

# Hon. W. H. Harrison Forecasts a Balanced Budget for N. B. in 1935 As Result Of Commission Award

Spirit of Optimism Shown by Attorney-General  
As He Points to Increased Industry in Province;  
H. O. Downey Follows For Opposition—A. E. Melville, H. Savoie and Henri Diotte Speak at Night Session.

Hon. W. H. Harrison, Attorney General declared in continuing the debate on the budget that as a result of the award of \$300,000.00 from the White Commission together with the increased Succession Duties, there now is in sight an amount of nearly \$90,000.00 above the expected budget which means that the budget will be balanced in 1935. The Attorney General accused the Opposition of being pessimistic and unduly critical of the government's excellent work and expressed sincerely and clearly his optimism when he cited improvement after improvement in different industries of the province.

H. O. Downey, opposition, Albert, attacked the Government on their policy of raising salaries of civil servants and government employees and declared that it was a drastic move in these times of financial difficulty.

Night Session  
The House was assembled in a night session to hear A. E. W. Melville, Gov. ernment, Carleton, speak intelligently and forcefully in support of the Potato Marketing Board. He also advocated the manufacture of bye-products from potatoes in the province, thus burying about a savings in importing commodities from the United States.

Hidulpe Savoie, Opposition, North- umberland and Henry Diotte, govern- ment, Restigouche, continued the de- bate, Mr. Diotte in his usual jocular and humorous manner, supported the stumpage rates and roads of the province, and delivered the first part of his address in French.

The debate was adjourned and made the order of the day for Thursday, fol- lowing which legislation was made on several bills.

## HON. W. H. HARRISON

Hon. W. H. Harrison in opening his address on the budget debate, first extended his most hearty congratula- tions to Lieutenant Governor Mac-

Laren. The Attorney General paid tribute to the retiring Chief Justice, Sir Douglas Hazen. "Sir Douglas is a noble figure," stated the Attorney General.

Budget  
Hon. Mr. Harrison extended his congratulations to the Provincial Sec- retary Treasurer Hon. A. J. Leger, in the wonderful task he has accom- plished in the past year.

Sarcastically, he commended C. T. Richard as a financial critic in his speech on Tuesday.

Looking at our own provincial lum- ber affairs we notice an increase in operations. In the last year pulpwood cuts on Crown Lands only have in- creased from 114 thousand cords to 230 thousand cords and pulpwood ex- ports showed an increase of 58 per- cent largely from private lands. The cut of saw logs on Crown Land showed an increase of 125 per cent last year over the year before.

The production of coal has increased to the extent that it has established an old time high record.

The production of butter has in- creased over 13 percent, Cheese 11 percent, and most dairy products have increased. The hay production was up considerably up and the price of hay was much better than late years.

All other commodities have increas- ed in price, indicating prosperity.

## Shipping

Shipping in the city of Saint John has increased remarkably and this in itself is a good indication of prosper- ity in this province. The port is being splendidly equipped to handle all the trade that is passing through its doors.

The Hon. Mr. Harrison pointed to the decrease of unemployment as an indication of prosperity.

He accused Mr. Richard of point- ing to the worst side of the government's finances to carry the weight of his criticism.

## Deficits

He pointed to fire and flood as creating a deficit of some \$300,000 last year. Deficits are regrettable, stated the Attorney General, but considering the unforeseen circumstances, the present provincial deficit is not un- bearable. He compared Nova Scotia's deficit with that of New Brunswick and stated that theirs is larger than ours, compared to the population.

Our expenditures as compared to other provinces show a spirit of econ- omy. The expense of civil government stated Hon. Mr. Harrison, is the low- est per capita of any other province in the Dominion, showing that the civil service of New Brunswick is run at a lower cost than any other province.

## R. C. M. P.

Considering the abolition of the R. C.M.P. he stated that the present government of N. S. had advocated the same thing but that they are still operating there. He stated that he did not ever hear of a more retrograde suggestion than the abolition of the R.C.M.P.

He stated that the honorable mem- ber opposite had condemned the gov- ernment because the percentage of expenditures to revenue was greater than in 1925. The facts do not bear it out, stated the Attorney General.

## Tourist Industry

The tourist industry is one which should be fostered even more than it is now, stated Hon. Mr. Harrison. The honorable member opposite criticized the expenditure on this industry, but he does not seem to realize that this industry has produced a substantial profit for the province. To cut down all expenditure on this industry would be folly. It is a highly competitive business and is deserving of an ex- penditure. The Federal government has considered the tourist industry so important that it has established a tourist bureau for the whole Dominion of Canada and selected New Bruns- wick official to head their bureau.

