

Agriculture And Health Are Discussed In Connection With Provincial Estimates

**Hon. Lewis Smith, Hon. Dr. Taylor Explain the
Various Expenditures in Their Departments;
Messrs. Doucet, Richard and Other Opposition
Members Speak.**

The Legislature yesterday afternoon and last evening discussed different items in the supply, and considerable progress was made. During the afternoon Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, piloted his different items through the House, and explained different expenditures in the various branches of his department. Hon. Mr. Smith was subject to considerable questioning by members on the Opposition side of the House.

At the evening session Hon. Dr. Taylor discussed items in relation to his department and made a very favourable impression on the House.

The estimates under the Provincial Secretary's Department were all passed with the exception of The Maritime Transportation Commission vote of \$5,000.

Mr. Richard of Gloucester County criticized items for printing but the Premier and Provincial Secretary each pointed out that figures had been obtained for all important printing jobs and there was much competition in each case. This was the custom pursued by all previous governments and the only practical one.

After routine business including the referring of different bills to the Committee of the whole house different items of the supply were taken up. Colonel Brooks was in the chair.

C. T. Richard, Opposition, Gloucester County, referred to the fact that the deficit of the province was mounting without any apparent justification for this condition of affairs. He claimed that it was mounting year after year without and was now the largest deficit in proportion to revenue of any year in the history of the province.

Hon. Mr. Leger, provincial secretary, contended that the statement made by Mr. Richard was not correct. He quoted figures to show that in 1925, the last year that the old government was in power that the deficit in relation to the then revenue was considerably larger than was the case at the present time. The provincial secretary treasurer also pointed out that the conditions in 1934 were exceptional and were unforeseen. Last year, he said, the province suffered heavily from both freshet and forest fires. These were conditions which could not be foreseen and which were also uncontrollable. The government could not be held responsible for these visitations of Providence, but to repair the damage caused by these conditions took large amounts of money.

Hon. Lewis Smith

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, explained several items of expenditure relating to the various branches of his department.

He dealt at some length with the short courses in agriculture and said that last year was the most successful year yet experienced in this branch of agricultural work. So much was this work for the benefit of the farmers sons appreciated that each year the attendance was increased and that some counties, like Madawaska, were also helping their farmer boys to attend at Sussex, Fredericton and other centres. The student was not required to pay any money himself and grants were given to the extent of two hundred dollars. Madawaska County so much appreciated the benefits of this department that it gives each student three dollars per week towards paying the board.

Next year a dormitory and a large class room will be used.

Mr. Doucet said that the matter was an important one. The young man coming out of school should be directed back to the land and he

should receive a complete course in scientific agriculture. The young man should be prepared, he said, for a useful life on the farm so that he might be of some benefit to himself and to the province. He made a strong and eloquent plea for better scientific training for the farmers' sons.

Mr. Doucet said that he thought that there was something wrong with agricultural societies. They had not enough pep and lacked life. We wasted something, he said, to encourage back to the land movement.

Mr. Richard agreed with Mr. Doucet that more scientific training



HON. LEWIS SMITH
Minister Of Agriculture, Who Gave Some Interesting Facts Regarding His Department At Last Night's Session of The Legislature.

should be given in farming especially to the younger men and to have them stay on the farms instead of being foolish enough to rush into the towns.

M. G. Siddall

Mr. Siddall was glad that the members of the Opposition were in favor of having more done for the farmers. Personally he would like to see more done to increase the interest in the country fair. A day spent at a country fair, watching the judges and learning how to judge cattle and different farm products was the best training the farmer could have. He would like to see the government give \$5,000 or \$10,000 more aid to this project.

Mr. Richard (Opp., Kent), also wanted agricultural societies to get more grant.

