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THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The debate on the budget, which has been going on in the Legislature for the past ten days, was completed at a late hour last evening. The opposition, although they criticized the administration of affairs and made a lot of insinuating talk, did not have the courage to come forward with an amendment to the motion to go into supply, and consequently the motion of the Hon. Provincial Secretary passed without division.

In the budget debate members of the House are given wide latitude for the discussion of public questions, and the opposition, it is needless to say, availed themselves of that privilege to the fullest extent. Their leader, Mr. Murray, in his speech on the Address, declared that there had been wrong-doing in connection with road expenditures, and that he had "thousands of concrete cases" which he would bring up when the proper time arrived. As evidence of his bona fides, he cited the case of a Kings county man who had been paid the infinitesimal sum of one dollar for ditching a road, which had been charged to permanent account instead of to the ordinary road account. If the opposition leader has thousands of other concrete cases, he did not deem it worth while to make mention of the fact in his speech on the budget.

The opposition leader, in opening the debate on the budget, undertook to criticize the new system of keeping the provincial accounts. He fell into a very deep hole, from which it fell to the lot of Hon. C. W. Robinson to extricate him. Profiting by the unfortunate experience of their leader, other opposition speakers who followed Mr. Murray, wisely steered clear of the rock on which he had come to grief.

The government emerged from the debate with flying colors. The criticism from the opposition benches was shallow and ineffective. They had no real case against the administration and had to content themselves by indulging in cheap insinuations and innuendos. The opposition fully realize that the graft and trickery which characterized their administration of affairs has queered them with the people, and that there is little chance of their being returned to power for another twenty-five years at least. As public men they are in the down-and-out class, and it will be necessary for them to be born again before they will be able to command any great measure of public confidence.

AN OPPOSITION COME BACK.

The opposition in the Legislature, the lineal descendants (politically) of the men who whitewashed Flemming, covered up a crooked transaction in connection with a shipment of patriotic potatoes, condoned numerous acts of wrong-doing by Martin Robichaud, Col. Sheridan and A. H. Stewart, M. P. P.'s, after they had been condemned by a royal commission, have suddenly become exceedingly virtuous. Yesterday they sought by resolution to censure Hon. P. J. Veniot and Mr. J. G. Robichaud, because of some irregularities in connection with road work in the County of Gloucester. It was a fine bit of stage play put on by way of retaliation for the vote of censure on four of their number, adopted last week, but it did not go down with the House. The government supporters saw through the little game and promptly bowled out the resolution. It was a childish act on the part of the opposition, designed for the purpose of drawing a herring across the trail, but it deceived nobody in the House and it will deceive nobody in the country. If the members of the opposition really want to do something just now that will cause people to sit up and take notice, they should lose no time in beginning the housecleaning process in their own ranks. In no other way can they give evidence of sincerity in their desire to purge the public life of the country.

Hon. Dr. Taylor, a hitherto silent member for Charlotte, had the last word in the budget debate in the Legislature. The genial doctor is one of those who climbed on board of the old ship of state just before it was torpedoed and sent to the bottom by an outraged electorate. Like some of his colleagues, he entered the government well charged with good intentions, and no doubt had he been given half a chance would long ere this have accomplished great things on behalf of the people. In his address he discussed with fluency the roads, the Central Railway and other threadbare topics, but, to the great disappointment of the House and galleries, neglected to define his position on the all-absorbing question of woman suffrage. Nevertheless the country should be grateful to the doctor for having closed a debate which had been too long drawn out.

Because he permitted a few cartloads of mud to be thrown on his land, Mr. B. Frank Smith and his opposition colleagues in the Legislature yesterday tried to have passed a vote of censure on Mr. John G. Robichaud of Gloucester. Last week, when a motion was before the House to censure four members who had dumped mud on the good name of the province, every member of the opposition voted against it. Their action of yesterday would seem to indicate that already they are showing signs of repentance for the vote cast on the McClelland report.


Discretion, like repartee, has to be ready. A grand duke in Russia is a poor insurance risk. Old Commonsense forever preaches; never made a joke in its life. Speaking of those old portraits of Queen Elizabeth—wasn't she the ruff-neck? It's a pity a man can't dispose of his experience at cost—or even a little less.

The average girl finds it difficult to explain why she loves one man more than another. Anyhow, does she? A credulous woman is one who believes a dentist when he promises not to hurt her. The architectural fault with the air-castles girls build is that there are no kitchens and stationary tubs.

It is very hard to admit that those younger than yourself have more common sense. While lovely woman is climbing back into hobble skirts, the world is striving earnestly to discard its other hobbies. When it comes to dispensing flattery, the photographer has other men beaten a city block.

