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## PREMIER MADE EXPLANATIONS REGARDING EXPENSE INCURRED IN ENTERTAINING THE PRINCE

### EXPENSES REASONABLE FOR LOYAL PURPOSE

No Precedent to Go by Except Visit of Duke of York, Which Had Cost Province \$25,249.63—Governor General and Premier Borden Had Also to be Looked After.

Premier Foster appeared before the Public Accounts committee this morning for the purpose of explaining the accounts in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales which totalled \$11,687.23. Opposition members had questioned some of the items in this account, on the grounds of the size of the items. When the premier had completed his statement the lack of further questions from the opposition members seemed to indicate that they were fully satisfied that there was nothing to criticize.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that in making arrangements for the visit of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Devonshire and Sir Robert Borden, they had been hampered by the fact that the Prince was to land in this province and that therefore they had nothing in the way of precedents or the experiences of other provinces to guide them. Officials came from Ottawa to confer with the Lieut.-Gov. and with the Lieutenant Governor and himself and to indicate what would be expected. The thought of the expense was present in his mind and, for purposes of comparison, he had secured from the Comptroller General a statement of the cost of the visit of the Duke of York the present King. That visit had cost the province \$25,249.63 and he was determined that the amount spent at this time should not reach a figure of that size.

The problem of where to entertain the prince arose as the province does not maintain a government residence and Col. Henderson secretary to the governor general said that on this account the visit of the prince would be limited to one day. The suggestion that the Prince should be entertained at the home of Hon. Mr. Pugsley had been made by Col. Henderson and Sir Joseph Pope who were in charge of the arrangements. He had suggested that the reception should be held in the drill hall or some other public place but they had refused to entertain the idea saying that the Prince would not countenance it. Mayor Hayes had made a trip to Ottawa to protest that in this democratic country the reception should be open to every citizen and he had strongly supported this view but they had not been able to make any impression on the officials in charge of the arrangements.

They had to consider the entertainment of the governor general and Sir John Duden. The Lieutenant Governor was to be received by the premier and his guest at the residence of General Robert Borden. To provide accommodation for the members of the staff and for this purpose the home of Mrs. D. A. Pugsley which adjoins that of the Lieutenant governor was secured.

As it was necessary for the owners to leave the house while it was being prepared and used and as repairs had to be made after the visit some compensation seemed reasonable.

Difficulty had been experienced in securing cars for the Prince and the other guests of the province. It was impossible to borrow enough as every body wanted to use their own cars at that time and it was necessary to secure satisfactory conveyance for the prince. They had found it necessary to purchase a car and had secured a good one. The car had cost \$4391.70 and had sold it for \$4100. less commission on sale.

Materials Were Scarce  
They also had difficulty in securing materials for decorations and had to scour the country to find them. The name of his firm appeared in this con-

### TIGER CLEMENCEAU IS BACK IN PARIS

(Special to Mail.)  
Paris, April 21.—Former Premier Georges Clemenceau, who has been visiting Egypt for the past two months, arrived here this morning. He was alert and smiling, but avoided interviewers and would not be photographed. He was met at the station by his brother Albert, his daughter, Madame Jacquemaire, and his grandchildren. Many prominent men were present.

## EDMUNDSTON CIVIC ELECTION

Edmundston, April 20.—The civic elections here today resulted as follows:

For Mayor:	
Dr. Emile Simard	133
Dr. P. H. Laporte	117
For Aldermen:	
Ward 1—	
Henry Dube	145
Thomas Viel	126
D. M. Martin	112
E. Salabous	108
Ward 2—	
Elzear Ouellet	230
Jos. N. Thibault	139
Charles Chenard	124
Ward 3—	
Hon. L. A. Dugal	147
J. E. Michaud	131
Dr. A. M. Sormany	114
Ward 4—	
Jos. A. Breau	159
Jos. David	134
R. Nadeau	105
Jos. Tetu	98

Mr. O. M. Perry, one of the business men of Manitoba, was in this city last night.

nection and it was the only place it appeared in the public accounts. In this case those in charge had not been able to secure sufficient materials elsewhere and he had permitted a departure from his rule and had let them have some stock which he had. The weather conditions were hard on the decorations but they had sold what they could, and had kept the rest on hand for future use. Some of it had been used at the ball.

