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MORE PROTECTION FOR THE MANUFACTURERS

Tariff Changes Announced by Finance Minister White in His Annual Budget Speech—A Slight Reduction in Duty on Binders and Mowing Machines—Duty Imposed on Wire Rods—Expenditure Exceeded the Revenue by Twenty Million Dollars

Ottawa, April 6.—It was a budget of explanations and pronouncements. Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, read the major portion of his speech from manuscript, the pages propped up on a substantial-looking reading desk improvised out of statute books. He started shortly after three o'clock this afternoon. He finished shortly before ten o'clock tonight. He spent the first two hours in explaining that the first period of Canadian depression, which had followed the advent of the Borden administration, was something the government could not help. The arrival of Premier Borden and his colleagues just happened to "synchronize," as it were, with the Balkan war and the phenomena of recurring economic cycles, about which Mr. White talked learnedly. The explanation was all the consumers got out of it. The farmer fared but little better. Wire for his fences were exempted by a drawback from the duty placed upon hitherto free wire rods. He just escaped in that case. He was told, however, that he could not have free wheat because the millers and the railways had to be considered first. The Liberal idea of free agricultural implements was scouted. Instead, Hon. Mr. White told him that all that could be done for him was to reduce the duty on two implements, binders and reapers, from 17½ per cent. to 12½ per cent.

MANUFACTURERS FARED WELL.

The manufacturers, however, fared well. All the tariff changes were specifically stated to be for their advantage.

In essence, the tariff has been subjected to a minor revision upward, having the interests of the manufacturers in view. The iron and steel industries got the best slice, while caustic soda, hyperchloride of lime and other commodities, heretofore upon the free list, are to be subject to customs tariff. Tariff increases are made in building stone and other treated and manufactured articles. There are no outstanding reductions. The Borden government has run true to form. Although the finance minister was able to announce a surplus of approximately \$36,000,000 of revenue over ordinary expenditure for the fiscal year just ended, the other aspects of the statement were not nearly so encouraging. With a revenue less than \$6,000,000 than the revenue of the preceding year, and still falling, there was coupled a total increase in expenditure of nearly \$40,000,000, and an increase in the net department of some \$19,000,000. The total expenditure of the year was \$183,500,000, while the total revenue was estimated at \$163,000,000. The increase in consolidated fund expenditure or for the ordinary cost of administration has been \$14,500,000. During the first two complete fiscal years of the present government the total increase in the ordinary cost of administration has been nearly \$28,500,000. For the coming year Mr. White thinks that there will be a gradual improvement and that the worst of the financial stringency is over. He declared, however, that there must be still prudence and caution. (Continued on Page Five)

HOSPITAL HAS INFUX OF PATIENTS FROM MINTO

The regular monthly meeting of the trustees of the Victoria Public Hospital was held yesterday afternoon with President McMurray in the chair. Among the other members in attendance were Vice-President Clark, Dr. Mullin, Coun. Pickard, Mr. VanDine, Mr. Shipp and the secretary-treasurer. From the returns submitted it was shown that March was a very busy month at the hospital. The treasurer's statement of expenditures was unusually large as the extra full house made an extra demand upon the druggist, the butcher, the dairyman and other supply houses, but fortunately the credit side of the sheet was also considerably swollen.

NURSE HAS SCARLET FEVER.

The report of the matron showed that thirty-two patients were admitted during the month and of this number eighteen were surgical cases. In the Dow Wing there are at present seven cases of scarlet fever. One of the nurses-in-training, Miss Dunn, contracted the disease while tenderly ministering to patients in the contagious wing and while her attack seems to be of a mild character, it is none the less dangerous and will keep her in quarantine for some weeks. Notwithstanding the natural scare about the recent outbreak of fever, the friends of the hospital do not forget to contribute in some way to the pleasure and comfort of the patients and among the donors of the month were the McMurray Company, Mrs. John A. Morrison, Mrs. Coles Kitchen and Mr. Edward Moore. As previously announced, a statement of amounts remaining unpaid was presented at the meeting and while the aggregate sum would not

for several tons of coal, it was felt that the statement was a very satisfactory one and the inference seemed to be that patients who left the institution, as a general thing, are endeavoring to liquidate their indebtedness. The secretary-treasurer will inspect the several accounts and strike off the hopeless cases and take steps to prevent any accumulation of bad accounts.

