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## MINISTER OF MARINE MAKES A STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON SHIPPING MATTERS

Says the Government Owned Ships Paid Their Way Last Year  
—The Sum of Twenty Million Dollars is Required to Complete the Government's Shipbuilding Program— Liberal Members Offer Some Criticism.

Ottawa, March 23—"It is not often that government-owned services show a profit, but I am very happy to say that although we have only had nineteen vessels and some of them in commission but a short time, our earnings come out on the right side. After providing for new organization which we had to put in when we took over and opened up new routes, and after providing for insurance, we have up to December 31, 1919, gross earnings of \$3,448,036, and net earnings of \$1,406,600. This will provide an interest of five and a half per cent on the government's investment."

The above statement was one of the features of a lengthy speech by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and the naval service, on the progress of Canada's merchant shipbuilding programme, in the house of commons today. Mr. Ballantyne was speaking in support of a vote of \$20,000,000 which appears in the estimates and which the government requires to complete its programme. In the course of his address he covered the ground very fully from the time when the government decided to undertake the creation of a merchant marine until the present day.

In opening his speech Mr. Ballantyne recapitulated the reasons which had prompted the Canadian government to enter the shipbuilding field in the first place. Briefly speaking, these were that the great loss of merchant shipping due to the war had made it desirable for Canada to own and operate her own merchant fleet, and that the acquisition of a transcontinental system of railways by the dominion made it essential.

Dr. Michael Clark, who followed Mr. Ballantyne expressed grave doubt as to the wisdom of the government ship owning and operating policy.

A. B. Copp, Westmorland, complained of lack of detail in Hon. C. C. Ballantyne's statement. The government went into the shipbuilding when the cost of material was high and if statements that they could dispose now of the ships at a profit were true, he would advise such a course being taken. Freight rates were bound to come down and in addition it would rid the country of the burden of financing the project in the future. It would also give private enterprise a chance.

## MORE PAY FOR MILITIAMEN

Ottawa March 23—The Government has decided to increase the pay of officers and men of the Canadian Militia and the new scale will be gazetted tomorrow. The principal change it is learned, is in the pay of the men. Privates of the permanent force heretofore paid \$1.10 per day are increased to \$1.70 and non-commissioned officers proportionately.

In the militia during training men will be raised from \$1. to \$1.25 per day.

Officers both of the permanent force and militia during training will receive an increase equal to 10 per cent. of the old scale.

## TRURO MAY BE THE CENTRE OF AVIATION IN EASTERN CANADA

Truro, N. S., March 23—Truro's opportunity to become the headquarters of the eastern air lines and the centre of commercial aviation in Eastern Canada was discussed at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trade this evening and a committee of six was named to endeavor to raise \$25,000, the necessary amount to achieve this object. The proposition submitted to the Board of Trade by Captain L. E. D. Stevens, vice-president and manager-director of the P. E. Island Aerial Transportation Co., Ltd., was that Truro would be selected as the headquarters if \$25,000 were given to the company or guaranteed in order to enable the company to purchase ground for their aerodrome and erect hangers, buildings, etc., there.

## HON. ROBERT MURRAY WILL BRING DOWN BUDGET IN HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON

A Record Breaking Revenue Estimated for the Coming Year— A Surplus Sufficient to Wipe Out Last Year's Deficit is Predicted—Registry Act Under Discussion in Committee Yesterday Afternoon—Debate Will Last a Week or More.

Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, will table the estimates and bring down the budget in the Legislature this afternoon. It is understood that the receipts for the coming year will be estimated at \$2,829,483.16, and the expenditure at \$2,497,712.64, leaving a surplus of \$331,771.52. This will be more than sufficient to provide for the deficit incurred last year. It is expected that the territorial revenue during the coming year will be close to \$1,500,000, which will establish a new record. Last year it amounted to \$809,500.

It is estimated that the receipts from the motor vehicle tax will during the coming year reach the sum of \$185,000, which will be an increase of \$75,000 over last year.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

In the House yesterday a number of bills were introduced one of which will provide for further aid to the University of New Brunswick. Another bill will reduce the property qualifications of grand and petit jurors from \$600 to \$300. Another bill will provide an annuity of \$600 for Mr. R. P. Steeves, former director of elementary agricultural education.

