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SOME EXCELLENT SPEECHES ON THE BUDGET DEBATE

Hon. J. P. Burchill Praises the Administrative Record of the Government—The Application of Business Methods to Provincial Affairs Meets With His Cordial Approval—Hon. Dr. Smith Ably Defends His Department from Attacks by Opposition Critics.

The debate on the budget is still dragging along in the Legislature, but it seems likely that the end will be reached some time during the present week. The list of Speakers yesterday included Mr. Guptill of Charlotte, Hon. J. P. Burchill, of Northumberland, Mr. Hunter of York, Dr. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, and Mr. Dickson of Kings.

Hon. Mr. Burchill was in good form and delivered one of the best speeches heard in the Assembly this session. In the course of his remarks he devoted some attention to opposition insinuations regarding a contribution of \$3,000, which he is alleged to have made to the Flemming timber land fund. He turned the tables neatly on his critics by pointing out that in the now famous white-wash resolution which they placed on the records of the House, when in power, they had declared that there had been nothing wrong with the timber land transaction.

Hon. Dr. Smith delivered an excellent speech, and ably defended the administration of his department from the attacks made by opposition critics.

Mr. Melanson of Kent moved the adjournment of the debate, which was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Assembly Chamber,
April 1, 1919.

The House met at four o'clock. HON. MR. VENIOT presented a petition for the passage of an act to enable the town council of Bathurst to effect temporary loans.

MR. MAGEE presented a petition for the passage of a bill relating to the Town of Sackville.

HON. MR. MURRAY presented a petition from the trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Blackville, for the passage of an act to amend the act incorporating the Presbytery of the Miramichi so far as it relates to the McLaggan trust.

MR. KING presented the petition of Dr. Simons and others for the passage of an act incorporating the N. B. Veterinary Association.

MR. MERSEREAU introduced a bill entitled An Act relating to the New Brunswick Power Company. He explained that the bill was based on a report of a commission named by the Hon. Premier and the hon. leader of the opposition, to inquire into matters relating to the said power company.

HON. MR. SMITH introduced a bill to reform a Crown Land grant made to one John Vickers of Blackville. He explained that the grantee was now dead and it had been decided to reform the grant to the province.

HON. MR. MURRAY introduced a bill to ratify and confirm an issue of \$300,000 of 6 per cent debentures authorized by order-in-council in July last.

HON. MR. SMITH introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Crown timber lands. He explained that the act of 1913, which provided for the classification of the timber lands, contained a provision wherein in case it was found that a licensee held more lands than were needed to supply his mills, a portion of the same could be taken from him. The original act prevented action from being taken until the classification had been completed. It was proposed by the amendment to change that feature of the act.

MR. TILLEY called attention to the bill which had been introduced by the hon. member from Sunbury. He said it related to the New Brunswick Power Company, and he did not approve of the way it had been introduced. If it was a government bill it should have been brought forward by a member of the administration; if a private bill it should first have been referred to the Standing Rules committee.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that the bill was a rather strange one. It could not be introduced by petition because the City of St. John did not want it, and the same reason applied to the New Brunswick Power Company. The bill was based on a report from the commission appointed under an act of last session and was before the House for consideration. The government had nothing whatever to do with it. The hon. member for Sunbury had consulted him with reference to the bill and had agreed to introduce it as a private measure. The act provided that there should be a bill. Perhaps the hon. member for St. John could suggest some other method for dealing with the situation.

MR. TILLEY said that if the word "shall" was used in the act of last session it was the duty of the government to introduce the bill. If the word "may" was used, it was not

compulsory that action should be taken.

HON. MR. FOSTER said it was not a government bill, and if the hon. member raised an objection to it he would ask that the bill be withdrawn.

MR. MERSEREAU said that under the circumstances he was willing to withdraw the bill.

MR. TILLEY said that the bill was a very important one and he wanted it introduced in proper form. He wanted no chance for technicalities in connection with it. Perhaps the chairman of the Standing Rules committee would suggest a proper course to be pursued. The bill was an important one and if placed before the House in improper form the responsibility would rest upon the Hon. Premier.

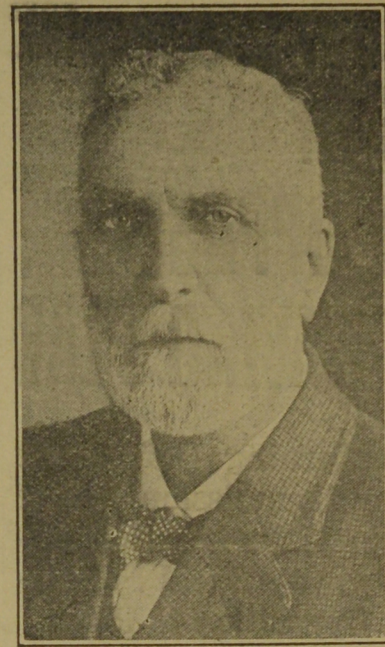
HON. MR. FOSTER said that the only reason he had asked for the withdrawal of the bill was that the matter might be looked into and the proper form for introducing it decided upon.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that the bill was now properly before the House.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) moved, pursuant to notice, that the report of the Hon. Minister of Public Works on the Shippegan Road investigation be made the order of the day for Thursday.

MR. GUPTILL rose and continued the debate until adjournment at six o'clock.

MR. BURCHILL on the House resuming at 8.30 p. m. rose to continue the debate on the budget. He said he wished to add his tribute of respect to the late Clerk of the Legislature. When he entered the House in 1883 the late George J. Bliss filled the position of Clerk with the late John Richards as Clerk assistant. When



HON. J. P. BURCHILL

Mr. Bliss died Henry B. Rainsford became Clerk and Mr. Richards continued as assistant until his death, when he was succeeded by the late Mr. Diblee. He had found the late Clerk most efficient and agreeable in the discharge of his duties, and he felt sure that all hon. members regretted his untimely death. He approved of the remarks made by the Hon. Provincial Secretary Treasurer in reference to the great war. He (Burchill) while not wishing to detract from the credit due the Army and Navy desired to bear testimony to the splendid service of the Merchant Marine. They had looked after the transportation of troops and had manned the ships which carried the food supplies to the men overseas. They had braved

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Some hon. members opposite had complained of the brevity of the budget speech. In his (Burchill's) opinion that was a matter for which his hon. colleague was deserving of commendation. There was no occasion for flights of oratory, as all the people

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