

MR. FLEMMING'S CRITICISMS.

The Gentleman who Aspires to be Provincial Secretary

FOLLOWS THE PREMIER IN THE DEBATE ON THE BUDGET.

In the legislature Thursday Mr. Fleming resumed the debate on the budget. He said in part:

I do not propose to detain the House at any great length as the subject of provincial finances have been pretty fully discussed in this House and before the country, and in the brief remarks I shall make I shall endeavour to be moderate in tone and reasonable in statement. Hon. members must have noticed the very marked difference in the tone of the premier at the commencement of his financial statement and the close of yesterday. The glowing budget speech which he began his budget with was almost convincing, but towards the close he became exceedingly peevish and spoke in a manner most unbecoming to a leader of the House. His boasting was very unbecoming and his challenges flew thick and fast and yet when I made a specific challenge and put a pertinent question he evaded it and became more general.

All through this session from the opening day to the present we have heard a great deal about the Grand Falls water power and about the grand things that were to be accomplished there. One would think from hearing the members of the government speak on this matter that it was they who had created the Grand Falls and has given to the people of this province that great natural source of power and that the people ought to be very thankful to the government for bestowing this work upon the province. We also have much boasting from members of the government because a company which has been given valuable privileges at Grand Falls has deposited in the provincial treasury the sum of \$50,000 as evidence of their good faith, and one would suppose that the premier and attorney general think this is a source of revenue; while as a matter of fact this sum has merely been deposited with the government and will have to be returned.

I think that it was a very wise provision that the government required this evidence of good faith from the company given this valuable franchise, and I will be very glad to see this enterprise go on, and hope to see all the glowing expectations held regarding it more than fulfilled.

THE BYE ELECTIONS.

The Premier's reference to the bye elections was particularly belligerent in tone. I do not propose to go into a discussion of the bye election record for the past five or more years, and will only refer briefly to the two which were held during the past year, in Westmorland and in Carleton Counties, and unless the Premier had not in his stormy moments last evening gone out of the way to attack us in this matter, I would not now refer to it at all. During the year two members of the House were called to cabinet positions, and it is not an uncommon thing in this country to allow the cabinet ministers to take their seats and honors unopposed at such times. We in Carleton County would have been glad to have allowed the new solicitor general to have taken his honors unopposed, to show our esteem of him as a gentleman and a man well thought of in the county. But because we did this we are

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accused of cowardice by the Premier, who says that we dare not put up a fight. Generosity seems lost on the Premier and the gentleman opposite, and I can tell him here and now that we will not treat him nor the government so generously another time. I am ready to meet the government in fair fight at any time, and I tell the Premier and the government that whenever the constituency of Carleton is again open there will be no walkover for the government candidate.

Just here I wish to refer to the school question, a matter in which the whole province is deeply interested. But while so much is needed in the way of educational facilities, we have the statement of the premier that \$9,000 less was expended on the public schools of the province last year than in the previous year. This is not a creditable showing. It is explained that the decreased expenditure was due to so many—some 400—country schools being closed, which means that in 400 country districts the privileges of education was denied to children who need and should have them.

The premier says that he thinks the county fund should be increased from thirty to fifty cents. This is all right if the increase is correctly applied. The trustees of the districts should not get it, but it should go towards increasing the salaries of the teachers. If some arrangement could be made whereby the teachers would receive a fair remuneration for their services then the suggested increase in the county fund might work out successfully.

THE QUESTION OF DEBT.

Passing now to a financial review of the affairs of the province, on page 5 of the auditor general's report we find the net debt of the province given as \$3,415,634.62 at the end of the past fiscal year, as compared with the net debt of \$3,213,446.03 the previous year, and \$3,074,140.93 in 1902. This shows an increase in 1903 of \$137,805.10, and an increase of \$201,688.54 last year over the previous year. Last year was notable, too, as producing the largest revenue the province has ever enjoyed. Yet, notwithstanding this buoyant and immense revenue, we find the government piling up the debt.

Another item inseparably connected with the debt is the interest paid, and this is worthy of attention. I find in looking up the items scattered through the Auditor's report that the province paid in interest last year the sum of \$163,666.81.

One thing that appears strange to me and must to every other thoughtful member of the House, is that the government, which according to the showing of the provincial secretary has a surplus every year, should be paying the bank some fifteen thousand dollars interest every year on overdrawn accounts for temporary loans.

While the interest charges are increasing from year to year it might be well for us to pause and ask ourselves and ask the province what will be the interest charge when we will have to pay the interest on all the railway bonds we have guaranteed. Two years ago this House guaranteed the bonds of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company to the amount of \$250,000. Last year the House guaranteed the bonds of the Central Railway to the amount of \$200,000. It was stated in this House only yesterday that the Central Railway is not paying its way, which means that very shortly the province will be called upon to pay the interest of its bonds for \$200,000.

The bonds of the Central Railway were not to be guaranteed until the road was put in a first class condition.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—The road is in a very excellent condition, which I have upon the authority of eminent railway engineers who have been over the road lately, with the exception of the wooden bridges, some of which need renewing. We were told in the House the other day that Mr. McAvity would not take over the management of the road until \$30,000 was advanced to put the road in condition and to purchase rolling stock and snowplow. \$180,000 of the bonds went to purchase the road, which left only \$20,000 for equipment and to spend on the road. I will show the House that upwards of \$60,000 has been spent in repairs and improvements.

Mr. Fleming—This road had already received the provincial and the Dominion subsidies and had \$200,000 in bonds guaranteed, and it seems to me that the government should have been sure that the road was in first class condition before advancing another \$30,000 out of the provincial treasury.

Turning to the income of last year we find it stated at \$903,551.71, a considerable increase over the previous year due to territorial revenue. On the surface it is made to appear that we had a surplus. But in the receipts we find the item of \$10,000 from the Grand Falls Power Company, which was not a legitimate receipt and we really had a deficit of \$5,000, and a prudent financial minister would when the revenue is buoyant provide for the future, and so manage the affairs of the province so as to have a genuine

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It being 6 o'clock, the House took recess until 8 o'clock.

(Concluded tomorrow.)

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The King of Mollusks.

The king of mollusks lives in the Indian and south Pacific oceans. He attains to a weight of 500 pounds, and the shell is of the bivalve kind, and the shape is about the same as that of our common fresh water mussel. The gigantic tridacna is the largest mollusk known to have lived on the earth since the silurian age. It is found on the bottom of the shallow parts of the ocean, and the large individuals have no longer the power to move about. They lie on one side, and all about them the corals build up until King Tridacna is sometimes found in a well-like hole in the coral formation.—St. Nicholas.

He who devours the substance of the poor will meet in the end with a bone to choke him.—Schoolmaster.

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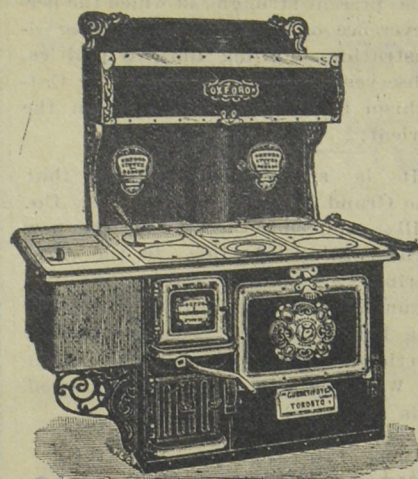
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