PATIENTS FROM MINTO.

Several patients have been apparently thrust upon the hospital recently, chiefly from the mines at Minto and while the board was in session yesterday a team drove up to the building and the driver and helper listed a forlorn looking foreigner, a Belgian, from the wagon and placed him and his trunk upon the verandah and drove away. The unfortunate man was helpless with a swollen or broken leg and could not speak a word of English. However, the man had a note from Dr. Beaton of Minto, stating that the man was a fit subject for the hospital. A certificate of that character is necessary from a member of the medical staff, and also a certificate from a visiting trustee before a patient can be admitted. Steps are being taken to stop this influx of unfortunate foreigners unless railroads or mining companies become responsible for their care. It was expected that a meeting of the medical staff and trustees would have been held last week but it was found necessary to defer it. Owing to the proposed absence of three members of the board for two or three weeks it was impossible to arrange a date for the conference at yesterday's meeting. After the disposal of some routine business, including a number of accounts, the meeting adjourned.

LAWYERS WHO DISAGREE

Members of the Legal Fraternity in the House in a Scrap

Mr. Carter Gets Wrathful Over Some Observations Made by Mr. Baxter

The House met on Monday evening at 8.55 o'clock. Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiries as to participation of officials of the government in elections. Mr. Dugal gave notice of motion for appointment of a committee to inquire into crown land collections and to investigate charges in connection therewith against Hon. J. K. Flemming. Mr. Carter gave notice of inquiry as to sales of materials and supplies by L. A. Duggl, leader of the opposition to the Town of Edmundston. Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill in addition to the act respecting the protection of woods from fire. Hon. Mr. Morrissey introduced a bill to amend the act respecting expropriation in aid of public works. Hon. Mr. Clarke introduced bills to amend the act respecting the solemnization of marriage, to amend the New Brunswick Railway Act and entitled The Land Titles Act. Mr. Guthrie moved for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the advisability and cost of re-opening Government House in Fredericton and to report at the next session. The House went into committee with Mr. Meanson in the chair and agreed to the bills to amend the Registry Act, to amend the act establishing the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, and the bill relating to the North Shore Railway Company, each with amendments. The bills to provide a further sum of \$25,000 to complete the Normal School Annex, and to make further provision for permanent bridge works of a permanent character were agreed. (Continued on page four.)

GRANT VOTED TO LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOC.

Four Hundred Dollars Given by Council For Beautifying City—Special Committee

The City Council in Committee last night voted the Local Improvement Association a grant of \$400. Dr. T. C. Allen, ex-Mayor C. Fred Chebstant and Judge Wilson appeared on behalf of the association and asked for a grant. Dr. Allen made a plea for a permanent grant, stating that the Association had done good work and was deserving of assistance from the city. Judge Wilson noted several matters of civic improvement which had been undertaken by the Local Improvement Association. The fountain in Woodstock Road had been replaced by a stone trough. A horse lawn-mower, purchased by the residents of Waterloo Row, was used to cut grass in all parts of the city. The association also maintained a nursery of young trees near the Old Government House, using the trees to set out on the street. He felt that a permanent grant should be provided for by the city assessment. His Worship Mayor Mitchell said the citizens felt that the Local Improvement Association was doing a good work and the request would receive consideration. There was discussion after the delegation withdrew. It was suggested that the Local Improvement Association be given supervision of the trees of the city. Ald. Kitchen and Ald. Ebbett objected to the proposal. Ald. Lemont favored it, saying it was possible the city might at some time have a road commissioner who had no taste in regard to the beauty of trees. It finally was decided to vote a grant of \$400 and a committee composed of Ald. Lemont, Ald. Osborne and Ald. Walker was appointed to consider the matter of giving the association supervision over the trees.

