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## MR. MERSEREAU DELIVERS A FIGHTING SPEECH

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fact—the farmers never had a harder year than 1918. It had cost them \$2.30 a barrel to raise potatoes, and they now had them on their hands. At the same time the Dominion Government was keeping up the price of wheat, and enriching the millers and other monopolists.

Some criticism had been made of a recent appointment by the government in the Emigration Department, and a returned soldier had complained to him (Mersereau) about it. A man from Kings had been given the position and there was no doubt as to his qualifications. True he was a supporter of the Government, and a defeated candidate. At the time the appointment was made another position in Kings county was given to a returned soldier. He believed that if the de-

mands of soldiers were fairly made they would always receive fair and honest treatment from the Government.

With regard to prohibition he was surprised that his hon. friends opposite had not said something of the splendid act which would go down in history as one of the best. He had intended giving the House an illustration of the working of the Act, but the hon. member for St. John had supplied one that would fill the bill. That hon. member had said that the inspectors needed to exercise some horse sense in its enforcement. He would like to know why that hon. member had not laid down that principle when he voted for the Act.

MR. TILLEY—I did not vote for it.

MR. MERSEREAU, said that being so he would withdraw the statement. He was glad to hear the hon. Premier say that the question would be submitted to a referendum. He was strongly in favor of that proposal and if the Act was sustained he would go in for its enforcement. If on the other hand the people did not sustain it, they should have what they wanted.

Mention had been made by previous speakers of the death of that great

## ATTORNEY GENERAL BYRNE DEFENDS THE GOVERNMENT

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Under the Act the fees of petty jurymen were increased to \$3.00 per day and grand jurymen were allowed a fee. It was felt at the present time the Province could not bear the increased financial burden of some \$15,000 per year, entailed by the Act and it had been left with any County by the vote of the county council to increase jury fees the added expense being met by the municipality.

His hon. friend had referred to the Saint John Valley Railway. At the time of the introduction of the bill constructing that railway he (Byrne) had been a member of the House. The opposition of the day had attempted to throw safeguards about the project but had been voted down. The Government recently turned out of power had left the Province in the position in which it was with regard to that railway. His hon. friend had intimated that the object of the whitewash resolution was that Hon. J. K. Flemming should be returned to a position of public confidence. The royal commission had brought in its findings with regard to charges against that man and there had been nothing which had more stirred the feelings of the people of the Province than the whitewash resolution passed upon him. The hon. member for Saint John and the hon. leader of the opposition both had been members of the House which passed that resolution. It was not his intention to say unkind things yet when the hon. member from Saint John County had made the remarks which he had and the references which he had to other royal commissioners it did not seem that his word should carry much weight.

The Hon. member had taken advantage of his privilege as a member of

statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had just passed away. He believed the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would live long in the history of the British Empire as his equal had never been seen in Canada. He was not of the same race and religion, but had had the pleasure of meeting the man—and to know him was to love him.

He was in hearty sympathy with the utterances of the hon. member for Albert in regard to the transfer of the Intercolonial headquarters to the Upper Provinces. He regretted that such a thing had happened and would be only too glad to do all he could to maintain the rights of the Maritime Provinces. Speaking of Railways, the Valley Road had been made a foot-ball for forty years, but during the last two years it had been a serious proposition. He felt that the Dominion Government should take that road over, and both parties should do all in their power to accomplish that end.

the House realizing that no matter how unfair his statements might be, he would not be liable in law. He had made a most uncalled for and unjust attack upon the Commissioner who had been appointed by the Government to inquire into the so-called "Patriotic Potato Transaction." Any person who had read the evidence as published must say that the government was justified in holding that enquiry. The hon. member's object in discussing the McQueen Report before it had been tabled in the House, was to inflame public opinion and prejudice the Commissioner in the eyes of the public. Such a course was opposed to the principles of honesty and fair play, and its honesty can be judged by the language used in speaking of the Commissioner. He had held him up to ridicule, and characterized him as ignorant and illiterate. That was not a manly course to pursue with regard to a man who was not present to defend himself. He was not sure that the hon. member would repeat his charges to the face of the Commissioner, but he had acted on a privilege which he enjoyed as a member of the House. He had said that the Commissioner never appeared before the Supreme Court as a practitioner, as if that would disqualify him as Commissioner. He (Byrne) wished to point out that some of the best lawyers in the Province did not appear before the Supreme Court, and their standing at the bar was not prejudiced. Possibly his hon. friend had heard the opinion, which had been expressed in many quarters, that the action of certain politicians in connection with the "Potato transaction" was sufficient to drive them from public life. The unparliamentary language he had made use of, rather looked as if he was anticipating the report of the Commissioner, and for that reason he had held him up to ridicule. On a former occasion the hon. member had made nasty attacks from his place in the House on Mr. E. S. Carter, yet he was afterwards cheek by jowl with that gentleman, and ate at the same table with him, in a political campaign.

With reference to the Chancery suit mentioned by the hon. Premier to recover monies obtained by Messrs Flemming and Tennant, he could say that in drafting the Bill it had not been his desire to do an injustice to anybody. The Bill had simply provided that any money received from the sale of bonds for the Valley Railway belonged to the Province and were a Crown debt. It protected the defendants in that it provided that only monies improperly received were to be refunded. The hon. member for St. John County was in the House when the bill was passed, but declined responsibility for it. He said that he never raised his voice for or against the Bill, and he since has been employed by the defendant in the case. He did not see how the hon. member could reconcile his conduct with his oath of office as a member of the House. He had been sworn to look after the interests of the province at large, and he was not doing that. He had complained that the Bill was not broad enough, but he (Byrne) was satisfied that it was sufficiently broad and comprehensive to serve its purpose.

The hon. member had made reference to other matters including the Public Health Bill, Prohibition, and a proposal to develop the Water-powers, but it was not his intention to follow him in the details of his speech. When the proposed legislation was brought down in the House there would be further opportunity to discuss those matters. He could not have taken part in the debate but for the reference made by the hon. member to a case which came under the scope of the Attorney General's Department. He felt that the attack which the hon. member had made on Commissioner McQueen was unfair and unmanly, and in making that attack it did not seem as if the hon. member was as anxious to preserve the rules of debate and the dignity of the House as he professed to be.

MR. CROCKET moved the adjournment of the debate, which was made the order of the day for tomorrow at three p. m.

Adjourned at 11.05 p. m.

## PEACH TREES IN BLOSSOM

Sayville, March 12—Long Island's early truck growers are already plowing; garden shrubs show swelling buds ground moles are nosing subways through croquet grounds and the frogs and crickets are already tuning up for the early spring jubilee.

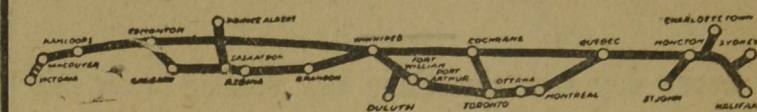
Plainfield, Conn., March 12—Blossoms were found on sixty trees in one peach orchard in Canterbury today; trailing arbutus is in bloom in Voluntown, Sterling and West Greenwich; peach tree blooms have been reported in Ledyard, Groton and Franklin; pussy willows are full grown.

Robins have been seen in places and returning wild geese appear as sure signs of an early spring.

Middletown, N. Y., March 12—Fishing for suckers in the Wallkill River, near here, is being rewarded with some very fine catches. Fishermen say that the season is six weeks earlier than usual.

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