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Able and Interesting Speech in the Legislature by Mr. Magee of Westmorland—Energetic Young Member Breaks New Ground—An Able Defence of the Policy of the Government.

Following is the synopsis report of the excellent speech delivered in the House on Monday evening by Mr. Fred M. Magee, member for Westmorland:

MR. MAGEE congratulated the Provincial Secretary upon his presentation of the budget and the speakers on both sides of the House on the part they had taken in the debate. He also congratulated the Foster government upon its advanced legislation, the Minister of Public Works upon his road act and Hon. Dr. Roberts upon the Public Health Act. Personally he had felt a keen interest in the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Villages Incorporations Act. He re-

gretted he had not been present when the ex-attorney general had spoken upon the budget. He always liked to hear that hon. member speak and outside of the House, frequently agreed with him in his opinions. As far as his remarks on the budget were concerned he must differ. The hon. member had referred to the recent Federal election and the part taken in it by hon. members of the House. He (Magee) had no apology to offer for the part he had taken in that contest. The line he had followed had been well defined. He had opposed Union Government and had followed the greatest statesman which Canada ever produced, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, because he had thought the policy proposed by him to be in the best interests of the people of Canada. The ex-attorney general had made reference to the employment of returned soldiers. He could inform the hon. member that the Department of Public Works and other departments had appointed returned soldiers to positions. He himself had aided several in the county of Westmorland to obtain employment under the government and they were giving satisfaction. Nothing was too good for returned men and he felt sure that he could state that the government would do its utmost to assist them. Surely the ex-attorney general in his reference to returned men did not expect that old and tried employees of the House would be dismissed to make room.

MR. BAXTER—"Not at all, not at all."

MR. MAGEE continuing said that the hon. member had referred to the Veniot-Bolshevik road policy. He supposed reference was to the election of road supervisors under the act and the inspection of accounts by the people. If that were so he was a Bolshevik. The policy of the Foster government was to take the roads out of politics and hand them over to the people in the matter of electing supervisors. The payments to Harry M. Blair for his services in enforcing the Motor Vehicles Act had been criticised. The indirect benefit on that investment were great. The increased returns for motor licenses showed that.

The speaker said he agreed with the hon. member for St. John in his statement concerning purity in election. He had had considerable ex-

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perience in politics. Westmorland county in times past had had decent, upright and honorable elections by arrangement between the two parties. At other times an arrangement could not be made. He always was ready to enter into an agreement for a pure election. Even if his opponents were Conservatives he was ready to accept their word. In the past they had lived up to it when given. Anything which would tend to improve electoral conditions in New Brunswick should be assisted by both parties. The hon. member for St. John city had stated that expenditures for turnpiking had been charged to permanent roads. He could not credit that statement. In Westmorland such certainly was not the case. It was hardly necessary for him to state that it was difficult to build roads in New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Veniot was doing his best and the greater part of the criticism directed toward him from the opposition side was unjustified. The hon. member for Albert had claimed that \$30,000 had been lost to the province on a bond sale. His own opinion at the time of that sale had been that the province should have received a better price. However, he had consulted with the Premier and with representatives of several financial houses, and from information given him he had come to the conclusion that New Brunswick had done as well as she could. Reference had been made to a Nova Scotia bond sale. It really had not been a sale at all, the bonds having been placed in the hands of arms of brokers and he understood that the great

bulk of the bonds still were there. New Brunswick had done well and the opinion of the general manager of the Bank of Montreal to that effect carried much weight. The senior member for York had said that there were no such things as permanent roads. He agreed with him. The hon. member had also found fault with highway expenditure in York county. Perhaps the minister might remove the cause for complaint by spending less in that county. The members of the government were well able to look after themselves as far as criticism was concerned. Hon. Dr. Roberts was no exception. The hon. leader of the opposition early in the session had said that he would not criticise legislation that was in the public interest. What could be of greater value to the public than the Health Act? Evidently that measure was being opposed to make political capital. The hon. members opposite should look into it more closely. He himself hoped to have the honor shortly of introducing a vocational education bill. He did not know what the attitude of all the hon. members would be but he wished careful consideration to be given to the bill. It would be non-political and would be entirely in the public interest.

The hon. ex-attorney general had referred to the assessment for patriotic fund purposes. There was no reason why the province should not be taxed as much this year as last for the purposes of the patriotic fund. The money was absolutely necessary and the province was getting off easy with not more than \$100,000 of direct taxation. His hon. friend opposite should remember that they once had imposed direct taxation to the amount of \$100,000 for the Provincial Hospital. Amounts which were chargeable under patriotic fund tax were as follows: \$1,800 to the Provincial Food Controller, \$2,000 for the Provincial Committee of the Military Hospitals Commission, \$10,000 for the Halifax Relief, \$25,000 for Increased Production, \$2,500 for the Children's Protective Act, an increase of \$2,400 for the Tuberculosis Hospital at St. John. These made a total of \$43,400 which was a large proportion of the amount of \$100,000. That amount had been paid in 1917 and the people would be only too glad to pay it in 1918. To be of value criticism from the opposition side should be constructive and not exclusively destructive.