Serious Charges Preferred Against Premier Flemming

Mr. Dugal From His Place in the House Alleges That the Minister of Lands and Mines Was a Party to the Extortion of \$100,000 From the Holders of Timber Limits—Has Asked for a Committee to Investigate the Charge

Hon. James Kidd Flemming, Premier and Minister of Lands and Mines for the Province, was formally charged by Louis Auguste Dugal, from his seat in the House last evening with having been a party to the extortion of about \$100,000 from those holding timber limits. Mr. Dugal charges that the money was not paid into the revenue of the province. Mr. Dugal's resolution, of which he gave notice for Thursday next, recited the facts in a general way, connecting the chief superintendent of scalers W. H. Berry, with the collection of this huge sum of money, and asked for an investigation by a committee of the House. Mr. Dugal's formal notice was as follows:— I beg to give notice that on Thursday next, I will move seconded by Mr. Pelletier, the following motion, namely: Whereas, Louis Auguste Dugal, a member of the Legislative Assembly, of this province for the county of Madawaska, has from his place in the House this day formulated certain charges against the Honorable James Kidd Flemming Premier, and Minister of Lands and Mines, which he is credibly informed and believes he can establish by satisfactory evidence and which charges are:— That the said Honorable James Kidd Flemming, through the agency of William H. Berry, Chief Superintendent of Scalers, of the Crown Land Department of this Province, and under the direct control of the said Honorable James Kidd Flemming, in the year A. D. 1913, did unlawfully extort from divers large lessees of Crown Timber Limits over and above the amount of bonus paid by them respectively as set forth in the fifty-third annual report of the Crown Land Department of the Province of New Brunswick for the year ending the 31st day of October, A. D., 1913 in pages 23 to 27, there of, both inclusive, which said amounts so unlawfully extorted from lessees amounted in the whole to the sum of about one hundred thousand dollars, no portion of which sum was accounted for or paid into the revenues of this province, and said moneys were extorted from said lessees, and paid to the said William H. Berry, with the knowledge and consent, and under the direction of the Honorable James Kidd Flemming while occupying the said office of Premier and Minister of Lands and Mines, and all of said moneys were so paid before the said lands were classified under the provisions of chapter eleven of the Statutes of New Brunswick for the year A. D. 1913. Therefore resolved: That a committee of the House, consisting of seven members, be nominated by Mr. Speaker to examine into the said charges, and to report whether they find the said Honorable James Kidd Flemming guilty of so directing the extortion of said moneys by the said William H. Berry; then what disposition did he make thereof, to whom the said moneys were paid, as well as the ultimate destination of all said moneys, and that the said committee have power to call for papers and documents and to summon and examine witnesses under oath, under the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, A. D. 1903; and Further Resolved: That said committee do proceed with such investigation until they have fully investigated and reported the same to this House.

At last, however, the silence seems to have been broken in different parts of the province, and it is now said that the men who have hesitated to tell the story are ready to speak. If Mr. Dugal's charges are proven, this lumber bonus blackmail of the Flemming government will remain long in the minds of men. Never in the history of a province has its chief industry been subjected to such treatment; but there has been so much talk of irregularities in connection with the present administration that even these serious charges formally preferred will not shock the public as they would otherwise. Many of the government's supporters have felt that all was not right and have predicted Premier Flemming's early resignation and retirement. Before Mr. Dugal's resolution became known the Premier's vacation was foreshadowed in an announcement in the Gleaner which indicates a long holiday, an ocean trip, ill-health, and the duties of Premier carried on by Attorney General Clarke in his absence. Under the heading "Premier Flemming To Take Long Rest," The

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ALD. EVERETT POINTS TO FILTRATION EFFICIENCY
Chief Engineer Bowers of Pumping Station is a Very Efficient Man

