

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Speeches of Hon. C. H. LaBillois and Hon. L. P. Farris.

THEY DEFEND THEIR DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION.

Against Attacks of the Opposition.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER RATES MR. LAFOREST FOR RAISING RELIGIOUS CRY.

In the budget debate on Tuesday evening, Hon. Mr. LaBillois said it was unfortunate that the member for Madawaska (Mr. LaForest) always brought up the religious cry. That has served its day and generation, and it is the desire in every community at the present time that every man and woman should drop race and national feeling and work together for the peace, happiness and prosperity not only of New Brunswick, but of the great Dominion of Canada.

He felt it his duty to pay a tribute to the officials in the department of public works, who were deserving of great credit for the able manner in which they discharge their duties. Their efficiency was well tested on several occasions, particularly at the time of the heavy freshets in October 1900, when communication was restored without serious delay and without the incurring of unnecessary expenditures.

He considered it his duty also to say a good word for the officials in the department of agriculture, and all must admit that \$4,000 could not be better expended than in encouraging the dairy interests of the province. The member for Madawaska had spoken of bye road commissioners not rendering accounts. Many of these officials are appointed by municipal councils, but of the 166 supervisors appointed by the government, 165 had rendered detailed accounts, and the remaining one had furnished his statement since the close of the fiscal year.

As regards Madawaska, the government was alive to its interests and would seek at all times to ascertain the wants of that and all other counties. Every industry in the country is flourishing, and lumbermen and agriculturalists are particularly well satisfied. The outlook for great development in our mineral resources is most hopeful and there is every evidence that the protection of game is advertising the province, in New England and elsewhere, resulting in the influx of many tourists every season. When it is remembered what a large number of roads and bridges are to be maintained in addition to 85 wharves, it will be seen what a great responsibility rests on the department of public works, and it is the wonder how the work can be so satisfactorily done with the means at the disposal of the department. The Good Roads Association of St. John has done good service in promoting throughout the province a feeling that the roads should be improved and the province should have an overseer well posted on road making, in order that the public money may be well spent and the labor well performed.

Mr. Farris' Speech.

Hon. Mr. Farris, Commissioner of Agriculture, said he had a few remarks to make. His department had been attacked and a letter read by the leader of the opposition to the House slighting the crop report. He had copies of all these crop reports and he would like the leader of the opposition to look at them. We apply to the secretaries of school boards as the persons best calculated to get the information for us. In many cases they have taken the trouble to go to every farmer personally for the information. We get this information without any cost, except that we send to each one of our reports. The same letter writer says that we have killed the dairy associations. We have done nothing of the kind. Formerly we gave \$25 to each association, but most of them expended this money in paying the expenses of the delegates at the annual meeting at Fredericton. We thought that this money would be better expended in the institute work in the district. The meeting of the dairy association at Fredericton this year was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held, and although the delegates paid their own expenses, there never was a word of complaint against the government or its policy. These institute meetings have done a vast amount of good in Ontario, and they are doing much good here. Since the institutes

were organized in July, 1901, there have been held two series of meetings. At the first series, in October and November last, the speakers were D. Drummond, of Brookline, Ont., a very prominent farmer and breeder of Ayrshire cattle; Robert Ness, of Howick, Quebec; T. B. Raynor, Rose Hall, Ontario. These three men are all prominent speakers in the West and are employed a large part of the time by the Dominion Government in this work. The speakers from our own province were C. F. Alward, Havelock, Kings county, a prosperous farmer; L. C. Daigle, Harvey Mitchell and J. F. Tilley, our own three dairy superintendents; W. S. Tompkins, Grand View, York county; W. W. Hubbard, editor Maritime Homestead; F. E. Sharp, Midland, Kings county, and C. H. Black, Amherst, N. S.

In the second series of meetings held in January last the speakers were from abroad. Prof. J. H. Grisdale, agriculturalist experimental farm at Ottawa, Simpson Rennie, Milliken, Ont., who holds the gold medal for the best managed farm in Ontario; F. C. Hare, Chief Poultry Division, Ottawa; J. W. Mitchell, Dominion Supt. of Dairying for Maritime Provinces. The speakers from our own province were L. C. Daigle, Thos. Hetherington, a prominent farmer of Queens County, F. E. Sharp of King's county, one of the clever young men of this country, W. S. Tompkins and C. H. Black of Amherst, N. S. Mr. Tompkins has been much appreciated by the department of agriculture at Ottawa and he is up there now delivering lectures. Mr. Hetherington of Queens is as good a farmer as you will find anywhere. With regard to our dairying superintendents I think it would be hard to find three cleverer young men. The salaries paid to them are well expended. Our object is not to subsidize the farmers but to instruct them. What better way could we help them than by sending men among them of the class I have named. As to the dairy school it is a credit to the Province. There are from 30 to 40 students in attendance and the instruction they receive is admirable. Our dairymen must be prepared to meet the wants of the different markets. One market wants one kind of goods and another market another kind. We have been giving special attention to pork production with beneficial results. The leader of the Opposition says that we ought to subsidize a pork packing establishment, but there is no need of that. The W. F. Davis Company is ready to open a pork packing establishment here as soon as our farmers are ready to furnish the hogs. Complaint has been made that in Queens County we are getting too much money for roads and bridges. Queens county is surrounded by water. It has many large rivers and streams. The bridges are long and the approaches are longer and in many cases more difficult to keep up than the bridges. There are also thirty wharves which we have to maintain and which are just as necessary as the roads and bridges. That is the reason why Queens county requires a large expenditure.

THE HOUSE PROROGUED.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Halifax, March 27.—The Nova Scotia legislature was prorogued this afternoon by Lieut. Governor Jones after a most important session. The number of bills was considered the largest in the history of the province.

THE LATE CECIL RHODES.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Capetown, March 27.—Flags are at half mast out of respect to the memory of Cecil Rhodes and elaborate preparations are being made for his funeral on Monday.

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Sir William Macdonald has placed \$125,000 to the credit of the Rural School Fund in the Bank of Montreal for the erection and furnishing of the buildings in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

Prince Francis of Teck sailed for South Africa, Thursday to resume his duties with the remount department of the army. Prince Francis of Teck is a brother of the Princess of Wales, and a brevet major of the 1st (Royal) Dragoons. The Prince served in the remount department in South Africa in 1899 and 1900. He was born in 1870.

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