Reference had been made to the Valley Railway which had so tremendously increased interest charges. He had been pleased to hear the hon. member from Northumberland state that the construction of that railway had been in opposition to the policy of his party. He agreed with the hon. member in his views on that matter. The hon. member from Moncton had spoken in favor of the central route followed by the Transcontinental. He disagreed with him. The Transcontinental should have come down the valley of the St. John and the province of New Brunswick would have

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avoided a great burden. The only salvation now was the taking over of the St. John & Quebec Railway by the Federal government. Much had been said on the opposition side of the alleged over-expenditure of \$600,000, but in making that statement certain items had been neglected.

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Mr. Murray

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to do with bills on their third reading. Mr. Murray (Kings) said that a motion similar to that which he had made had been submitted to the House on a number of occasions during the past eleven years, and no point of order had been raised. The journals of the House would bear him out in that statement. He did not wish to do anything to lower the dignity of the House, but if Hon. Mr. Speaker stood by his ruling, he (Murray) would have to appeal from it. He would suggest, however, that His Honor take more time to look into the matter and endeavor to settle the question once and for all.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said that the hon. leader of the opposition was quite right when he said that a motion similar to that now before the House had been put to the chair, when he (Robinson) occupied the position of Speaker. While that had undoubtedly been done, he would not like to say that it was perfectly in order. He did not think the House wanted to establish a practice as variance with that in vogue at Ottawa and as hon. members opposite seemed to feel quite strongly on the question, he would suggest that the matter have further consideration.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that personally it was a matter of indifference to him whether the point of order was sustained or not, but he felt that there should be a decision that would be a guidance for the future. If Hon. Mr. Speaker felt that the resolution was out of order, there was nothing for him to do except bow to his decision.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that he would allow the matter to stand until tomorrow.

The bill to provide for the auditing of the public accounts of the province was read a third time and passed.

MR. CROCKET gave notice of inquiry as to whether the public health bill had been submitted to the Ministerial Association and as to whether Rev. J. G. Shearer had appeared before the Legislature in support of the said bill on the invitation of the government; also as to whether the bill had been submitted to the New Brunswick Medical Society or other organizations affected by it.

HON. MR. SPEAKER, when notices of motion were called, said that with reference to the motion given by Mr. Murray (Kings) to which exemption had been taken, he had consulted authorities and had found that the hon. member was in order.

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Mr. J. P. Burchill of Nelson, returned to the city yesterday after a week-end visit to his home and is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKay of Blackville, are in the city. They are registered at the Queen.

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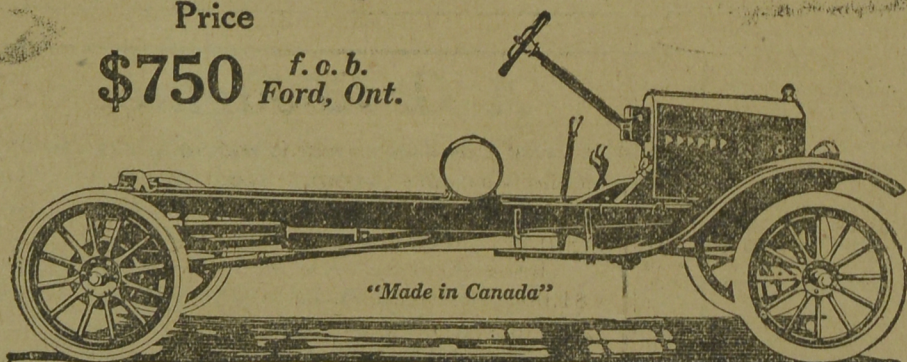
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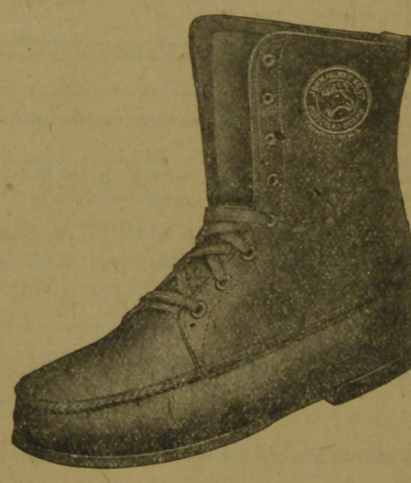
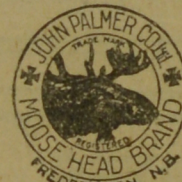
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