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THREE MORE BRITISH SHIPS TORPEDOED BY GERMAN SUBMARINES; BRITISH ARE SHELLING THE ENEMY'S NAVAL BASE

BUDGET BROUGHT DOWN IN THE LEGISLATURE

Public Debt and Interest Charges Continue to Roll up Under Tory Rule--Interest This Year Will Consume Nearly One Quarter of the Revenue--Larger Receipts From "Dead Men's Estates" Looked For--An Old Story of Broken Promises and Extravance.

The budget speech was delivered yesterday afternoon by Hon. Dr. Landry, the provincial secretary. It is a quite tedious affair at all times, because of the use of so many figures, and this was no exception to the rule. The provincial secretary, however, endeavored at times to make the speech more interesting and more agreeable to the large government following by holding up the example of the government which ruled the province some eight years ago.

He took up a great deal of time showing how much larger the grants for many public services were today than during the regime of the former administrations, but he did not make the fact prominent that the government, of which he is a member, is receiving more than half a million dollars greater revenue or half as much again, as the old government did in their palmiest days.

It is easy enough to spend if you have the money and the increased subsidy, the larger revenue from all sources that have been pouring into the coffers of this province, particularly since the financial depression of 1907-08, is excuse for the allotment of far greater sums for the public services than have been given.

A NICE WINDFALL.

At the outset the financial physician of the government dilated briefly on the apparent surplus of \$11,000 in the operations of last year. He did not, however, say that there was an unexpected windfall of \$66,000 from the dominion government in compensation for the province being deprived for some years of certain fishery revenues which quite large sum, many people consider, should have been added to the crown land sinking fund and applied towards the reduction of public debts. No doubt during the years that the dominion government prevented this province from receiving those revenues the debt of New Brunswick was increased because of the falling off in the revenue, and when the federal government returned the amount it seems only right that it should have been applied towards the reduction of the debt which by reason as above given, was increased.

Dr. Landry indulged in some criticisms of the public statement of Hon. Mr. Robinson early in the year, shortly after the financial statement appeared, that in this he was neither serious nor severe. He dwelt at considerable length upon the audit act, and, of course, recalled some of the dreadful things the members of that government of long ago did when they were without such a useful instrument. He did not, of course, state how often he and his colleagues have driven the horse and cart through the audit act and its many provisions, but he might have explained how with such a wonderful protective piece of legislation on the statute book, it was possible for a financial transaction, such as the payment of \$2,903 by the Dalhousie Lumber Co. as part of its stumpage account, to have taken place and never reach the provincial treasury, and yet be explained as simply an "irregularity."

SHIFTING BLAME FOR ROADS.

He dwelt in great detail upon many of the orders of the treasury board for increased expenditures, and particularly upon the large sums that were allotted quite late in the season for roads and bridges. Considering

that this government has been in power for seven years one would almost think that the excuse of neglect on the part of the old administration of this public service was about worn out but every year it still serves to explain it was necessary to spend so much money in unexpected places.

The extravagance, waste and pilfering that has been going on in the outside service of the public works department, connived at and assisted by the foreman and superintendents, who were recommended by the Tory supporters of the government, are far more reasonable excuses for the tremendous expenditure than any needs arising out of the neglect of the former administration.

SCHOOL BOOKS COST.

The school books and the saving that has been effected to the people of the province was enlarged upon at considerable length but boiled down, the figures given show that the books have cost the province in the seven years a little over \$118,000 and that vendors had paid in \$94,652, leaving a deficit of over \$23,000.

Dr. Landry contended that had the forty per cent. profit been paid by the people they would have paid about \$38,888 more than they did and that consequently there is a saving to the province of between \$14,000 and \$15,000. As a matter of fact, the loss of \$23,000 will have to be made up by all the people in the province, whereas had the parents of school children bought the books and if Dr. Landry's estimates of profits are correct, the additional cost would have been paid by the people who send children to school.

THE CROWN LANDS.

