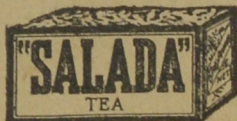


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MR. BAXTER'S ATTACK ON COMMISSIONER McQUEEN

(St. John Times)

It is expected that the McQueen report will be tabled in the legislature this week. In anticipation of the findings of the commissioner he has been subjected to savage attack, and it is therefore well to point out that it is not Commissioner McQueen who is on trial. That gentleman is not a member of the legislature. He has not been charged with or suspected of any improper conduct as a representative of the people. He was simply authorized to secure sworn evidence regarding the activities of certain members of the legislature and other persons associated with them, and submit a report on the same. The evidence taken has been published. It amazed and shocked the people of the whole province. It proved that certain public men had been guilty of conduct the exposure of which should have been followed immediately by their withdrawal from public life. They have not resigned their seats, however, but appear to have decided to defy public sentiment and go on as if they had been exonerated instead of exposed and condemned. It is not at all necessary to wait for the McQueen report to form a judgment on their acts. With

the sworn evidence before them the people judged and judged aright. The bringing down of the report is merely interesting because after it has been produced the members of the opposition party who are not involved in its finding must stand up to be counted as men who condemn or who have decided to be apologists for the wrongdoers. The people at large want to know whether patriotism or partisanship is the stronger passion in the breasts of these gentlemen, and their action after the McQueen report comes down will be the answer. This province has acquired a most unenviable reputation in regard to its politics. The other provinces will judge it by what the legislature does with the McQueen report and the members whose conduct made that report necessary. This is by far the most serious matter to come before the House during the present session. It goes to the root of everything that relates to public men and public measures. No long speeches or solemn protestations can obscure the glaring facts brought out in sworn testimony. The issue cannot be dodged. Is the legislature to be purged, or political wrong-doing winked at by those elected by the people

COL. BISHOP OPERATED ON

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Colonel William A. Bishop, famous Canadian aviator, was operated upon for appendicitis here last night. He was stricken as he was preparing to deliver an address. Early today his condition was reported to be satisfactory.

When a man tells a widow that he is not worthy of her she mildly denies it—but doesn't argue the point.

By the time the average man gets old enough to have common sense he is too old to use it to any advantage.

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Hindenburg says he was forced into the war against his will. He'll be telling us next that he never invited himself to eat Christmas dinner in Paris.

Bolshevists are said to be shooting manufacturers of vodka. An American who has tasted vodka says the punishment fits the crime.

to give the province clean and honest government? The answer to this question lies with the members on both sides of the house. It is not, as an ordinary bill before the house might be, a matter for argument and two sets of opinions equally worthy of respect. It is a simple question of right and wrong, and should be settled in such a way that no future legislators would care to risk a similar exposure and penalty. We should reconstruct our politics as the very step in bringing about a better state of affairs in New Brunswick. The government, that has the courage to inflict the penalty wherever wrong-doing is exposed within its jurisdiction will not only command public approval but confer an immense benefit upon the province. Too long the sneering comment, "They're all alike," has been current in our politics. A very grave responsibility now rests, not only upon the government, but upon the members of the house. The people will judge them by their acts.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS IN THE HOUSE

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mittee's visit had been given. The superintendent of the Sanatorium had been notified at least one week in advance and it was with great surprise that the members of the committee on the morning of their arrival at the institution learned that the Superintendent had left a few hours before. They could only interview those whom they could find and a Court of Inquiry was conducted which was quite as decorous as the House sometimes was. How else could evidence be secured? This matter wasn't merely one of free beds in the institution. Since its establishment it had a revenue of \$48,000 and had expended upon it \$235,000. It was time for an investigation. He felt sure that the hon. Minister of Agriculture had investigated the farm connected with the sanatorium would have decided at once to stop its operation. No supplies were raised in sufficient quantities to meet the demand of the sanatorium. He realized that the commissioners were busy men who could not give the time they might desire to the running of the institution and they should not take the committee's report too much to heart. The report was justified in every particular. The arrangement with the Dominion was the best under the circumstances and under it some civilian patients might be cared for.

MR. MAGEE—Messrs Sumner and Robinson were notified of our visit and were to have been there.

MR. TILLEY—There was a telephone message to that effect.

MR. MURRAY (Kings)—All I know is that I was not notified.

HON. MR. FOSTER suggested that the committee proceed with the Bill and make more rapid progress.

MR. MAGRATH asked concerning the buildings available for use.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) replied that the original sanatorium was available the stables having been rebuilt for use by the Dominion Department.

HON. MR. VENIOT objected to a section relating to the repairing of a road between River Glade and the Sanatorium. Under that section the Department of Public Works would be compelled to repair that road and no other, for this Act would be the only authority under which the Comptroller General would permit expenditures. In spite of what was in this Bill the Military authorities were pressing for the construction of a road to Petitcodiac and the abandoning of the road mentioned except as an ordinary road.

MR. MCGRATH said that care should be taken that this road would not be a sink hole as the institution had been. The sanatorium was to be taken over from the Province and he believed that the financial burden would gradually become lower, for as far as tuberculosis was concerned people were getting to depend more on common sense home treatment. That was the case everywhere. The sanatorium craze was subsiding. This particular institution had had an educational value but the value of the treatment in any sanatorium was not so great as advertised.

MR. MAGEE called the attention of the Minister of Public Works to an application of the people of Petitcodiac for the construction of a road to Elgin which could be used in connection with the sanatorium.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said a survey of that road should be made, but an agreement already signed could not be altered.

HON. MR. VENIOT said if the bill was passed with this section as it was he would stick to the act and spend money on no other road but that mentioned. There was nothing else could do.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said it would be easy to add a new section to the Act.

HON. MR. BYRNE said he anticipated no trouble in dealing with this matter.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said the Minister of Public Works had announced the construction of a new concrete culvert at Simpson Hill which would make the road passable for motor traffic.

HON. MR. VENIOT said he did not propose to spend money on two roads when one would do. Similar things had happened before and he had received criticism as a result. He did not want to be bound. The military authorities had applied for a new road and a survey would be made providing for a short cut through the woods. He did not want to be forced in this matter for he would have to be the final judge. If the section were left as it stood he would try and find some way.

The bill was agreed to with amendment.

The Committee took up consideration of an act to amend the Registry Act.

HON. MR. FOSTER moved for an addition of a new clause 3, which was added.

The bill was adopted as amended.

The Committee took up consideration of an act to provide for an annuity to Charles Sterling Brannen.

The bill was agreed to.

The committee took up consideration of an act to ratify the investment of municipal and school sinking funds in Dominion of Canada Victory Bonds.

The bill was agreed to.

The four bills were reported.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) asked the Hon. Provincial Secretary when the Auditor General's report would be brought down.

HON. MR. MURRAY—Right now.

HON. MR. MURRAY laid on the table of the House the report of the Auditor General for the last fiscal year, the report of James McQueen, Esquire, a royal commissioner appointed to conduct an investigation in connection with the Patriotic Potato gift, together with the evidence, and the report of James Friel, Esquire, a royal commissioner appointed to conduct an investigation into charges against the Hon. William Currie, together with the evidence.

The House adjourned at 6 p. m.

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