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## SENATOR JONES' FLOP AIRED IN THE HOUSE

Sturdy Western Member Says it Synchronizes With the Failure of the Government to Remove the Duty From Farm Implements--Tariff Changes Described as a Raw Deal for the Farmers and Consumers--Lively Session of the House

Ottawa, April 8--"A raw, cold deal for the farmers and the common people with everything for the interests" was the vigorous arraignment of the Borden-White budget by Mr. Turfiff, who continued the debate today.

"The manufacturers get everything. The rest of Canadians get nothing, and pay more. However I am not going to blame the premier or minister of finance. They were not elected under false colors. They are protectionists and servers of the corporations. But the people are getting a serious lesson as to what it means to elect men of that ilk to handle their public affairs."

There is keen zest to this budget debate. Members on both sides feel strongly. Interruptions are frequent, and at times acrimonious. More than once Speaker Sproule has had to intervene for order. A climax was reached in the sharp and stinging repartee accompanied by momentary manifestations of disorder which characterized the Saskatchewan Liberal's reference to the departure of Sir Lyman Melvin Jones from the Liberal party.

### SENATOR JONES' 'FLOP.'

"The refusal of the finance minister to do anything reasonable or fair for the farmers in the matter of agricultural implements synchronizes with the party flop over of Senator Jones," said Mr. Turfiff. "If there was any man in Canada who had good reason to stand by the Liberal party it was this man. When the late years ago the Liberal government decided to make some reductions in the tariff, he was granted a drawback, and last year the Massey-Harris company, according to the auditor general's report received some \$165,000 in drawbacks. But because Liberalism believes that the time has come to grant free implements to the farmers this man, who has had all the favors, turns upon them. He was made a senator and knighted by the kindly officers of the former government. I don't know that the present leader of the opposition put the hyphen in his name, but he did almost everything else for him. And now when Liberalism seeks to do something deserved and overdue for the farmers of Canada, this man goes to our friends opposite and makes a deal under which no more than ninety cents per year is to be given each farmer and he will transfer his allegiance from the Liberal to the Conservative party. We know who gets the benefit of the deal, but the farmer of Canada is paying for the support of Senator Jones to the Conservative party."

### A LIVELY TURN.

Then the storm broke. Several government members shouted sentences inaudible for the noise.

"Have him back. We don't want him," finally shouted Mr. Webster.

"I am not surprised that some Conservative members resent the action of the government in bargaining for the senator," exclaimed Mr. Turfiff.

"What'll you give for him back?" exclaimed Dr. Schaffner, while the Speaker called for order.

"Oh, you've got him now," retorted Mr. Turfiff. "Keep him. We don't want him. The best thing he ever did for the Liberal party was to leave it."

"Have you got any more senators to sell?" queried David Henderson. The speaker again called for order, and the incident closed.

Mr. Turfiff figured out that the "top of so-called reduction" given to the farmers on two implements amounted to five dollars on the cost of a binder and \$2 to \$2.50 on the cost of a mower. It was equivalent to 90 cents a year for each Canadian farmer in every province. He noted that the government had elected the two implements upon which the Canadian farmer paid the least of the general higher percentage for his implements paid by him over that paid by the American farmer.

Canadian farmers paid sixty-four per cent more than American farmers for their corn binders; twenty-nine per cent more for their reapers and mowers; thirty-seven per cent higher for their rakes, twenty-nine cent higher for their spreaders; sixty-five per cent higher for their disc drills; sixty-five per cent higher for their disc harvesters; twenty-eight per cent higher for their ploughs, and thirty-eight and a half per cent higher for their wagons. Why was not justice done them upon these implements.

The trouble is, he said, "that the finance minister turns a deaf ear to the farmer and a ready ear to the manufacturer. Moreover, it stands also to the disadvantage of the farmer that the government, deliberately and with malice aforethought has degraded the Transcontinental--which was built to ensure the farmer low freight rates--and has degraded it at the instigation and for the benefit of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

### COCKSHUTT SATISFIED.

W. F. Cockshutt (Brantford) after criticizing the Liberal course in connection with the Transcontinental and making reference to several alleged scandals under Liberal rule, paid a lengthy tribute to the policy of protection. He cited speeches by Unionist politicians in England and laid stress upon what he claimed to be the satisfactory position of Canadian working men and Canadian farmers.

The adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr. Carroll. The house then adjourned until Wednesday, April 15.

### NEWFOUNDLAND FUND

When parliament met this afternoon Premier Borden announced that he had been in communication with Hon. John R. Bennett, acting premier of Newfoundland in respect to the recent disaster which had caused great loss of life and now seemed to be even greater than was first apprehended, as small hopes were held as to the fate of the steamer Southern Cross. He had extended the sympathy of the Canadian government and the Canadian people and on behalf of the government had volunteered to give practical evidence of Canadian sympathy by a grant to assist the families of the lost. He would accordingly ask parliament for a grant of ten thousand dollars for the purpose.

"The action of the government in this matter is worthy of commendation," commented Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "and will have the hearty support of this side of the house."

## SEEKS TO REGAIN HER LOST BABY

Chicago, Ill., April 9--Mother love stronger than fear of the world's scorn, prompted Miss Vida Hagen to file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court, in an effort to regain possession of her child, taken from her three years ago. Federal Judge Landis listened to arguments on the petition today. According to the petition the baby was born in a local hospital in May, 1911. The mother alleges that a few hours after the baby was born it was taken from her and given without her consent to one of the attending physicians. The petition further alleges that the physician and that the latter gave the infant to a couple named Thompson. The Thompsons are said to live in Montana, but the mother's search for them has been in vain.

### COLLEGE CLOSED

The University closed yesterday afternoon for the Easter holidays and lectures will be resumed on the 20th inst.

## C. P. R. DIPS BELOW TWO HUNDRED

Premier Canadian Securely Sold This Morning on Wall Street for 198 3/8

OTHER ISSUES ARE  
HOLDING UP WELL

New York, April 9--The market opening was a little more active than has been the case during the past week and with the exception of the C.P.R. stocks were about same as yesterday's closing figures. C.P.R. was again heavy opening around 199 1/2 and selling down quite sharply, touching 198 3/8, the lowest mark of the recent decline. London cables this morning advised better feeling in this issue on strength of short covering, but this did not seem to stimulate the stock on this side of the Atlantic.

During the first hour market was dull and price changes small, showing fractional losses. Tomorrow, Good Friday, the market will be closed.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	76 1/2	76
Smelters	68 1/2	68 1/2
C.P.R.	199 1/2	199 1/2
Great Northern	125	124 1/2
Soo	122	121 1/2
Lehigh	144 1/2	145
Northern Pacific	113	112 1/2
Penna	110 1/2	110 1/2
Reading	156 1/2	166
Union Pacific	159	158 1/2
U. S. Steel	62 1/2	62 1/2
Sales to 12 o'clock	146,000.	

F. A. Secord and Eric Secord are at the Queen.

## LITTLE BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE

The House met on Wednesday at 3.55.

Mr. Munro presented the report of the Municipalities Committee.

Hon. Mr. Clarke presented the report of the Law Committee.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented the annual report of the Provincial Board of Health for 1913.

Hon. Mr. Clarke introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to the Gloucester County Iron Deposits, which, on the ground of urgency, was read a second time; also a bill relating to reporting in the Supreme and other courts.

Dr. Price gave notice of inquiry regarding the connection of the firm of William Thomson & Co., of St. John with certain unlicensed Insurance Companies.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) read the following inquiry of which notice had not been given:

"Is it not an injustice to the tax payers of St. John to have one John B. Jones, Inspector of Liquor Licenses a candidate for Commissioner?"

Hon. Mr. Clarke said it appeared to him that the inquiry was slightly out of order, but if the hon. member would take his personal opinion, it would be that the matter was one entirely for the people of St. John to decide and not the Legislature.

The House went into Committee with Mr. Allain in the chair, and agreed to the bill relating to the city of Moncton, with some amendments, one of which was that on the taking of any plebiscite to decide on the site of the new market, the site of the old market should be one of those to be voted on.