The House spent several hours in committee yesterday afternoon on the bill to amend the Registry Act. Consideration of this important measure was nearly completed when the committee rose at 6.30 o'clock.

It is expected that the budget debate which began this afternoon will be continued for at least a week. The budget offers a wide range for discussion and most of the members on both sides usually take advantage of the opportunity to air their views at more or less length.

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## NUMBER OF BILLS DEALT WITH BY MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Robinson Presided in the Absence of Chairman LeBlanc—A Number of Bills Agreed to—St. John Members Differ Over the Bill to Fix the Valuation of the Corona Company, Limited.

The Municipalities Committee met at 10 a.m. this morning. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. LeBlanc and on the motion of Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Robinson took the chair. J. P. McPeake acted as secretary.

A bill to authorize the Town of Chatham to issue debentures to the amount of \$22,000 for water and sewerage extension and permanent streets, was considered and reported.

A bill to provide police protection in the County of St. John and to declare a portion of the Parish of Lancaster a police district, was reported with amendment.

A bill to enable the municipality of the City and County of St. John to secure sites for industrial purposes of the Municipality should be present.

A bill concerning rates and taxes in the Parish of Lancaster was allowed to stand until Wednesday next for hearing of Representatives of the district concerned.

### A St. John Bill.

A bill to fix the valuation for assessment purposes in the City of St. John, of the property of The Corona Company, Ltd., at \$40,000 for a period of twenty years, was considered and provoked discussion which ended in amendment of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Veniot opposed the bill unless arrangements should be made for paying school tax.

Mr. Baxter said the resolution passed at the previous session touching on the matter of exemption from school assessment did not concern cities. He also suggested passing a general act to clear the situation.

Mr. Potts said the bill had the approval of the St. John City Council.

Mr. Tilley objected to keeping down the valuation of a going and prosperous company and forcing other property to bear a heavier burden. He would oppose the bill in committee and in the House.

Mr. Potts said the intention of the bill was to encourage the establishment of industries. He moved that the

term be reduced from twenty years to ten.  
Mr. Baxter said he did not like legislation of this kind, but a precedent had been set and he thought the City of St. John should be permitted to make the arrangement if it desired.  
Mr. Tilley said valuation should be left to the assessors and the committee should report adversely.  
Mr. Potts' motion to reduce the term to ten years was passed, Messrs. Tilley, Baxter and Sweeney opposing.  
The bill was reported as amended.  
A bill to authorize the Town of Milltown to fix the assessment valuation of Canadian Cottons, Ltd., at \$600,000 for ten years was reported with amendment.  
The committee adjourned at twelve o'clock.

## MONTREAL IS BOOZE CENTRE

Montreal March 24—Montreal has become a centre for the distribution of intoxicating liquors for the Dominion according to Dr. W. F. Crafts, speaking at St. James' Methodist Church last night. Two and three-fourths per cent. beer he said was the world's greatest enemy, supplying an unscientific and improper excuse for men who were never drunk and never quite sober. He hoped for great progress soon, both in the suppression of the liquor traffic, and also in regard to opium and other drugs. He classed liquor along with piracy, slavery, prostitution, opium, drugs, etc. evils which he said, the Anglo-Saxon race had either wiped out or was busy wiping now. It was well known that whiskey was openly sold here without any pretence at doctors' certificates and beer was sold twice the strength allowed to be openly broken others would be flouted in consequence, and law and order were bound to suffer.

W. R. FitzMaurice, of Campbellton, Divisional Supt. of the C. N. R., is here on official business.

## CHICAGO MAN HELD BY POLICE ON THE CHARGE OF SHOOTING HIS SON—HIS EXPLANATIONS

Declares He Shot the Boy in Order to Save His Life— Would Rather Kill the Boy Than Have the Police Do It— He Had for Months Been Trying to Get His Son to "Buckle Down," But He Would Not Do It.

## BRITANNIA LUNCH ROOMS ARE SOLD

Wellington Phillips Buys from L. R. Nason, Who May Remove to Moncton—Quick Sale.