Mr. Jones. That is a good idea. It will be useful again.

A. O. Skinner had supplied the carpets needed and afterwards he had instructed that they be sold at public auction. If they were not satisfied with the return they could ask Mr. Potts about it, as the latter had conducted the sale, but he thought that the price secured was very reasonable, considering the character of the carpet and the usage it had received.

The expense in connection with the governor's grounds were necessary as his honor had not kept up large grounds and considerable work was required to transform the area required. The money was paid to the man who did the work, and while it had seemed high to him, it was difficult to get any work done in Rothsäy.

The cost of catering at the Union Club and at Rothesay had not appeared to be unreasonable to him.

Mr. Jones agreed with this.

Entitled to Thanks

The premier said that in view of all that the Lieutenant governor had done at that time to aid the province in providing suitable entertainment for the prince he, (Foster) felt that Hon. Mr. Pugsley was entitled to a vote of thanks from the province.

Mr. Leighton's Bill

The Premier also explained the payment to J. S. Leighton in connection with the patriotic potato investigation. He said that Mr. Leighton had devoted a large amount of time to the investigation of accounts and coming statements, in traveling around the country to interview bankers and shippers and had assisted the government counsel in the preparation of the case and had been present at the investigation for consultation.

Mr. Jones—Mr. Smith said the other day that Mr. Leighton had said that he was going to St. John to get Frank Smith.

Hon. Mr. Foster—I would hardly credit a statement like that to Mr. Leighton.

## BONE DRY RESOLUTION TO COME UP ON TUESDAY; OLD GOVT. HOUSE WILL BE SOLD

Important Matters Before the Legislature Yesterday—Historical Sketch of Old Government House Property—City Has No Legal Right to Pumping Station Lot, But Will Likely Acquire It—Land May Be Given to Hospital—Road Matters Discussed.

The Legislature had another busy day yesterday and the members have the impression that if the present rate of speed is maintained there is nothing to hinder prorogation from taking place either on Friday night or Saturday morning. Some important matters are yet to be disposed of and of course there is the possibility of the session going over until next week. It will depend greatly on the attitude taken by the opposition. The members on both sides, however, appear to be anxious to get to their homes, and there is a feeling that nothing should be done to unduly delay prorogation.

### Old Government House.

A bill to provide for the sale of the Old Government House property in this city was introduced by Premier Foster yesterday and given a first reading. The Premier gave an interesting historical sketch of the property and stated that an offer of \$50,000 had been received for it from the Federal Government and had been accepted. Under the old law it is provided that the money shall be deposited in a bank at interest. The principal can only be used to defray the cost of providing an official residence for the Lieutenant Governor, but the interest may be disposed of as it accumulates.

### Power Bill Agreed To.

The bill to provide for the development of electrical power was further considered yesterday and was agreed to with some amendments suggested by Premier Foster. One of the amendments provides that the Government shall be represented on the commission by a minister without portfolio.

Bills to provide for highway improvements under Federal aid and to fund the receipts from vehicles were considered in committee. Mr. Smith of Carleton offered some criticism of the roads of York county and made a plea in their behalf. He was vigorously replied to by Hon. Mr. Veniot, who reminded the member for Carleton that two wretched pieces of road leading out of Fredericton were under the control of the civic authorities. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale gave notice that he would move on Tuesday, seconded by Mr. Peck, a resolution calling for the prohibition of intoxicating liquor in the house for beverage purposes. The House sat for an hour after recess and put four bills through the committee stage.