## Health Department

He accused Mr. Richard of critic- izing the expenditures of the Health Department and stated that he had criticized some of the most benefi- cial departments in the government.

## Wednesday In The Legislature

The House met at 3.10 p.m.

The following bills were read a second time: to amend the Barristers' Society Act; to revive and continue the Act incorporating the Bartibogue Boom Company; to authorize the School Trustees of Moncton to issue bonds; to confirm the action of officials in the City of Saint John in not selling real estate; to authorize Saint John to issue debentures for the General Public Hospital; to amend an Act regarding the sale of real estate for taxes in Saint John; to au- thorize Saint John to issue debentures for relief and other purposes; to con- firm county valuation of Saint John, to amend the Chartered Accountants' Act; to legalize the bonds of Mount Allison University for Trust Funds.

Mr. Atkinson submitted a report from the Municipalities Committee. Mr. Anderson gave Notice of En-quiry regarding the supplying of grav- el at Newcastle and Nelson.

Mr. Dysart asked for copies of tenders from L. B. Smith and Frank L. Boone for gravel supplied at Lin- coln. He said he would like to call at- tention to the fact that he had not received replies to a number of en-quiries, some of which had been made on February 22nd. He wished the Government to understand that the Opposition were entitled to some con- sideration when they made proper enquiries.

Hon. Mr. Harrison presented a pe- tition for a bill to enable the County Council of Saint John to appoint a Commission to investigate the busi- ness of the Power Companies sup- plying electricity in Saint John.

Hon. Mr. Leger submitted the re- port of the New Brunswick Vocational Board.

Hon. Mr. Harrison introduced a bill to amend the Life Insurance Act.

Mr. Violette gave notice of motion for suspension of rules to enable the introduction of a private bill.

Mr. Dysart asked leave of absence for Mr. Colpitts.

Mr. Violette moved, pursuant to notice, that the rules be suspended, to permit of the introduction of a bill to- enable School District No. 1, in the Parish and County of Madawaska, to make temporary loans. He then in- troduced the same.

Mr. Atkinson asked leave of ab- sence for Mr. Guptill.

Hon. Mr. Leger asked leave of ab- sence for Mr. Wood.

The honorable member of the op- position did not know what a fine work this department was doing. The At- torney General said he would leave it to the Minister of Health to tell him. White Commission

As a result of the award of \$300,000 from the White Commission together with the Succession Duties, there now is in sight an amount of nearly \$90,000 above the amount expected in the budget, which means that the gov- ernment will have enough to balance the budget in 1935.

The question of Confederation is one that can never be settled, but in the large accessions of territory which passed to the upper provinces at Confederation prove to be of great- er value, then New Brunswick can expect a settlement to her advantage.

## Finances

The Attorney General stated that the recent quick sale of the province's bonds shatters the opposition's ac- cusation that the province is on the brink of bankruptcy.

## Municipalities

The condition of the municipalities is very encouraging, stated the Hon. Mr. Harrison. None of our municipa- lities have been in default in their bond issues and it should be a ques- tion of pride to the citizens.

He condemned the honorable leader of the opposition's remarks regarding the portions of payments of patients from municipalities in the provincial hospital, as entirely wrong.

## Opposition Platform

The Attorney General in speaking of the opposition's platform, roused the indignation of Hon. Mr. Dysart con- cerning the amendment to the speech from the throne. When F. W. Pirie moved the amendment in Mr. Dysart's absence when the latter had pre- viously mentioned in his speech that he was not personally moving the amendment, Hon. Mr. Harrison al- lowed Hon. Mr. Dysart to try to ex- plain.

## New Department

Concerning the new Department of Federal Affairs, mentioned as a plank in the opposition platform, he stated that this would be expensive economy at an operating price of at least \$15,000 a year.

Another opposition plank, the sub- stitution of man power for machinery is absurd in that it will, according to statistics, increase expenditure and recede the progress of the province. As an economy this would be useless.

Another economy mentioned by the opposition was cheap asphalt roads. This would only lead to greater and more frequent expenditures in repair (continued on page three)

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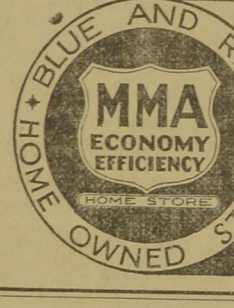
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