Leslie R. Nason, the popular proprietor of the Britannia Lunch Rooms York Street made a rather impromptu business deal yesterday, when he transferred his interests to Wellington Phillips of this city. Mr. Nason had no definite intention of selling out when he was approached by Mr. Phillips. He was asked what he would take for his restaurant, named a figure and Mr. Phillips produced the amount in cash on the spot. The deal was closed and today the new proprietor is in charge.

Mr. Nason will probably move to Moncton the former home of his wife and will there open up a new restaurant on a larger scale.

## INTEREST IN BEE CULTURE

A number of citizens who possess gardens are planning in engaging in bee culture in a small way during the coming season. The provincial department of agriculture has been able to demonstrate that bees can flourish in a city lot. Last season two hives were placed on the vacant lot adjoining the agricultural building on St. John St. and in the fall there was gathered from them upwards of \$100 worth of high grade honey. Mr. Floyd who is in charge of the bee and apiary branch of the department will be glad to give advice and assistance to any citizen who writes to try his hand at bee culture. He says that there are a lot of garden plots in this city which can easily accommodate one or more colonies of bees, and that in these days of high prices of sweets, they would prove a source of pleasure and profit to their owners. He says that by the use of a little care and prudence there is not much danger of bee fanciers getting stung.

## OTTERS WERE IN DEMAND

Montreal, March 23—Otters were the feature of the afternoon sales by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Limited here today. Highest price paid was \$105 and it was stated that the prices ranged about thirty-five per cent higher than those paid at the last auction sales at St. Louis. Ermine skins went at \$4 and 38,433 of them were sold.

The sale has been running behind schedule and it is possible that evening sales will have to be held to end the auction by the close of the week.

Clement Melanson, of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

## REPORT OF THE LABOR MINISTER TABLED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Ottawa, March 23—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. Arthur Meighen, tabled the report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1919. It showed an estimated loss in working days of 763,341, while the corresponding figure for the year previous was 1,134,970 days lost. There were 186 strikes during 1918-19, many of which were very brief. Those of less than three days duration numbered forty-one. The report refers to the heavy strain under which the conciliation officers worked during the war period and to their success in averting strikes at many points.

(Special to the Mail.)  
Chicago, March 24—"I shot him to save his soul" said Farnk Pinano, Sr. who shot his son Frank Jr. and is held at a police station where officers said a murder charge would be placed against him if the boy died. "I would rather kill him myself than have the police do it." "For months I have been worried every time I heard of a stick up for fear my son had been killed. I tried to get him to buckle down but he would not go to it."

## FOR SAVING DAYLIGHT

Boston, March 23—The house of representatives passed a bill late today to provide for daylight saving in this state, from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October. The vote was 181 to 38. Under suspension of the rules the bill was sent immediately to the senate, which is expected to act upon it tomorrow.

## HON. MR. KING IN DEMAND

Montreal, March 24—Matt Glaser, of Washington author of the no-strike measure in the United States, was in Montreal this week en route for Ottawa to ask Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to act as mediator in the dock strike at Baltimore.

Two Drunks in Court  
Two drunks appeared in the Police Court this morning and after forfeiting the usual fine of \$8.00 were allowed their freedom. One was garnered in yesterday afternoon and the other last night.

William Allen Located  
William Allen the missing man concerning whom the police received an enquiry yesterday, has been located in Bathurst, where he is taking a course under the D. S. C. R. His family resided in the city while he was overseas and he himself was living here for a short time last spring.

Country Market  
Despite the fairness of the weather today, the mid-week market was not very large. There was very little hay, either pressed or loose, not as much, in fact, as on either Monday or Tuesday. Wood was scarce and commanded the usual high price, ranging from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per load. Prices were about as follows: Beef, 12 to 15c, potatoes \$ .50, butter 60 to 65 cents; eggs 60 cents; apples \$5.00 to \$6.00; beets \$2.50, pork 26 cents, veal 10 to 15 cents, hay (loose) \$35.00, hay (pressed) \$30 to \$35.

Chatham Beaten at Moncton  
The Chatham Hockey Club sent a team to Moncton Monday which played the Victorias last night. Moncton won 9 to 5.

To Wed in April  
The wedding of Miss Helen Louise Clarke, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Clarke of this city and Walter A. Denniston of St. John will take place April 17th.