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MASTERLY SPEECH BY THE HON. MR. VENIOT YESTERDAY—CRUSHING REPLY TO OPPOSITION CRITICS

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or heavy. Last year teams and men had to be secured at St. Stephen for road work on Grand Manan. The men were busy at the fisheries and would not devote the time to road work. The hon. member had criticized the Department previously, although admitting that work had been done last year. Did he want the Department again to go to the mainland for men and teams.

The criticism of over-expenditure was unfair and partizan. If he (Veniot) had been guilty of what hon. members opposite had done, he would have reason for feeling ashamed. From 1911 to 1917 there was not a year that the former administration had not had a larger over-expenditure and larger deficit than in 1919. The accounts of the Department showed that in 1916 bills amounting to thousands of dollars had reached the Department and their dates had been altered in the handwriting of the Hon. ex-Minister of Public Works, so as to avoid showing a deficit of more than \$200,000. His hon. friends had shown the white feather for they knew that this could be brought against them. He would carry the war into the enemy's camp. He would ask the Hon. ex-Minister to explain why he changed dates from August and September to November.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) "You will hear it alright."

HON. MR. VENIOT said the hon. member might be able to explain in some way but he could not deny. In 1918 he had sent the documents to him and placed them in his hands, but when he (Smith) spoke he ignored the matter. The hon. member probably would carefully word his expressions in making his explanations. It might be remembered that on a memorable occasion he had said to Counsel "Did you notice how carefully I worded that?" In 1916 there had been an over-expenditure without legislative authority of \$210,000 on Permanent Bridges and a total of similar over-expenditure of \$450,000 during the five months that the Hon. ex-Minister had held office. True it was that part of this was expended on Special Roads, but they had been built in November and December. The Hon. ex-Minister had attempted to say that he was not responsible for all that over-expenditure but there was nothing in the records to show that all that money was not expended in his term of office. Yet hon. gentlemen opposite could hold up their hands in holy horror at an over-expenditure in 1919. He did not offer this for an excuse, for he would not remain in the Government which would refuse to meet the requirements of public safety on the recommendation of its engineers and the Minister of Public Works. This Government, however, was not of that type.

He recalled a matter of \$216,000 which had been carried over by the previous government, and charged to bridges in Kent County. He remembered hearing Hon. H. F. McLeod in his budget speech laying down the principle that this amount should not be regarded as a deficit because it was to be paid out of ordinary revenue in the following year. But ordinary revenue did not pay that amount next year, and it was carried on and on until 1917, when the Auditors employed to discover the state of provincial finances found that amount still uncared for. That this was the ordinary practice of the previous administration had been recognized even by the St. John Standard, which had said that the present premier probably would be sorry that the new form of book-keeping made it impossible for him to conceal deficits as the old government had done.

Another matter which the gentlemen opposite had harped upon had been the increase in capital expenditures, but the gentlemen opposite were not stating the facts and they knew that they were not stating the facts when they said that the present government was responsible for all of this increase. When the government changed in 1917 it had been found that the previous administration had contracted numerous and large liabilities in the matter of the construction of permanent bridges, under contracts so loosely worded and which so inadequately protected the province that it was possible for contractors to abandon their contracts and receive payment for all the work they had done with no protection for completion of the work. Numerous bridge contracts awarded by the old government had been thrown up by the contractors; in Moncton a pier of the

bridge was found to be unsafe and had to be rebuilt, additional work had to be done on the bridge at the Reversing Falls, St. John; in many other cases work had been done but had not been paid for, and the incoming administration had to meet the bills. It was found that in all, the sum of \$696,914 had been paid out to meet such obligations incurred by the old government. He was not blaming that government for undertaking the work, but he could not understand why the members opposite should accuse the present government of increasing the provincial debt by the payment of bills incurred by a previous administration.

The present government had borrowed \$1,300,000 for special bridge work, but of that amount the previous government was responsible for \$896,914.

