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THE OPPOSITION LEADER IN A CRITICAL MOOD

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ent government had gone behind to the extent of \$802,056.56 in the two years and seven months they have been handling the affairs of the province. The government has had a career of the wildest extravagance and although they now occupied the seats of the mighty he could assure them that the people were taking notice and that the day of retribution would come.

He would only make brief reference to the department conducted by his hon. friend the Minister of Public Works. In this connection he would repeat the statement made on a previous occasion that there were thousands and tens of thousands of dollars being spent on roads which, although classed as permanent, were nothing but ordinary roads. The hon. Minister had borrowed for this purpose \$500,000 in 1917, \$700,000 in 1918, and \$1,150,000 in 1919, and today the Province was paying interest on that money and had nothing but ordinary roads to show for it.

"More durable roads" was the farthest His Honour was permitted to go in referring to the roads in his speech. On a former occasion they were called "permanent roads" and in all probability next session they will be referred to as "ordinary country roads." They had been told that the roads being constructed by the government would outlive the life of the bond issue but that was not the case with some of the so-called permanent roads in his own County of Kings. It was his opinion that the government expenditures on roads was the most wildly extravagant in the history of the province.

He was glad to know that it was the intention of the government to bring

down legislation for the development of water powers. Such a bill had been introduced during the last session but had not gone far. He was hopeful that another would be forthcoming which would be the means of giving the manufacturers the cheaper power which they so greatly needed.

The Speech from the Throne promised a report from the Committee which had been investigating the question of increased salaries for school teachers. He felt that the teachers were deserving of generous treatment but in all probability any increase which was made from the Provincial Treasury would have to be supplemented from municipal sources.

With reference to the subject of Vocational Education he had listened with great pleasure to the remarks of the hon. mover of the address. That hon. member was in earnest in the matter and possessed the brains to grapple with a subject of so much importance to the people. He freely attributed to him a large share of the credit for the progress which has been made. In this connection he might point out that the matter had engaged the attention of the old government and that a good start had been made.

Before closing he wished to make reference to one subject which was far above all others in importance, the Crown Lands of the Province. The Speech from the Throne had referred to a normal lumber cut during the year and a larger revenue. The hon. mover of the address had expressed the opinion that the price of lumber having advanced the revenue from the public domain should also increase. The hon. member from Moncton in an interview published in the Telegraph in 1917 had endorsed a remark made by Professor Miller "that the cutting down of our forests without regard to growth was like beating the tom-tom at our own funeral." It would be generally conceded that the Crown Lands are the greatest asset of the province. In 1908, when the Hazen Government took office there had been a period of absolute stagnation in the department. The revenue had not been collected and the territorial revenue did not average more than \$250,000 per year. By adopting business methods instead of the loose methods followed by the old government, the revenue from Crown Lands was greatly increased and it was done without increasing the cut or without an advance in the price of lumber.

The present Minister had given his department a fair measure of attention but the time had arrived when the public domain must be dealt with in a business like manner. The best authorities agreed that the annual cut in New Brunswick was in excess of the annual growth, especially when an account was taken of the ravages by fire, the spruce bud worm, etc. The deficit of the province last year was \$327,618.22 and he wanted to point out that there was only one source from which the revenue could be supplemented and that was the public domain. A short time ago a gentleman had stood on the floors of the Assembly Chamber and had made the statement that

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a lumberman's association had been formed which could make and unmake governments. That statement had done more to arouse the hon. members of the House and the people of the country in connection with the lumbering industry than any other statement that ever was made. No one industry, class, faction or section could make or unmake governments as that was a right which belonged only to the people as a whole. It was in 1916 that lumber began to advance in price and it was now higher than ever before in the history of the world. He would make the statement on the authority of a practical lumberman that the profit of the average lumberman on every thousand feet of lumber averaged from \$15 to \$20. If that was the fact he would ask if the people were getting a proper return from the Crown Lands of the Province, a return that would make ends meet. He would answer that question in the negative. He would also make the statement on the authority of a practical lumberman that the profit derived from slabs and edging made into laths was sufficient to cover the entire cost of manufacturing long lumber. From eight to twelve dollars is now paid in stumpage to owners of private lands while the government received but \$3.50 per thousand on spruce and \$3.00 per thousand on fir. He had no hesitation in saying that it was not enough. In view of the tremendous advance in prices the time has arrived when the people demanded that the government must increase the stumpage rate in proportion to the value of lumber. The revenue in 1919 from stumpage was \$561,890. He believed that if the people were to be given a fair return that amount should be doubled. A new area had been reached and the government could not afford to look upon the matter of such importance as in the old days. The time has come when they must be up and doing. Before closing he would move an amendment to the address setting forth that the time has arrived when the revenue must be increased. The methods for direct taxation adopted by the government were far from popular. A fair yield had been made by the Amusement Tax and it would be recalled that \$118,000 had been taken from the Patriotic Fund. The Crown Lands were the one source of revenue to which the government would have to turn. He wished to move seconded by Mr. Smith (Carleton) the following amendment:

"Resolved: That after the word 'consideration' in the proposed Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the following words be added:

"But we regret that Your Honour's Speech does not contain any intimation of the intention of the Government to overcome the serious deficit in the ordinary current account of the Province, amounting for the fiscal year ended 31st October, last, to \$327,636.22, by taking steps to increase in the rate of stumpage which tione to the value of the lumber cut on the public domain by an increase in the raise of stumpage which in the opinion of this House should be advanced from the present rates of \$3.00 and \$3.50 per thousand feet, to \$7.00 per thousand feet.

MR. MURRAY in conclusion thanked hon. members for the careful attention they had given him and expressed the hope that all measures brought before the House would have careful consideration. He believed that all were desirous of doing their best to promote the public welfare and conduct the affairs of the province in the interest of the people.

HON. MR. FOSTER moved the adjournment of the debate which was made the order of the day for Tuesday next at 3 o'clock p. m.

HON. MR. MURRAY submitted the annual reports of the Moncton hospital the Provincial Hospital and of the Factory Inspector, also the annual report on Schools and returns and valuations of the several cities and towns of the province.

HON. MR. BYRNE laid on the table

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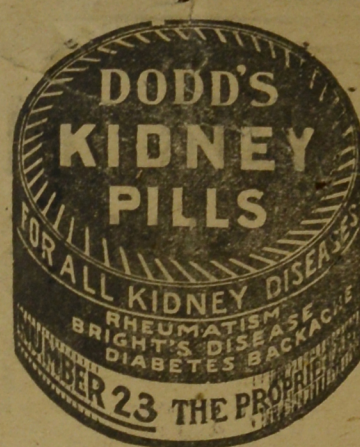
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of the House the annual report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

HON. MR. FOSTER in moving the adjournment of the House said that owing to the irregularity of trains and the changes in the hour of arrival the House would not sit again until Tuesday afternoon. Later in the session when conditions became normal it would meet after week end adjournment on Monday evening.

Adjourned at 4.10 p. m.



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