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THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The debate on the budget is still dragging on in the Legislature. It would have been completed yesterday but for the tactics of Mr. B. M. Smith, who for a few months held the office of Minister of Public Works in the old government. It has been known about the House for days that Mr. Smith intended to speak on the budget, and it was thought that he would unboomer himself yesterday, but he failed to do so. He had two opportunities to follow government speakers, but he allowed them to slip by. He seemed to prefer to play a sort of hide-and-go-seek game. The fact of the matter is that he is afraid of Hon. Mr. Veniot, and while he was anxious to speak, he had evidently made up his mind not to be sandwiched in between another government speaker and the Minister of Public Works. Such a predicament he had made up his mind to avoid for obvious reasons, and in this respect we are bound to say that he showed a very wise discretion, but it is extremely doubtful if he will find himself any better off in the end.

A feature of yesterday's proceedings was the able and comprehensive address of Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture. There has been a lot of criticism aimed at Hon. Mr. Tweeddale's department during the session. Every opposition speaker on the budget has had something to say, their chief object evidently being to belittle the Minister and his capable staff and endeavor to prejudice the department in the eyes of the public. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale certainly got back at his critics in fine style yesterday and did not leave them a leg to stand upon. He was able to make it quite clear that the unwarranted and unfair criticism by the opposition was due largely to jealousy, because of the marked increase in the efficiency of the department, brought about since the present government took office.

Although a dozen or more opposition members had taken part in the budget debate and had travelled all the way from Dan to Bersheba in their search for pegs on which to hang effective criticism, Mr. Murray, the opposition leader, found it necessary to limit upon the House last evening a speech of nearly three hours' duration. Mr. Murray is a tireless talker and if talk would give the province good government, build highways and railways and make the desert bloom as the rose, the people of New Brunswick certainly lost their opportunity when they ousted him from the premiership after he had filled the office for little more than a month. Under our democratic institutions, however, the majority must rule, and the majority of the people declared by their votes on February 24th, 1917, that they required from their rulers something more than hot air. That verdict placed Mr. Murray and his colleagues in the cool shades of opposition, but the reason seems to have been entirely lost upon them. They still harp on the great things they would have accomplished for the province if they had remained in power, evidently forgetting that they were judged by the people on their record, found guilty and sentence pronounced, and their appeal for a new trial refused.

So long as the Foster government continues to honestly administer the affairs of the province in the interests of all the people, it will have nothing to fear from the Marathon speeches of the opposition leader and his legislative supporters.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, in his speech on the budget, gave a very interesting review of the political history of the Valley Railway. He showed that the late government in its relations to this enterprise of so much importance to the people of the St. John Valley, has been dishonest and dishonest.

the start. They had promised the people a good road from Grand Falls to St. John, but yielded to the influence of certain big interests, with the result that the people now have \$6,000,000 invested in a railway, beginning at Centreville and ending nowhere. Still, in the face of this, members of the old government have the impudence to get up in the Legislature and say that they were not defeated on their merits.

Hon. Mr. Veniot secured the floor in the budget debate last evening, and after speaking for a few minutes, moved the adjournment of the debate. While on his feet, he dealt with the "loyalty" cry of the opposition, and paid a tribute to the Acadians of the province, which elicited applause from both sides of the House.

Through Our Sieve

A man doesn't mind being fooled if it does it himself.

People usually pay too much for what they get for nothing.

Those who cry over the past are pretty sure to weep over the future.

Wisdom so often consists merely of recipes for avoiding folly.

What has become of the man who said we couldn't have warm weather until the ice ran?

Let the war gardener remember it is impossible for the nation to have too many beans.

This year's dandelion is going to take its young life in its hands as soon as it pokes its nose above the earth and begins to look like greens.

Well we know that one swallow does not make a summer—neither do a thousand or two robins and other joyous spring songsters.

Usually a man marries a woman in order to prevent any other man from getting her; but a woman knows better than to think that by marrying a man she is preventing any other woman from getting him.

CANADIANS IN THE FIGHT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, April 18.—Advices have been received in Ottawa which indicate that at least one Canadian division (believed to be the first) is now participating in the mighty conflict at Lys. Detailed information is hourly expected by the authorities.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. Harold Babbitt is entertaining this afternoon at bridge.

