

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, for the passing of an Act to enable the Town of Devon to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of any Company that may establish any manufacturing industry in the Town of Devon.

Dated February 24th, 1919.

(L.S.) (Sd.) GILBERT HENRY, Mayor.

Sd. W.M. JAFFREY, Town Clerk.

FARM FOR SALE

The desirable farm property at Lower Caverhill, Parish of Queensbury, York County, owned and occupied by Henry Hallett, is now offered for sale. The farm consists of 150 acres, 125 of which are cleared and the balance is in woodland. The buildings include a nice dwelling house, three good barns and outbuildings. The farm is well watered and in a good state of cultivation. For further particulars apply to

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MR. MELANSON OF KENT
SCORES THE OPPOSITION

Contributes Fighting Speech to the Debate on the Budget—
An Effective Reply to Opposition Criticism—Thinks the
Members of the House are Poorly Paid for Their Services—Mr. B. F. Smith Has the Nerve to Criticize the
Business Methods of the Government.

Assembly Chamber, April 2, 1919.
The House met at three o'clock.

MR. BURCHILL presented the report of the committee on Standing Rules.

Notices of inquiry were given as follows:

By MR. SMITH (Carleton): As to expenditures on the Campbell Bridge, Parish of Dalhousie, Restigouche County; as to expenditures on the Upsalquitch River Road in the County of Restigouche; as to whether the government knew that a false statement was posted by Supervisor Henry McIntyre in his district in Restigouche; as to the expenditures made by Henry McIntyre on a sewer leading from his own house in Restigouche County; as to expenditures made on the Henderson Bridge, Restigouche County and as to payments to Paul Dugal and Charles Parker for road work in Restigouche.

HON. MR. VENIOT introduced a bill to authorize the Town of Bathurst to issue temporary loans.

HON. MR. FOSTER for Hon. Mr. Roberts, introduced a bill to amend the act providing for the government of St. John by an elective commission.

MR. MAGEE introduced a bill relating to the Town of Sackville.

HON. MR. MURRAY introduced a bill to vest certain property devised by Alex. McLaggan in the Miramichi Presbytery.

MR. LEBLANC introduced a bill to authorize the Town of Campbellton to assess in aid of the Hotel Dieu Hospital; also a bill relating to the Town of Campbellton, and a bill further relating to the said Town.

MR. CAMPBELL introduced a bill to enlarge the fire districts for police purposes in the Parish of Lancaster.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Railway Act, also a bill to amend the Trustee Act being Chapter 162 of the Consolidated Statutes.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) thought the House should have some explanation in regard to the government bills introduced by the Hon. Attorney General.

HON. MR. BYRNE said he quite agreed with the remark made by the hon. member. He explained that one of the bills he had introduced was to

amend the Trustee Act so as to enable trust funds to be invested in bonds of the Dominion of Canada. With reference to the Railway Act it was proposed to vest the power of appointing arbitrators in the County Court Judges. The object of doing that was to save expense. The other provisions of the Act were unchanged.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1918. He explained that the amendment would deal with cases wherein the right of action existed prior to the passage of the act of last session. There was no provision in the act for conserving those claims. Inasmuch as a question might arise with reference to the recovery from accidents before the passage of the act it was proposed to arrange that proceedings could be carried on under the act. His attention had been called to a case in St. John where a man had been injured under the old act and had died after the new act had come into force. It was proposed by the amendment to provide a remedy for cases of that kind.

HON. MR. ROBINSON introduced a bill relating to sewers and marsh lands in the Parish of Hopewell. He said that the object of the measure was to increase the allowance to commissioners and to enable them to appoint an auditor.

HON. MR. ROBINSON introduced a bill relating to the Regents of Mount Allison University.

HON. MR. SPEAKER announced that the House would take recess to allow the committee on Municipalities to meet.

HON. MR. VENIOT on the House resuming, gave notice of motion for Monday next to the effect that it would be deemed inexpedient in future for Municipalities in fixing the valuations for assessment purposes and in granting exemption from taxation to industries to exempt such industries from the payment of school taxes.