The bill relating to the town of Campbellton was also agreed to with amendments.

The House took recess at 6.15 to resume again at 8.

Most of the evening was taken up with a government caucus.

The House resumed at 10.45 and went into committee with Mr. Melanson in the chair, and agreed to the bills to amend the Act to incorporate the Miramichi Bay Shore Railway Co. and reported progress on the bill to create the Minto Police District.

The House again went into Committee with Mr. Lockhart in the chair, and agreed to the bill to amend the Parish of Lancaster Sewerage Act, 1903, with amendments, and the bill relating to certain payments by the town of Sussex to the Municipality of Kings.

The House adjourned at 11.15 o'clock.

## Mr. Dugal's Graft Charges Are to be Investigated

Legislature Will be Adjourned This Afternoon to Reassemble Some Day Next Week--Important Information Concerning Charges Placed in the Possession of the Lieutenant Governor --Government Compelled to Abandon the Policy of Bluff--Lengthy Caucus of Government Supporters This Morning

Deep gloom still pervades the atmosphere in Tory political circles as a result of the serious charges of graft preferred by Mr. Dugal and the prevailing opinion seems to be that the worst is yet to come.

The first decision of the government and its followers was to put on a bold front and bluff the thing through in some way. The premier's exhibition of braggadocio in the house on Tuesday evening was part of this pre-arranged plan, but certain things have transpired since then which has made a change of tactics necessary.

Now we have the official announcement that a thorough investigation will be held.

This morning the government supporters met in caucus, and did not separate until two o'clock. The proceedings were lively and it is said that some plain talk was indulged in. Several of the members intimated that if there was to be an investigation and exposures of graft they would like very much to get out from under.

In the general excitement which prevails the Southampton railway charges have been completely forgotten and Mr. Pinder, "that sturdy and uncompromising old war horse," as the hack organ described him in December last is the only member who is able to retain his self composure. He rejoices over the fact that those who a few weeks ago declared that it would be a reproach to take him into the government, are now in a fair way of getting all that is coming to them.

The House, which was to meet at 8 last evening to rush the Valley bill through, did not meet until 10.45--and it did not touch the Valley legislation then.

From 8 until 10.45 the government members were in caucus and after nearly three hours of grave deliberation the following official statement was given out by the government:

"The government called their supporters in the legislature together this evening and announced to them that they had determined to have the fullest and most searching investigation of all the charges pertaining to both the Crown Land Department and the St. John Valley Railway which had been preferred in the House by Mr. Dugal.

"The announcement of the course to be pursued by the government received the most emphatic approval of the members present.

"The House will be adjourned on Thursday for the Easter recess until some day next week which has not as yet been definitely decided upon."

The House was only in session a few minutes after the caucus adjourned.

The statement was made as to when the Valley railway will be considered again, but it is thought not until after the Easter recess.

Wiser counsel prevailed yesterday afternoon and evening among the members of the legislature, and instead of the Valley railway legislation being forced through the house as was predicted and expected, the session was not convened at the hour named, 8.30 p.m., the members being in the caucus until nearly 11 p.m.

It is reported that consideration of the charges made by Mr. Dugal took up most of the time. Many of the representatives, who were swayed greatly by the appearance and reception to the premier last night, and who had determined almost to ignore the charges made against him in regard to the bonuses and in connection with the construction of the Valley railway, changed their minds today and thought it best that the air should be cleared.

### LYNCH ESTATE BLACKMAILED

There were some who thought that the charges in connection with the lumber bonuses were not sufficiently explicit, and that the names of some of the holders of timber limits who were "held up" should have been given. They seemed to forget that the license-holders are not on trial, and that it is not usual to give the names of witnesses before the trial, but in order to satisfy those who

with more specific information, it may be stated that the Timothy Lynch Company, which holds 122 1/2 miles of crown timber lands under license, paid \$1,830 into the black-mail fund.

Mr. Lynch, a well known lumberman of this city died some years ago, and the lumber Company of which he was the head included the most of his property. Two of his executors are Judge Baeye of this city and James Robinson of Millerton.

