless discussion on a subject that hon. members must know could not be dealt with by the government this session, for the simple fact that the government has not the revenue available. With the permission of the chairman he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Magee thought that it might be possible to deal with the matter in the supplementary estimates.

Mr. Potts said he was unable to see why the matter could not be dealt with forthwith.

Mr. Baxter said that the matter could not be dealt with at a time when the estimates promised a deficit of \$148,000.

Mr. Smith (Charlotte) wanted to know if teachers had petitioned the government for salary increases.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that the government recognized the splendid service being rendered by the teachers and he regretted that it had not yet been able to give attention to the important matter referred to by the hon. member for Westmorland. Another phase of the case presented itself and that was whether or not the people throughout the province would be willing to pay increased taxes in order that trustees might also increase the salaries of teachers. He promised that the government would give the matter careful consideration.

### Through Our Sieve

The June bug is around renewing old acquaintance.

The potato bug is trying to scrape up acquaintances.

Now don't tell the garden pests that Paris green is gettin' scarce.

Women with pretty teeth will laugh at any joke.

The man who is never ill wonders how doctors manage to make a living.

Anyway, Alexander ought to be a great name to conjure with in storied Greece.

And King Constantine gave a splendid exhibition of long distance tottering.

### OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Miss Louise Sterling has returned from visiting friends in Sussex.

Mrs. John Black entertained at the tea hour yesterday for her niece, Miss Radcliffe. Mrs. T. C. Allen poured.

Miss Waddell of Halifax, is here visiting her brother, temporary manager of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce.

Miss Frances VanWart entertained at a tea yesterday.

There was a double bridge at Government House last night. Mrs. Steeves and Judge Crockett were the prize winners.

### BRIG. GEN. MCLEAN

(Continued from page 1.) James Brown, 41, Scotland, Sidney W. Smith, 30, Scotland, Nelson H. McLellan, 18, Canada, John Watson, 31, Scotland, Thomas McGaw, 41, Scotland, Myles Burns, 30, Scotland, Crammer Henningan, 26, Canada, John Abbe, 26, Canada, 236th Battalion, John L. MacDonald, 28, Canada, John Sargent, 28, Canada, Canadian Army Medical Corps, Wm. McManus, 22, Gibson, Chas. Norton, 19, St. Stephen, Canadian Engineers.

### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

(Continued from page 1.) gested that instead of superintendents, local men might be employed, but often there was no local man to be had; in the same way a crew which had been working at one bridge was often taken to another as being a quicker way to get the work done than trying to hire a new crew at the other place. There were many suggestions that might be made to get repairs done, but it was impossible to lay down any rule which would apply to all cases. In one case they called for tenders to repair a bridge and the lowest was \$125.00. The work was done by day work and only cost \$65.00. The committee will take the matter up again tomorrow.

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Kenn.....	45
Marine Com.....	28
Reading.....	95
Rubber.....	61 3/4
Studebaker.....	83
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

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Civic.....	76
Detroit.....	109
Quebec.....	20
Toronto.....	76 1/2
Braz.....	40 1/2
Cement.....	62 1/2
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