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## THE WORKMAN'S INTEREST

What the contribution of \$35,000,000 sent to England instead of the Laurier policy of a Canadian-built navy means to the Canadian working man was clearly set forth by Mr. F. F. Pardee during the naval debate, as follows:

Hon. gentlemen opposite say that they propose to send to Great Britain \$35,000,000, a large sum. What does it mean? If, Sir, my information is correct, seventy per cent. of that \$35,000,000—that is, \$24,500,000—will go into the pockets of wage-earners. If that goes into the pockets of the workmen, surely, it is going to benefit practically every other class of the community, and, above and beyond all—a solace to the hon. gentleman opposite—surely with that great band of industrial workers built up, their home market will be better than it ever has been before. Then I ask you, Sir, why in Heaven's name we should here as a parliament take upon ourselves the right to send out of the Dominion the huge sum of \$35,000,000 in order that the people of other countries may benefit by it, and not the artisans, the farmers and every other class in the Dominion of Canada. It is absolutely un-Canadian, both from the monetary standpoint and from the fact that the minute this parliament votes that money, it publishes to the world that Canada, forsooth, will contribute to the fleet of the British empire, but that she has not today the brains, the resources, nor, above and beyond all, the faith in herself to say: We shall spend that money, but we shall spend it within the precincts of our own country.

Our old friend Commodore Stewart since entering the Legislature seems to have forgotten that "the man of independent mind is king of men for a' that." Surely the Commodore is not going to sacrifice his independence and say amen to the ridiculous proposals of the government when at heart he is opposed to them. Surely he is not going to sacrifice his independence in order that he might be in a position to assist in the conversion of a few more jackasses into justices of the peace. Independence should be made of sterner stuff.

The Legislature met on February 13th and has now been in actual session fourteen days, including today. The daily sittings have averaged a little more than an hour and the week-end adjournments extend from Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon. The session is now about half over, which means that the members are in a position to claim one-half of their indemnity or \$250, for about fifteen hours' work. They will scarcely have the nerve to ask for an increased indemnity this year.

Commodore Stewart, M.P.P., in his newspaper, The Chatham World, makes bold to say that Premier Flemming "is well worth \$5000 a year if one or two of his colleagues are worth what they are getting." We are very much afraid that the Commodore is like our own Mr. Pinder, considerable of a long range fighter. His statement would carry much more weight with the general public if he had made it from his place in the Legislature with Chief Commissioner Morrissey in his eye.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson was today inaugurated president of the United States, being the first Democrat to occupy the high office in sixteen years. President Wilson's election to the most important office in the gift of his fellow countrymen came on a wave of protest against protection and attendant evils resulting from a long period of Republican rule. He is a man of great ability and high ideals who is expected to bring about many reforms in the great republic. His splendid record as governor of New Jersey, shows him to be a strong man, and there is every reason to believe that he will make good as president.

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## THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

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duce the appropriation for this important service. But it was the intention to pursue a more vigorous, more progressive and more extensive campaign in the interest of the farmers of the province.

On the item of \$4,500 for the encouragement of horticulture, Hon. Mr. McLeod said that the estimate was considerably less than last year as the encouragement for horticulture would be very largely assisted by a federal grant which enabled the government to make the provincial grant smaller.

On the item of \$1,500 for a farm settlement board, Hon. Mr. Flemming said that there had been no expenditure for years that would meet more ready approval from hon. members. Farm settlement board had been appointed by the government in September last and had gotten to work as soon as possible. The board had already accomplished much good. Members had become thoroughly alive to the possibilities through concerted action along these lines.

He was sure that the \$100,000 which had been the amount named in the bill passed at the last session would all be invested in purchasing of property and that another amount would be necessary to make further purchases. He did not believe the province would lose a dollar on these purchases, but on the other hand he was convinced that much good was resulted in the working out of the policy.

On the item of \$600 for miscellaneous agriculture, including insurance on exhibition buildings, Hon. Mr. McLeod in reply to Mr. Black said that insurance premiums to be provided for were on policies held by the province on the St. John exhibition buildings in which the province had a large financial interest.

Mr. Slipp said he would like to see more money expended by the department of agriculture in making the province better known. An important matter in this connection was to have visitors to the province properly shown its advantages and it would be well to have an official whose duties would include this work. He said that he did not think enough attention had been shown to Hon. Rupert Guinness and his party when they were here. Hon. Mr. Guinness had purchased a property in the neighboring province, it had since been said where he proposed to have an establishment similar to that which he maintained in old the country where young men who were intending to take up farming might have a short course of instruction of a practical nature to prepare them for their work.

On the item of \$5,000 for exhibitions, Hon. Mr. McLeod said that \$300 of the amount which would go to Charlotte county exhibition to be held at St. Stephen, had been set aside for a fish fair prizes for competition by fishermen from the islands of Campobello, Grand Manan and Deer Island.

Mr. Lockhart inquired regarding the St. John exhibition.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that the St. John exhibition had received a grant last year but it did not show in the auditor general's report for the reason that a statement of the prize list was not received until after the close of the fiscal year. The committee reported progress.

Hon. Mr. Flemming moved that the time for the introduction of private bills be extended until Thursday next. The house adjourned at 6.05 o'clock.

Miss Woodcock of the Misses Young returned yesterday from Toronto and New York where she has been attending millinery openings.

## LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

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get large enough. The grounds adjoining Victoria Hospital having been completed, it is our intention to care for the same and have additional trees planted.

Seventy-five persons paid their subscription to the association during the past season.

Statement of receipts and expenditures of Local Improvement Association for the year ending 31st December, 1912:

RECEIPTS.  
From City Council ..... \$400.00  
From Provincial Government 100.00  
From Membership ..... 86.50

Balance due Treasurer ..... 3.58  
\$590.08

PAYMENTS  
Paid Planting Trees ..... \$58.54  
Paid Care of Grounds in front of Parliament Square ..... 83.54  
Paid Repairing Fountain Victoria Hospital and Painting 15.00  
Paid Cutting and Removing Grass and Weeds from Streets and Sidewalks ..... 255.77  
Paid Care of Grounds, Fenety Avenue, Parliament Square to Shore Street ..... 42.33  
Paid Sundries ..... 23.08  
Paid Sundry Accounts not paid in 1911 ..... 36.86  
Paid H. Chestnut Estate, claim against the Association ..... 75.00

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