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## THE BUDGET DEBATE.

There were some important contributions to the budget debate in the legislature Thursday. Mr. Flemming, who is put forward as the opposition's financial critic, spoke at length. Mr. Copp made a vigorous and effective reply. Mr. Morrison took up some points of the government policy and administration from the opposition view, and Mr. McLatchey got well started when an adjournment was made.

Mr. Flemming is quite an effective speaker, but he deals too largely in small criticisms for a gentleman who aspires to be provincial secretary. He could very well leave consideration of the sealing wax and postage departments to the junior members of the party. The member for Carleton is improving in his ability to juggle with figures as well as in his manner of speaking. He drew a very discouraging picture of provincial finances not at all justified by the facts, and his speech was in marked contrast to the buoyancy and hopefulness of the Premier's opening address. Mr. Flemming was not able to successfully arraign the government's policy in any particular; his efforts were directed towards criticizing the manner in which certain expenditures are made. It was noticeable also that he made no mention of the Hazen platform which was made to do duty in the elections, but which failed to carry the party into power. However, Mr. Flemming's address was conceived in a fairly generous spirit, and except the little bitterness which he threw into the close of it was a reasonable criticism from his standpoint. He has plenty of ability, evidently considerable industry, and it is no disparagement to gentlemen who have preceded him as financial critics to say that he discharged his duty with zeal and energy and eloquence quite equal to that of his predecessors.

Mr. Copp is rapidly coming to the front as an effective debater and his reply to Mr. Flemming and his general defence of the government is very highly spoken of by his fellow members and others who had the pleasure of hearing his speech. Mr. Copp speaks with the readiness and fluency of an experienced debater, and while gentlemanly in his utterances and bearing makes his points clearly and well deserves the reputation he has gained as a well informed, energetic and effective member of the legislature.

Mr. Morrison is aggressive, and came to the legislature with a pretty strong prejudice against the government, but on some points he is able to approve of the government's course. When he is a little longer in the legislature he will discover that there is a vast difference between the rumors and charges which obtain currency in a hot election campaign, and the actual facts as revealed in the legislature. Mr. Morrison is a vigorous speaker, with an abundant flow of language, and we believe secretly holds a pretty fair opinion of the ability, energy and administrative capacity of the Premier and his colleagues.

The debate, so far as it has proceeded, has not resulted other than satisfactory to the government. Most of the opposition criticisms have been heard many times before and have been fully answered.

The Winding Ledges Dam matter has been referred to a special committee of the House of Commons at the suggestion of the promoter, Hon. John Costigan, and it is thought that this may possibly settle the matter for the present session. The committee is composed of Hon. D. C. Fraser, Hon. D. N. MacKinnon, A. Gibson, F. D. Monk and Edward Cochrane.

## OLD MAID'S CONVENTION.

## Hospital Aid Entertainment a Decided Success in Every Particular.

The concert at the Opera house last evening under the auspices of the Hospital Aid Society, was beyond a doubt the most successful of the many successful entertainments which that energetic and useful organization have given the public in recent years. The seating capacity of the opera house was tasked to its utmost and the frequent outbursts of applause and laughter during the evening showed quite conclusively that the efforts of the performers to please met with the warmest appreciation of the large and cultured audience.

The chief features of the program were "The Old Maid's Convention," and a one act comedy drama entitled "Found in a Four Wheeler," both of which were presented entirely by local talent. There were also selections by the excellent Bijou orchestra, and vocal solos which lent variety to the program.

Of course the old maids' convention was the star event of the evening, and kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter. No less than sixteen "unappropriated blessings," in costumes of very ancient pattern, though singularly striking and appropriate, took part in the gathering and all acquitted themselves remarkably well. The list of delegates was as follows:

Miss Josephine Jane Green—Mabel Sterling.

Miss Rosella Abigail Hodge—Edna Coburn.

Miss Calamity Jane Higgins—Miss E. Byrne.

Miss Rachel Rebecca Sharp—Grace Winslow.

Miss Tiny Short—Mrs W. H. Norton-Taylor.

Miss Mary Jane Waddler—Agnes Tabor.

Miss Jerusha Matilda Spriggins—Prndie Babbitt.

Miss Patience Desire Mann—Nellie Whitehead.

Miss Sophia Stuck-up—Florrie Whitehead.

Miss Julietta Long—Nellie Sterling.

Miss Betsy Bobbett—Florence Wilson.

Miss Charity Longface—Daisy Winslow.

Miss Cleopatra Belle Browne—Beatrice Fenety.