Motion Pictures

HON. MR. FOSTER announced that Mr. B. E. Norris, Supt. of publicity for the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa was in the City and would exhibit Moving Pictures at the Gaiety Theatre beginning at ten o'clock p. m. He proposed asking the Hon. Speaker to adjourn the House at that hour so that hon. members could have an opportunity to see the pictures. He said that the pictures were taken in the other Provinces and depicted scenes relating to the development of their natural resources. He would say that it was the intention of the Government to have pictures taken in New Brunswick showing lumbering, mining and other scenes, so that the Province might get the benefit of the advertising scheme which had been adopted by other Provinces. The pictures would be shown at the Gaiety Theatre and he trusted that all hon. members and their friends would be present.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair to resume at 8.30 p. m.

Mr. Melanson's Speech

MR. MELANSON on the order of the day being called after recess continued the debate on the budget. He extended congratulations to Hon. Mr. Speaker on the able and impartial manner in which he was discharging his duties. He also extended congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address and to the Hon. Provincial Secretary Treasurer on his excellent statement of the financial position of the province. He spoke feelingly of the death of the late Clerk, George Y. Diblee and paid a tribute to his memory.

Continuing, he said he had been surprised at the attempt made by the Hon. Leader of the opposition to make it appear that the government's financial statement was misleading. He (Melanson) had looked carefully over the statement and was satisfied that it correctly represented the financial condition of the province. Considering the financial statements which had been presented during the term of the old administration he was not surprised that the Hon. Leader of the opposition had been lost for a moment when he examined the statement of the present government. Hon. members opposite had been very generous with their criticism but were not willing to give the government any credit for the results achieved, especially by the Department of Agriculture. Hon. members opposite had complained of the Game Law and had found fault because the Government had stopped the sale of game. He wanted to say that the government's object in enacting that legislation was to protect the game and the opposition had supported it. The Hon. Leader of the opposition had told of information which he had received concerning violations of the game law. If he had that information it was his duty to turn it over to the Department of Lands and Mines and call for an investigation. But as his object was to make political capital against his op-

ponents he had not adopted that course.

With reference to the Valley Railway he would admit that members of both parties had supported the project in 1912. But what could be said about the year 1914 when a second guarantee of bonds was made. That bond issue had been made at a time when serious charges were hanging over the head of the then leader of the government. Surely his hon. friends would not say that the former opposition was responsible for that. The gift of patriotic potatoes to the mother land was a good idea but a mistake was made in buying those potatoes from nobody but supporters of the government. Having done that they could not blame the Liberals for the blunders that had been committed in connection with that transaction. The Fleming-Berry Timber Land Fund was another transaction for which hon. members opposite could not blame their opponents. The hon. member for Carleton had referred to political scandals in Manitoba and British Columbia. Those scandals had resulted in a change of government, and the same thing had happened in New Brunswick. The hon. member had also referred to the Public Health Act and had stated that he had not much criticism to offer. He (Melanson) was sure the government had taken every precaution to keep politics out of that Act. The Boards of Health appointed under the act consisted of five members all of whom served without remuneration. The Municipalities appointed three of the members and the Board appointed its own Secretary.

The Hon. member for York in discussing the roads, had mentioned the fact that \$64,000 had been expended in the County of Westmorland. Although Kent County had received less money than Westmorland he (Melanson) could congratulate the Hon. Minister of Public Works on the good work accomplished by his Department. He felt sure that if hon. members would visit Kent County they would find good roads, not only in connection with the main highways but also in the outlying districts of the County. Under the old highway act the supervisors collected the road tax and were paid at the rate of \$3.50 per day. Quite often a whole day would be spent in collecting less than his day's wages. The Hon. Minister of Public Works had been justified in changing the law and putting the Supervisors on a commission basis.