Ald. Everett chairman of the Water and Sewerage Committee presented to the City Council last night a statement showing the comparative efficiency of the Filtration plant for the past five months and for the same period of the year previous. As was mentioned before in The Mail the average efficiency for the recent period was 94 per cent. including perfection on one occasion compared with 82 per cent for the year before. Ald. Everett pointed out that the higher figure was attained without a city engineer and that the lower figure was attained while there was a city engineer. The alderman spoke in very favorable terms of C. J. Bowers at present chief engineer at the pumping station and in charge of the Filtration Plant. Mr. Bowers, he said, was taking a correspondence course in water-supply and water-purification and further was spoken of highly by Factory Inspector John Kenny. The latter had recently been in the city in connection with proposed legislation under which it is proposed to require certificates of competency from engineers employed at first-class plants throughout the province. The Fredericton Filtration Plant was a first class plant and would require four engineers with such certificates. Inspector Kenny had stated that Engineer Bowers was one of twenty-three engineers now in the province who possessed such certificates.

CHARGED WITH SELLING DRUGS

Columbus, O., April 7.—The State Medical Board met today to consider charges made against Dr. Carl R. Noble, a prominent physician of Sandusky, and coroner of Erie County, who is accused of selling habit-forming drugs in violation of the law. The charges resulted from an investigation made by W. R. Howe, State drug inspector. Chief Justice Landry of Dorchester, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gallagher of Moncton are here to spend the Easter holidays with Dr. and Mrs. McGrath. W. W. Titus of St. John is at the Barker House.

THE MARKET CONTINUES VERY DULL

New York, April 7.—The Stock Market opened quiet, trading light and price changes small. The attendance was small and a dull market was looked for during the balance of the week. Steel opened unchanged. Copper showed advances of ¼ from yesterday's closing figures. Gt. Nor. Ore opened lower but rallied a fraction or so. Close observers said that the supply of ore in the street was small as Hill interests have appeared to be accumulating the certificates for many months past. During the first hour the market was very dull with but little change from the opening figures. Only a few of the leaders were traded in and the transactions were very light. Many of the cheap issues did not appear during the hour as was also the case with C.P.R., which did not record a sale up to the end of the first hour. (Continued on page eight.)

MR. DUGAL'S CHARGES LIKE A BOOMSHHELL

Member for Madawaska Took the House Completely by Surprise—Titus Carter's Little Joke

The sensational charges preferred in the Legislature last night by Mr. Dugal are the talk of the town today. Members of the House were astonished at the serious nature of the charges and do not hesitate to say so. All plans had been made for prorogation of the House on Thursday, but it looks now as if there will be some delay, and the chances are that Premier Flemming's proposed trip abroad may be indefinitely postponed. The charges were much discussed among the members this morning and no little astonishment was expressed that the St. John Standard should have omitted all reference to a matter of such great public importance. There is a report in circulation that the government may refuse a committee of investigation, but in order to gain time will refer the matter to a judge of the supreme court to enquire into. This, however, cannot be traced to any reliable source, but is given for what it is worth. The charges came as a distinct shock to the majority of the private members and it is doubtful if they have recovered sufficiently to formulate any definite plan of action. Mr. Dugal is confident that he can prove his charges right up to the hilt if given an opportunity and others possessing a knowledge of the facts are inclined to agree with him. It is understood that he has secured the services of F. B. Carvell as counsel. Premier Flemming was not much in evidence about the House this morning and there was a report in circulation that he was indisposed. There was a ludicrous incident in the House last evening after Mr. Dugal had read his resolution. The member for Madawaska had just resumed his seat when Mr. Titus Carter arose and read his bullesque notice of enquiry. It was followed by a laugh from the government benches, but it was a sickly laugh and Premier Flemming's attempt to join in it, was most painful.

ALD. WALKER PROTESTED.

At last night's committee meeting after City Council, Ald. Walker protested against supplies being purchased for the administration of justice department without reference to himself as chairman. The protest will be attended to. Mr. Albion R. Foster of the C.P.R. police department, registered at the Queen last night. Mr. J. B. Cudlip of St. John, was among the guests at the Queen last evening. Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., of St. John is among the guests at the Queen. Mr. Edgar Fairweather of St. John is stopping at the Queen.