If it were not the expenditures on bridges, it was the bonded debt so far as it touched the road work, that the opposition members depended upon when seeking grounds for criticism. He would accept full responsibility for the expenditures on the roads, and he would say that in bonding the province for a couple of million dollars, he had not imposed a burden without providing means for relieving it. Provision had been made for the interest and sinking fund, which would be fully met from the Motor Vehicle Tax funds. Did his friends opposite act that way? As an illustration, he would mention the instance of the Patriotic Potato purchase. They had bonded the province to the extent of \$150,000, but had provided no sinking fund. That gift was not to be an expression of the patriotism of the people of the day and no credit should go to the government which made the gift, for they left the burden to their children and their children's children. The people of this province had given of their blood and of their lives to show the loyalty that Canada owed to Britain, while the government of that day had left to future generations the payment of the gift which they had bestowed. It was an insult to the patriotism of the people, that the government had made no provision to liquidate that debt.

His friends of the opposition had been alarmed about the Patriotic Tax which had been placed on the province. When the amount of \$118,000 was raised in excess of the amount required for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, his opposition friends had raised the cry of direct taxation. Had said that this amount was going back into the government coffers, and some even had said that Peter Veniot was spending the amount on the roads. Of this amount a total of \$43,700, had been paid out in interest on the Patriotic Fund payments, for the Returned Soldiers Commission, the Soldiers' Reception Committee, and for similar purposes, leaving a balance of \$75,000 which would be applied to meeting the interest and sinking fund payments for the Patriotic Potato purchase. That was what had become and was to become of the Patriotic Fund.

Coming once more to the road question, he hoped that the hon. gentleman opposite would not say that he spoke on good roads only for personal advertising or to bring himself into the limelight. If hard work assiduous application to duty, and persistency in getting results, led newspapers to give expression to commendation, that should not be used as a reason for blaming the Minister. He had before him numerous newspaper comments, expressing favorable opinions regarding the condition of the roads in the province. Although he appreciated the Mail, he had found peculiar pleasure in the favorable comments of the St. John Standard and the Fredericton Gleaner. He had been a newspaper man for twenty-five years, and he felt that if he were writing editorials condemning the minister of public works he would have exercised care that comment of the opposite tenor should not appear in the news columns of the paper. The Gleaner had vigorously attacked the government on many issues, but so far that paper had been able to lay aside partisanship in expressing approval of the good work done on the roads. The St. John Standard when forced to praise the good roads leading out of St. John gave all the credit to the contractors with no intimation that the government had been concerned in the construction of the roads.

He had also received both verbally and by letter expressions of commendation from many gentlemen who were in a position to judge of the present condition of the roads in comparison with what they had been in the past. He had received such commendation from such men as Richard C'Leary, R. D. Paterson, S. H. White, the late F. W. Sumner, Senator Jones, P. W. Thomson, W. B. Tennant, Arthur Gagnon, Ex-Mayor Hanson, Harry Smith, Sir Thos. Tait, J. A. Tilton, Lieut-Col. Black, L. W. Simms, and others, not one of those whom he had mentioned being, so far as he knew, a supporter of the present government, but they would cry from the house-tops the results of the good work which had been done on the roads of the province.

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Knights of Pythias from Fredericton, Woodstock, St. Stephen, Moncton and other centres arrived in St. John Tuesday to meet C. S. Davis Supreme Chancellor, of Denver, Col., who arrived at noon from Sherbrooke, Que. He was met by a large delegation of Knights. Mr. Davis is visiting the Provincial Grand Domain in his official capacity. On Wednesday evening he will speak at Halifax.

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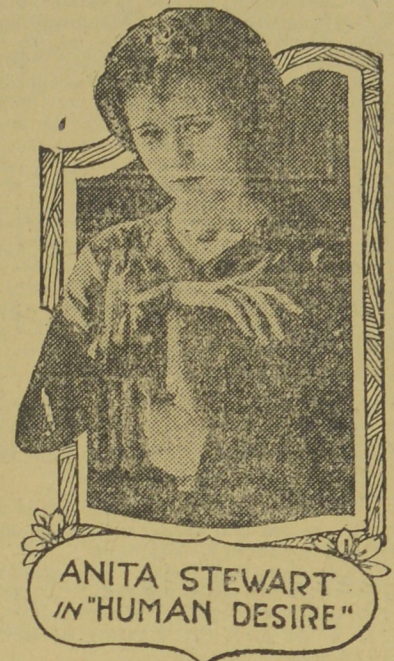
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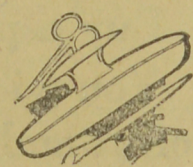
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