Mrs. Cuttle, of Spokane, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Thomas, Waterloo Row.

Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe has invitations out for a bridge tonight in honor of her guest, Mrs. Wm. Robertson.

Mrs. Robin Cropley entertained last evening at a thimble party for her sister, Mrs. Foster, of St. John, who is visiting her.

Mrs. W. H. Steeves has invitations out for a bridge for this evening.

PERSONAL.

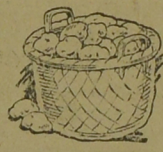
Mr. J. F. H. Teed of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.

Dr. A. W. Turner of Meductic, is at the Barker House.

Mr. M. E. Agar of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. H. Barry of St. Stephen, is at the Queen.

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Hon. Mr. Tweeddale

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The preceding administration had made no provision for the purchase of seed although it had clung to office until April 4th after being defeated on the 24th of the preceding February. Although the date was late, he had made provisions for the purchase of seed and had made arrangements for the payment for that seed by the farmers. In cases in which men found themselves so financially embarrassed that they could not pay in a short time, he had extended the time of payment until harvest. The due date of those extended notes was October 31st and of the accounts for seed only some \$3,000 was outstanding. Was that a calamity considering the circumstances which had confronted the farmers in the spring? He would have been able to do much more if it had not been for the disadvantageous state of the provincial finances which had resulted from the maladministration of the preceding government.

Agriculture in the Province of New Brunswick for the past year had been of the utmost importance on account of its relation to the cause of the Allied nations. The opposition talked continually of its patriotism. Were its members patriotic in their attitude toward the campaign for increased production in the Province of New Brunswick? One of their number, who had attended an organization meeting and had not opened his mouth, had afterwards called it camouflage. The press of this party of patriotism was attempting to make the farmers of the province believe that they were being defrauded in the seed purchase which was the basis for the increased production campaign. He would tell the hon. members of the opposition that their brand of patriotism was no good. He realized that he might make mistakes, but would resent any imputation of dishonesty.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that it had been urged that a man from the province of New Brunswick should have been appointed deputy head of his department. In Mr. W. R. Reek, who had been appointed to the office, New Brunswick had secured a man eminently fitted for the position. He proceeded to quote from the Farmers' Magazine a sketch of Mr. Reek's career, showing that he was a farmer born and had held important positions in connection with agriculture in Ontario, England and Prince Edward Island prior to coming to this province. He said the farmers of the Province had good reason to expect more from him than from a man who possibly might know more of theology than of scientific agriculture.

Referring to the business methods of the late administration, as they were displayed in the Department of Agriculture, the Minister said they certainly were not of high standing. Live stock imported into the province by the Department had been of a very poor stamp. Horses had been brought in which were no good, but for which prices equal to those of the best had been paid. The ex-Minister of Agriculture had himself admitted that.

The speaker quoted from a statement signed by the former Minister, in which it was recommended that a settlement be made with Mr. J. K. Pinder on account of the stallion purchased by him from the department of agriculture, being below the supposed standard. He drew attention to the fact that the order-in-council under which the settlement was made, was dated March 27th, 1917, although the government passing it had been defeated upon the 24th of the preceding month. He also pointed out that the famous Audit Act of the old administration had been absolutely disregarded in this transaction, as both note and check given by Mr. Pinder were given back to him by the minister of agriculture at the time.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE also read an affidavit of Enoch G. Hoben of Fredericton, which stated that a stallion, named Province Right, purchased by him from the department of agriculture in 1910 for the sum of \$1,200 had proved worthless and was now being used by him as a draft horse. The minister stated that on account of this affidavit he had made a recommendation that Mr. Hoben be relieved of liability in connection with this horse, on the payment of \$100. He believed that the relief had been given, and the amount paid. The cases of these two stallions were instances of the business methods followed in the department of agriculture under previous ministers. It also was a noticeable fact that the account of the settlement of the purchase of the stallion by Mr. Pinder, contained in the document signed by the ex-minister of agriculture, now leader of the opposition, differed entirely from the explanation made on the floor of the House by Mr. Pinder a few days before. Mr. Pinder had said that the settlement had been made in connection with the Southampton Railway account. Who was right? This was another fine example of business principles.