Miss Gertrude Penelope Doolittle—Stella Sherman.

Miss Polly Jane Spratt—Margaret Johnston.

Miss Violet Ann Raggles—Miss Jennings.

The proceedings of the convention were quite formal in character, and every delegate had something to offer in the way of a speech, recitation or poem. Miss Josephine Jane Green presided over the gathering with becoming dignity and tact, and Miss Rosella Abigail Hodge performed the somewhat arduous duties of secretary. Of course man was the principal topic for discussion by the delegates, though an account from C. Fred Chestnut for paint and powder caused a slight divergence at one time, and was indignantly laid upon the shelf. Each delegate gave an appropriate recitation, and one or two unloaded spring poems of their own composition upon the convention. The report of the vigilance committee, which gave the names of about a score of bachelors of the city and a terse comment upon each, provoked roars of laughter from the audience.

W. A. Walsh, as Prof. Makeover, who was allowed to address the convention in his capacity as agent for what was called an old maid's remodelscope, made a decided hit with the audience. He afterwards gave a practical demonstration of the utility of the machine, and it worked like a charm. Misses Fannie Palmer, Kitty Edwards, Louise Edgecombe, Fannie Fowler, Sadie Wiley, Miss Ryan and W. A. Adams were introduced as the product of the remodeller, made from raw material supplied by the convention, and each was heartily applauded.

Miss Palmer, Mr. Adams and little Miss Edgecombe treated the audience to vocal solos, which were greatly enjoyed, and each had to respond to an encore.

Those who took part in "Found in a Four Wheeler," were Misses Mabel Sterling and Jean Neill, and Messrs. C. M. Manning and Peter J. Hughes. All acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, Mr. Hughes showing up particularly well as an amateur actor, and Miss Neill making a decided hit as maid of all work. The piece was well staged and interpreted in a manner highly satisfactory to the audience.

The piano accompaniments during the evening were played by L. A. Willmot Lemont in his usual clever manner.

The very enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close with the National Anthem from the orchestra.

The gross receipts of the show amounted to over \$200.

John A. Bowes, of the St John Gazette, registered at the Barker last evening.

## AROUND THE HOUSE.

## Agricultural Committee Decline to Endorse the Stock Farm Scheme.

The agricultural committee of the Legislature met this morning and dealt with the proposal made by Morris Scovil of Gagetown, that the government grant a bonus of \$2,000 per year for ten years in aid of a stock farm to be established by a company of which he is a member. A majority of the committee expressed themselves as being opposed to the government assisting the scheme, and a resolution to endorse it moved by Mr. Carpenter at the last meeting was voted down.

The public accounts committee met at 9.30 this morning, with Messrs. Osman, Smith, Morrison, Barnes and Young in attendance. Deputy Surveyor General Flewelling, T. G. Loggie, draftsman of the Crown Land department and A. E. Hanson, deputy crown land surveyor, were called in and interrogated in reference to items of expenditure for surveys and inspection of crown lands.

It was shown that Mr. Hanson received \$5 per day and expenses for his services as surveyor, while other officials of that kind were allowed \$4 per day. It was explained by Mr. Loggie, that Mr. Hanson's work was more of an expert character than the other surveyors, and he was allowed extra on account of his efficiency and length of service.

The accounts disclosed that the total amount drawn by Mr. Hanson during the year for his services and expenses was \$1,753.93. He was subject to rather a severe cross-examination by Mr. Smith in regard to the matter, and was called upon to do quite a lot of explaining. He told the committee that he considered his services worth \$5 a day, and he did not propose to work for any less, either for the government or private parties.

Mr. Loggie regarded Mr. Hanson as the most efficient surveyor in the employ of the government.

Mr. Flewelling satisfactorily explained the item of \$9,500 paid for collection of stampage.

Deputy Receiver General Babbitt made explanations in regard to some small items of expense incurred in the collection of succession duties, and also an item of \$1,663.64, given towards paying the debt on the St. John exhibition. In reply to a question by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Babbitt stated that the sum of \$326.35, paid out on account of the deaf and dumb investigation, was for the services of an interpreter brought from the United States. This was the only amount paid out in connection with the investigation, prior to Oct. 31st.

The grant to the tourist associations of the province was explained by the chairman, and passed with comment.

The balance of the morning was taken up in going over great road expenditures made in the several counties of the province during the year.

The investigation disclosed some slight irregularities in the returns made by some of the supervisors, particularly in Carleton County, and no doubt the committee in its report will call attention to the matter and recommend that greater care be exercised in future.

At one o'clock the committee adjourned until Tuesday morning.

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