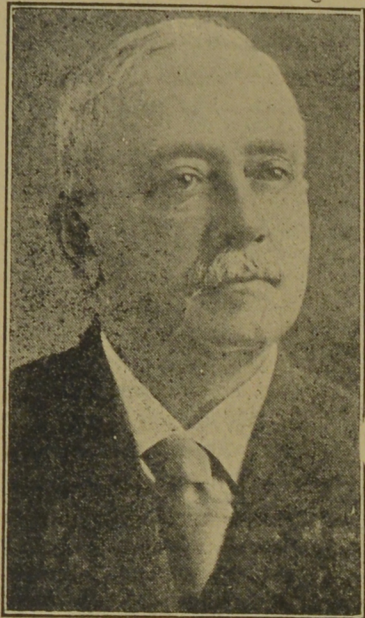
Continuing Hon. Mr. Smith explained different items of expenditure in regard to different creameries and butter and cheese and other dairy departments.

Our Valley Apples

Hon. Mr. Smith in speaking on apples put in a good word for our Saint John Valley product which he very truly said were unsurpassed anywhere. He also explained that better stock was badly needed in this province and that the department was importing pure bred mares and stallions Belgian, Clydes, and Percherons.

Mr. J. W. Niles, Victoria, hoped that the government would not reduce the grant to the sheep and swine or horse departments of the service.

Hon. Mr. Smith explained that due to the introduction of trucks to lack of feed and to the depression there was a slaughter of live stock and as a consequence there was less live stock in the country today than in the years previous to the depression. He said that New Brunswick could not be excelled anywhere in the quality of her poultry, and spoke of the successful shipments of this line to both Quebec and England. There could be more production. If the people prefer to ship their poultry to



HON. H. I. TAYLOR
Minister of Health, Who Gave An Account of His Stewardship At Last Night's Session.

points outside of New Brunswick they have the right to do so.

Mr. Smith said that the wheat mill at Centreville had been assisted, and the government had requests from all over the province for similar aid.

He spoke of carding mills at Nelson and at different places to assist the farmer.

Considerable cross-firing took place between the Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Doucet of the Opposition, regarding the grants to immigration.

Premier Tilley took a hand in the short debate on immigration that ensued at this point. Premier Tilley said that Mr. Doucet was opposed to the Farm Settlement scheme and that he (Mr. Tilley) was surprised at this.

Desirable Immigrants

The Premier spoke of the exceptionally fine class of English immigrants that could be brought to this province and placed in the Counties of Westmorland, Kings and other southern portions of the Province. These people consisted of families who were not only experienced in farming but who would also be able to pay back any monies advanced for their farms. The Premier said that after all the money that the Government had spent in aiding farm settlement in Gloucester County he was surprised that Mr. Doucet should raise his hands in holy horror over this grant to the southern part of the province.

Mr. Doucet replied that the Premier was taking the wrong angle. He said that his obligation was not to the matter of this immigration but to the handling of it. He contended that it should be handled from the departmental offices at Fredericton instead of at a branch office at Saint John, which makes an extra expense.

Agricultural expenditures and estimates for the ensuing year still occupied the attention of the House at six o'clock when a recess was taken until eight o'clock in the evening.

Up to recess Hon. Mr. Smith who had charge of steering his estimates through the committee on supply had made good progress. He gave very valuable information regarding his department in his usually gentlemanly and pleasant manner.

To those familiar with and accustomed to the melodious strains and charming manner of his genial friend the senior member for Gloucester, the outburst of scathing invective read from his carefully prepared address in the course of the Debate on the Budget, showing him in a new role, and placing him in the front rank as a past master in that figure of speech known as Hypenbole, came as a surprising shock—a bolt from the blue.

Hon. Dr. Taylor

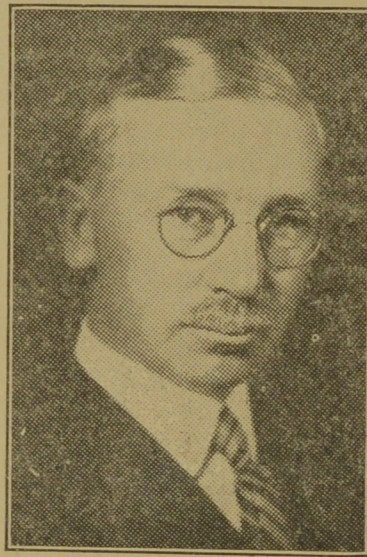
Hon. Mr. Taylor on the items in the Department of Health being taken up, said he felt it his duty to make some reference to the remarks of previous speakers concerning the Health Act.