The speaker said that he was a successful farmer and on that account was convinced enough to think that he knew how to farm. He had realized that fertilizer of a high standard was wanted in the province of New Brunswick. At the potato growers' congress, held in Washington a few months ago and attended by himself, it was explained by experts that potato hunger had been the cause of the general failure of the potato crop in various parts of the North American continent. The commercial fertilizers in general use did not contain potash in sufficient quantities. Upon his return he had found the greater production committee in session. That committee, by the way, had been referred to by speakers of the opposition as organized for political purposes. He would call attention to the fact that in every county where a Liberal of pronounced views had been selected as a member, a Conservative of equal prominence also had been chosen. In his own county Mr. Kuppke, who had opposed him in the last election, was a member. He was told at the time of the meeting of this committee that a representative of the fertilizer company located at Chatham, Ontario, had made an offer of practically the entire output of its factory, to investigate the offer and found that the fertilizer in question was rich in potash. A contract with the company was closed at once. Later he heard that J. B. Daggett was going about the streets saying that his company had an exclusive contract for that brand of fertilizer in New Brunswick, and that there would be a suit against the province for every ton bought by the department of agriculture. When he found that statements of this kind actually had been made by Mr. Daggett, he had held up all shipments and had written the company. He had no intention of permitting anyone to take a cent from the farmers of the province through the sale of fertilizer or in any other way. He examined the contract of which Mr. Daggett had spoken and had found that it was not exclusive, and he could inform the House that \$100,000 worth of fertilizer of this particular brand had been put in the hands

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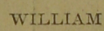
GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas,

KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of

India.



WILLIAM PUGSLEY

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, or Whom the Same may Concern:—Greeting:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made clear that an adequate supply of foodstuffs to Great Britain and her Allies is now one of the most critical and essential problems in connection with carrying the war to a triumph;

And Whereas, Our Province of New Brunswick, by virtue of its geographical situation in comparative proximity to the Motherland, occupies a position of special responsibility and opportunity;

And Whereas, the season approaches which shall determine for another year the amount of foodstuffs which this Province shall produce;

We, therefore, believing it to be the aspiration of our people to discharge every responsibility as in the past, and confident of their willingness to take advantage of the opportunity involved, to the end that the cause of righteousness for

which we struggle may be advanced, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council for our Province of New Brunswick, to appoint, and do hereby appoint a week of Dedication and Preparation for the period of production approaching, beginning on the fifteenth April instant.

And we do hereby urge and request that the County Council of each and every County of Our Province of New Brunswick be convened in special Session on Saturday, the thirteenth April instant, to consider ways and means to stimulate or assist in the maximum production of essential foodstuffs in the respective Counties.

And We do hereby further urge and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province of New Brunswick shall, from his pulpit on Sunday, the fourteenth of April instant, set forth the facts of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production, that they may be blessed by Him who alone giveth the increase.

And We do hereby still further urge and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all Our people in the matters herein set forth.

All of which premises all Our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in anywise concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, His Honour William Pugsley, D. C. L., K. C., One of Our Privy Council for Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of New Brunswick, this second day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
 ROBERT MURRAY,
 Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

of the farmers with not the charge of a postage stamp added to the price. They had received it at actual cost. He would invite his hon. friend from Carleton (Smith) or anyone else to go into that transaction and carefully examine it. No doubt his hon. friend felt disgraced that he had not had a chance at this transaction in which there would have been a considerable profit.

MR. SMITH (Carleton)—"We will look into that later."

Continuing, the Minister said that he must refer to a statement made by the hon. member from Carleton (Sutton) to the effect that he (Tweeddale) had been returned to the present House pledged to the extension of the Valley Railway to Andover. All that he regretted was that the financial position of the Province was such that it was not possible to make that extension. If it were otherwise, he would urge the extension at once. He must say, however, that the statement of

the hon. member was not correct. He might have said that the extension should be made in order to have the railway operating upon the best possible basis. But as far as pledges were concerned, he could inform the House that Messrs. Carter and White, who had opposed his colleague and himself in a previous election, had stated during the campaign that if the line were not extended to Grand Falls they would resign their seats. According to the records of the House, however, they had not even mentioned the matter. The Minister concluded his remarks by thanking the House for the attention given him during his reply to the attacks made upon his department.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said he had a few remarks to make upon the budget but that it would be better for him to start at the evening session, and suggested that it be called six o'clock.

The Speaker left the chair, to resume at eight o'clock.