## ANGLICAN SYNOD'S FIRST BUSINESS SESSION ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon the first business meeting of the 51st Annual Diocesan Synod of the Church of England was held in the assembly hall of the Y. M. C. A. There were over one hundred present. His Lordship Bishop Richardson had the chair and after prayers the roll of delegates to the Synod was called by Archdeacon Newnam of St. Stephen.

The report of the Standing Committee was taken as printed and considered read. The Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Springhill moved that the Rev. W. B. Williston of Hardwick, who has spent the past eleven years in the foreign missionary field be invited to the platform. This was accordingly done by His Lordship.

Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:—

Chatham Deanery—Archdeacon Forsythe, F. E. Neales.  
Fredericton Deanery—Rev. E. Hailstone, W. W. Hubbard.  
Kingston Deanery—Rev. C. G. Laurence, H. F. Puddington.

Shediac Deanery—Rev. W. Tomalin, C. S. E. Robertson.  
St. Andrews Deanery—Rev. P. G. Cotton, D. F. Maxwell.  
St. John Deanery—Rev. L. A. Foster, J. C. L. Ketchum.

Motion Re Nomination.

Rev. Canon Armstrong introduced a motion regarding the nomination of delegates and members of standing committees and boards, moving that the nomination should take place at some specific time which should be known to all present. This motion was to be considered by a committee composed by the following:—

Rev. Canon Armstrong, Convener; Rev. C. G. Laurence; Very Rev. Dean Neales; F. E. Neill; Col. Montgomery Campbell.

The report of the Standing Committee

## A TORNADO SWEPS OVER THE SOUTHERN STATES CAUSING THE DEATH OF MANY PERSONS

### A PROPERTY LOSS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Communication With Many of the Stricken Districts is Very Difficult—One Town Completely Wiped Out—Many Unidentified Bodies Have Been Recovered.

## EXCISE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED

Ottawa, April, 21.—The imposition of an excise tax by which individuals purchasing goods or articles in excess of a certain price, shall be compelled to pay a percentage over and above toward the treasury is said to be in contemplation by minister of finance. Such a tax is in force in the United States at the present time and is said to act not only as a revenue percentage but as a sumptuary restriction upon extra value taxes. Under the measure if it is introduced certain lines of articles will be stipulated, including dry goods and shoes etc., and it will provide that a percentage be added to each individual article costing above a certain amount.

## MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT

Toronto, Ont., April 21.—Cars of freight entered Sarnia from Port Huron and Chicago for the first time this morning on through freight trains since the opening day of the outlay railroad strike, according to an official statement from Railway headquarters.

Fraser Bill Agreed To.

The Corporations Committee of the Legislature met this morning in private session and agreed to the Fraser Paper Company bill. The promoters and the other lumbering interests on the Tobique River conferred yesterday afternoon and reached an agreement on the points of flowage, sluicing and driving.

Twelve Dead  
Phila., Mass., April 20.—Twelve persons were killed and twenty-five injured today in a tornado which struck the Deemer lumber camp, six miles north of here.

Aberdeen, Miss., April 20.—Ten persons were killed and approximately 100 injured in a tornado which swept through Aberdeen today. The property damage is estimated at \$500,000.

## JOHN PALMER CO. ADOPTS GROUP INSURANCE

C. K. Palmer, manager of The John Palmer Company Limited announced today that that company had adopted group insurance for its employees and that the scheme would go into effect at once. This progressive firm in adopting group insurance is going the same as a number of prominent enterprises have done in this vicinity and elsewhere.

The unmarried employees of both sexes will be insured for five hundred dollars each and the married employees for one thousand dollars each. This will be on a sliding scale increasing one hundred dollars each year until a maximum of \$2,000 is reached. An employee must serve six months before the scheme applies to him.

Steamer Majestic Arrived.  
The steamer Majestic arrived last night from St. John and docked at the foot of Regent street. The Majestic is the first steamer of the season. She left for St. John this morning.  
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