He (Taylor) was not going to quibble over any differences of opinion, which he might have entertained at the time the Health Act was introduced in the House. He had given every

credit to his predecessor for his labors in the face of many difficulties, which he had encountered both with-in and without. He (Taylor) was quite willing to allow the people to be the judges as to the record of the Department of Health during the period in which he had been its administrator.

He regretted that the junior member for Gloucester (Richard), during his criticism of the financial policy of the Government, had made the inaccurate and unwarranted statement that \$4,200 had been expended by the Department of Health, as compared with the year 1925. The Hon. member had further stated that he had been given to understand that the increase was due to the duplication of services, the cost of which could have been easily reduced. He could tell his hon. friend that as a member of the legal profession he (Richard) as an astute lawyer should know how much value could be placed on circumstantial evidence. He would also tell him that the cost of the Department has been cut down the services expanded, and its efficiency materially increased; therefore his statement to the contrary was unauthentic.

He would point out that in 1925 the salaries of the Department totalled \$20,318.59, and in 1925 with the number of clerks increased from four to seven the total was \$25,062.99, an increase of \$4,744.40. On May 1st, 1927 the late Dr. D. V. Landry was appointed an additional District Medi-



HON. H. E. HARRISON.
Attorney-General Who Discussed His Department Last Evening.

cal Officer, and with the additional clerks had accounted for the increase. General expenses in 1925 were \$7,909.18, and in 1934 \$3,809.68, a reduction of \$4,099.50. Printing which had cost \$3,801.70 in 1925 cost \$2,591.10 in 1934, a reduction of \$1,210.60. With respect to the Laboratory, in 1925 with six assistants the cost had been \$8,896.46, and in 1934 with eight assistants it was \$10,033.66, an increase of \$1,137.20, and three times the amount of work was now being done. General laboratory expenses were \$2,479.24 in 1924 and \$9,885.51, an increase of \$7,406.27, but the increase included \$5,000.00 paid for rental of new quarters specially fitted up for the purpose in the Saint John General Hospital. For biological work the cost in 1925 was \$3,921.95, and in 1935 \$8,842.78, an increase of \$4,920.83. That item had included insulin, toxoids and vaccines, which were today being distributed without cost to deserving patients throughout the province.

With regard to Medical Inspection of Schools, he pointed out that the cost of that service in 1925 was shown as \$21,034.58, but that did not tell the whole story, as the Government had received a balance of \$4,103.86 from the Rockefeller Foundation not included in the total \$13,500.00. The expenditure for Medical Inspection of Schools in 1934 was \$24,135.22, an increase of \$3,100.64, without making allowance for the sum contributed by the Rockefeller Foundation. For Nursing Service in 1925 the expense was shown as \$861.70, but to that must be added \$4,081.82 received from the Red Cross Society. The expenditure for this service in 1934 was \$7,185.24, and a larger number of nurses was employed. For V. D. Clinics in 1925 there was an expenditure of \$7,856.71, and in addition to that \$5,495.65 contributed by the Federal authorities had been expended, and in 1934 the total was \$9,027.80; the total in 1925 with the Federal contribution was in excess of \$12,000.00. For Tuberculosis aid the rate charged in 1924 was thir-

ty cents a day for one hundred days, but the Act was amended and the amount increased in 1928 to one dollar per day. The total aid given in 1934 amounted to \$72,657.75, of which \$22,048 represented cases treated at the Bathurst Hospital and \$50,609.75 at the East Saint John Hospital. He did not wish to weary the House, but had merely quoted figures to correct the false impression that had gone abroad regarding the expenses of his Department. He had shown that the amount expended in 1934 was really not much greater than the expenditure in 1925 when gifts from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Red Cross and the Federal Department were taken into consideration.

With respect to grants to hospitals, the total amount contributed by

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