Pastor Inducted

There was a large gathering of people at the church at Manners Sutton Tuesday evening despite the disagreeable weather and very bad condition of the roads, the occasion being the induction of Rev. J. F. McKay into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Harvey and Acton. The meeting was in charge of Rev. W. W. Townsend of Fairville, Moderator of the St. John Presbytery who presided and inducted. Rev. M. J. Macpherson of Stanley addressed the minister and Rev. D. McGuire of McAdam spoke to the people. The addresses were of a high order and were very much appreciated. Mr. McKay who has been minister of the congregation for over four years resigned the charge last fall to take a course of study at New York. He returned about the New Year and when the congregation learned that he was to go into the ministry again it lost no time in recalling him. Mr. McKay who has been supplying the pulpit here for some weeks has with Mrs. McKay moved into the manse at Manners Sutton.



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CIRCUIT HAS BEEN FORMED FOR N.B. TRACKS

P. S. WATSON ATTENDED MEETING AT MONCTON

The Fredericton Track Will Open June 30th, but the Circuit Will Open at Moncton.

P. S. Watson of Devon returned this morning from Moncton where yesterday he represented the Fredericton Park Association at a meeting of representatives of the race tracks of New Brunswick when a harness racing circuit for 1919 was formed.

The chairman of the meeting was S. D. Heckbert, of Chatham, while A. P. Ryan, of St. John, acted as secretary. A secret ballot was taken on the dispute between Fredericton and Moncton respecting the official opening meeting of the circuit and Moncton won. It was agreed, however, that Fredericton could go on with its meeting on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd., the horses from this track joining the circuit at Chatham the following week.

Officers Elected

A permanent organization was formed with the following officers: President, S. D. Heckbert, Chatham; Vice-President, P. S. Watson, Fredericton; Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Ryan, St. John; Additional members of executive, G. Hopkins, Springhill, N. S.; A. B. Etter, Sackville; P. A. Belliveau, Moncton; Walter Fairweather, Sussex; W. H. Keys, St. Stephen. All tracks except St. Stephen were represented.

The Circuit

Dates were allotted for this season as follows: Fredericton June 30th, July 1st and 2nd; Moncton July 1st and 2nd; Chatham, July 9th and 10th; Springhill, N. S., July 18th and 19th; Sackville, July 25th and 26th; Sussex August 1st and 2nd; St. John, August 8th and 9th; Moncton, August 15th and 16th; Springhill, N. S., Sept. 1st and 2nd; St. Stephen, Sept. 9th to 13th; Fredericton, Sept. 15th to 18th; Chatham, Sept. 24th to 26th.

Before Police Magistrate

The two young men charged with an attempted break on the drug store of Alonzo Staples were before the Police Magistrate this afternoon and were again remanded until Tuesday at 2.15 when judgement will be given.

Meeting This Evening

A meeting of the Publicity Committee of the Board of Trade is called for this evening to consider several matters of business. One of the matters coming up is the consideration of the map of Fredericton, which is to be put on the back of the envelopes and letter-heads ordered by the merchants of this city. The map is being drafted by Mr. W. E. McMullen of the Crown Land Department and shows Fredericton as a distributing centre.

In the City Today

Major J. J. Bull, of Woodstock passed through the city today from Chatham where he has been attending a meeting of the Soldier Settlement Qualification Board, with Major Kinney, Thomas Colwell of Florenceville, and Mr. William Kerr of the Soldier Settlement Board of St. John. Major Bull stated that a large number of applications had been received from returned soldiers for farms. He stated that the next meeting of the Board would be held in St. John on Friday, April the eleventh.

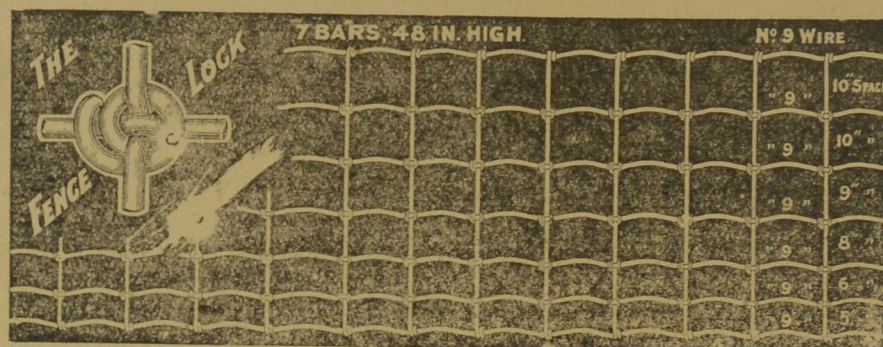
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A Sheffield Man

Among the visitors to the city this week was Capt. George W. Jewett, who recently returned from overseas. He joined a Railway Construction Corps at Montreal two years ago as a lieutenant and won promotion to the rank of captain. He is a half brother of Mr. E. B. Yerxa of this city and is well known here. Capt. Jewett left Thursday for Sheffield on a visit to his old home.

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