The money was paid upon demand and found its way through the usual channel to headquarters.

It is said that these many other facts were placed before Governor Wood and there is not any doubt but that the Chief Executive will do what he thinks right and proper under the circumstances.

### FULL INQUIRY DEMANDED

There was a decided revolt among the more prominent men in the legislature. They demand the fullest inquiry into both charges made. They are not disposed to listen to technical objections that the charges are not specific. They are plain enough for the most rigid investigation. How that investigation will be conducted is what must be thought out and determined. Not a few of the members are in favor of a royal commission, and the adjournment of the legislature until the report is ready.

This is a busy season; the session has been protracted, and they would rather return home than wait here adjourning from day to day while the inquiries are in progress.

In the meantime, of course, the

Valley railway legislation must wait; but it is the opinion that this delay may save the province hundreds of thousands of dollars.

F. B. Carvell, M.P., who is solicitor of the estate of the late Timothy Lynch, states that no matter what is decided on he has authority to begin suit at once for the recovery of the money extorted from his client for the blackmail fund. He will not mince matters, but join in the suit for recovery Premier Fleming, superintendent of Scales Berry, the manager of a bank and others connected with the transactions.

In the meantime a flood of information respecting Valley railway affairs is pouring into the hands of the opposition. The revelations will be surprising, and those members of the legislature who have placed faith in their leaders and their officials will be astounded at the way they have been hoodwinked.

There is increasing sentiment that the autocrat from Maine shall have nothing more to do with New Brunswick's affairs or the Valley railway. The federal parliament, in view of the turn affairs have taken, will no doubt demand a full explanation, for it is to give additional aid for the big bridges.

The appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate what has been the cost of the road would no doubt be most satisfactory in that quarter.

It is stated that the caucus last night also considered several amendments to the highway act. This legislation was passed last session, and has not proved satisfactory. What the amendments are, or when they will be brought down, are not spoken of.

## MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in answer to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry, said

Q 1--Were there not a number of accounts in the department of Public Works for work upon roads and bridges before the close of the last fiscal year that were labelled "not to be paid until after October 31st" or words to that effect?

A--No.

Q 2--If there were not, how was such a large sum as eighty thousand dollars paid out in November, the month following on account of work done on roads and bridges.

A--All accounts are paid as promptly as possible, but in many instances supervisors and bridge superintendents do not submit their accounts for payment for several months after the work is performed and the following comparative statement will show that this was the same under the former Government, only to a greater degree:

### FORMER GOVERNMENT

First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1906	\$196,000
First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1907	163,000
First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1908	183,000

### PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1909	\$113,938.00
First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1910	127,000.00
First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1911	135,198.00
First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1912	165,222.81

A--Answered by No. 2.

1913.....104,647.97

First 4 Months Fiscal Year 1914.....163,798.97

Q 3--If there were accounts thus held over, how much of this expenditure belonged to the fiscal year 1912-1913.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in answer to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry said:--

Q 1--Is there any days work outside of the Contract in connection with the bridge at Reversible Falls, St. John.

A--Yes in the temporary stone filled cribwork surrounding the anchor pits and rocker pedestals for the erection of the 65 feet steel arch.

Q 2--If, so, under whose superintendence and under whose inspection?

A--Under the Department's organized supervision and inspection.

Q 3--Has the attention of the De-

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## FARMERS AND UNIONS MAY JOIN

Chicago, Ill., Aptl 9--Possible effects of the proposed interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust law in regard to farmers' organizations will be discussed at the second annual conference on marketing and farm credits, which is to be held in this city next week. A defensive alliance between union labor and the farmers may be an outgrowth of the conference, as a result of the admission of representatives of organized labor to the sessions. According to the proposed new interpretation of the Sherman law, the law may be applied to labor unions and farmers' organizations.

## FLORIDA FOR GOOD ROADS

Gainesville, Fla., April 9--Plans for a network of good roads covering every county of Florida are to be considered at the convention of the State Good Roads Association which met here today for a two days' session. Another effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to secure the passage of a law providing for a State Highway commission.