Touching upon the classification of the crown lands, Dr. Landry said that the premier would deal with that at greater length in the near future, but he made the comment that the present system was neither fair to the lumbermen nor fair to the province. This remark seemed to be aimed directly at the wonderful legislation passed in 1913 by Premier Flemming, which at that time was praised in the highest terms by his colleague, Dr. Landry, and all his other supporters. The necessity for new legislation and for another kind of a deal has arisen evidently since the investigation brought about by the energy and persistence of Mr. Dugal, who made certain charges in the House last session. That investigation could surely not have been of any value, for only a few days ago the government said it did not propose to pay any of the charges made by Mr. Dugal's counsel, who worked for so long a time and so painstakingly to bring out all the facts in connection with an alleged classification that turned out simply to be a huge bribery proposition. In that connection, it may be stated that Messrs. Carvell, Stevens and Hughes did not render any bills to the Province of New Brunswick. Their account for services were sent to Mr. Dugal and he as a member of the legislature having done his duty in public capacity, forwarded them through his chief counsel to the government.

Still, while the government denies that the investigation was of any benefit to the province the speech from the government outlined new crown land legislation and the re-

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London, Mar. 31--German submarines are showing greater activity and adding to their victims; Today announcement was made of three more steamers torpedoed. The steamer Flaminian, 35000 tons, Glasgow to Capetown, was torpedoed and sank off the Sicilly Islands. A Liverpool despatch reports the Glasgow steamer Crown of Castile, 4500 tons, sunk in the same vicinity. The steamer City of Cambridge limped into port with battered sides after surviving shell fire from submarines

GERMAN FIREBUG ARRESTED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Mar. 31--The man who set fire to the steamer Latouraine was arrested early this morning. Raymond Swoboda, a German subject was taken into custody at the hotel Rue Rivoli after a search of his apartments had been established the fact that he was the author of the blaze on the French liner which imperilled her passengers and crew when she was seventy miles off the coast of Ireland on March 6.

THREATENS REVELATIONS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Athens, Mar. 31--Ex-premier Venizelos, who headed the cabinet which resigned three weeks ago, threatens to make revelations regarding the negotiations between Greece and Bulgaria if the new government under the cabinet headed by Premier Gounaris continues to place the actions of the former ministry in a false light.

BOMBARDING ZEEBRUGGE

Amsterdam, Mar. 31--It is reported here that British warships are again bombarding German naval base Zeebrugge with aviators co-operating.

ITALIAN CAPTAIN ARRESTED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Mar. 31--Antonia Lanthorne, captain of an Italian Merchant vessel laid ed at Apalato on the coast of Dalmatia to sell his cargo and was arrested by the Austrian police on a charge of espionage in behalf of the Allied fleet now in the Mediterranean, says a despatch to the Tribune from Luzeafe. The Italian Consul at Apalato protested and Lanson was released.

MORE TROOPS IN CARPATHIANS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Lugano, Switzerland, Mar. 31--One hundred and sixty train loads of Saxon corps have arrived in the Carpathian district in which the German and Austrian armies are opposing the advance of the Russians, says advices from Austria. The arrival of these troops make nine army corps in that region instead of five.

AMERICAN GETS HERO MEDAL.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, March 32--Among the first twenty men admitted to the Quinze Vingts annex for soldiers, was a young American, Joseph Amar. He is twenty two years old and was born at Washington, D. C. He lost both his eyes by the premature bursting of a grenade thrown by a comrade. The military medal which is reserved for the "heroes of France" has been awarded to him.

PERSONAL

Capt. R. C. Ekin of St. John, is in the city.

Mayor Frink and Commissioners Russell, Potts and Wigmore of the St. John Common Council, are in the city.

Mr. A. O. Skinner of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. J. A. Likely of St. John, is at the Queen.

Mr. Fred McKinnon of Albany, Oregon, is visiting his old home here.

F. R. Taylor, K.C., of St. John, is at the Barker House.

EXPRESS COMPANY FINED.

The Dominion Express Company was fined fifty dollars and costs in the police court this morning for violating the Canada Temperance Act by bringing liquor into this city. F. R. Taylor, K.C., of St. John, appeared for the company and acknowledged the offense. The shipper in St. John, who sent the liquor, also has been proceeded against under the act.

The law re the marketing of dairy butter as such comes into effect tomorrow. The police are instructed to be on the watch for any infraction of the law.