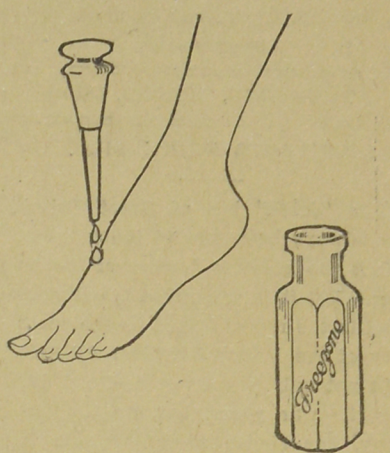
In regard to a permanent road policy he said that one had been enunciated by the present government when in opposition, but in 1917 it had been stolen by hon. members opposite, who after nine years in office had been unable to prepare a policy of their own. The government's road policy was put into operation last year and was giving every satisfaction. The old government in the spring of 1917 had clung to office 34 days after being defeated at the polls. They made no effort to obtain seed for the farmers as the officials of the Department had been too busily engaged in political affairs. Considering their own record they had a right to offer criticism of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture. He had heard it said by responsible men that the present government had done more for the farmers than any previous administration. The creamery established at Moncton was giving every satisfaction and was much appreciated by the farmers of Kent County for whom it provided a market for butter. The Hon. member for York had criticized the Hon. Minister of Agriculture for having sold seed oats on a cash basis. Last year hon. members opposite had criticized the Minister for selling oats and taking notes in exchange so it was pretty hard to please them.

MR. HUNTER—I did not criticize the Minister of Agriculture.

MR. MELANSON—That's good! Continuing, he said the Hon. member for Kings had complained of the government for not appointing a judge to conduct the patriotic potato inquiry. He had said that Commissioner McQueen had been too partisan. He (Melanson) would like to point out that Commissioner Friel was a partisan of the present administration yet they had made no complaint against him along that line. Perhaps it was because his report had partly met their views. The Hon. member for Kings had referred to the Central Railway Inquiry and had stated that somebody had retained money belonging to the province. He (Melanson) was under the impression that some other person had money in his pocket belonging

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to the province and was keeping it there. If the old government in 1908 was satisfied that money had been wrongfully taken from the Central Railway they should have demanded that it be refunded. Why did they not do as the present government was doing and take steps to secure its recovery? Members of the present government had promised when in opposition that they would take steps to recover monies wrongfully taken from the province and they were keeping that promise.

Some criticism had been made by hon. members opposite with regard to the patriotic tax of last year. When that legislation was passed the war was still going on and nobody knew when it would end. The assessment had been made on the different counties and it had not all been expended. He could assure hon. members opposite that the balance would not be used to cover up a shortage on patriotic potatoes but would be expended in the interests of the people. He endorsed what had been said concerning the meagre salaries paid to school teachers but he wanted it understood that there were other public servants in the province who were poorly paid.

He had reference to the hon. Members of the Legislature. If they were not worth more than \$500 a year they were no good at all. The sum of \$1000 today did not have the purchasing value greater than \$500 had four years ago. He felt sure that all hon. members would agree that they were not sufficiently paid.

Hon. members opposite complained that the government was not doing enough for returned soldiers. He would like to know what they had done in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917 when they were in power. The answer was simple. They had done nothing. Now they were trying to make it appear that they were friends of the returned men, but the soldiers could not be bluff.

He could heartily endorse what had been said by other hon. members with reference to the Great War. All except the Germans and their Allies were pleased that it was over. They had been told that the war would bring about a greater unity of races and he regretted that there were men who seemed to take delight in trying to create discord. He could say for the Acadians in answer to the Hon. member from St. John (Potts) that they were not trying to dominate anybody. If his hon. friend were living in Prince Edward Island it might be difficult for him to support the Tory Government of that province as it was led by an Acadian. Still as the Premier belonged to the Tory party he would probably get around it some way and fall into line. He wished to thank hon. members for the careful attention

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Mount Allison Memorial Library
Campaign April 15

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- (2) To commemorate the war service of all Mount Allison men and women. Their names and war records will be suitably recorded.
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