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Advice From Manitoulin to the Government.

BUDGET DEBATE STILL ON.

Toronto University Agitation Commended.

Mr. Pense Believes the Inquiry Will Do Good—Mr. Carscallen Supports the Provincial Treasurer — Mr. Gamey Speaks on New Ontario Affairs.

The debate on the budget was continued in the Legislature yesterday afternoon. Mr. Carscallen, in a pithy address, emphasizing the arguments advanced by the Provincial Treasurer, promised that the Soo agreement would be observed. Mr. E. J. B. Pense followed in a graceful speech, and foresaw good results from the Toronto University agitation. Mr. R. R. Gamey charged the former Temiskaming Railway Commissioners with busying themselves in a bye-election in North Renfrew, and with attempting to secure mining lands along the line of railway. He gave the Government some advice as to their policy in new Ontario. Mr. Gamey will continue the debate this afternoon, the intention being to finish it as soon as possible.

The following bills were read a first time:—

Mr. Aubin—To incorporate the Roman Catholic Church at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Dargavel—To provide for the division of Front of Yonge and Escott townships in Essex.

Mr. Crawford—Respecting the city of Toronto.

Mr. Crawford—Providing for the dehorning of cattle.

Mr. Clarke—To amend the pharmacy act.

Dr. Jessop—Respecting J. T. Thompson and others.

Mr. Auld—Respecting the Windsor Gas Company.

Mr. Craig—To amend the assessment act.

Mr. Mahaffy—Respecting the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway.

Loud applause saluted Mr. H. G. Carscallen (Hamilton) when he arose to resume the adjourned debate on the budget. He complimented the Provincial Treasurer on his speech, which, that gentleman must feel gratified, had elicited the editorial commendation of The Globe. Congratulations were due the Premier also, who had already presented such a programme of legislation as the past Government had not submitted during the whole course of their regime. The education act amendments, the mining measures, the County Councils act, and, above all, the abolition of the numbered ballot, were mentioned as the strong cards of the Government.

Bookkeeping Again.

Mr. Carscallen supported the Treasurer's bookkeeping in the matter of the Dominion subsidy. The \$2,800,000 counted as an asset by the late Government was not a debt that could be collected from the Dominion, and there had been no decrying of the credit of the Province, which was quite strong enough to permit the truth to be told about things as they were. His hon.

friend had spoken of suppressio veri, but when he claimed a surplus on such a basis he must have forgotten its correlative, suggestio falsi.

In dealing with the sale of bonds he charged Mr. Harcourt with having avoided the accusation made by the Treasurer. He had gone all over the world and seen war-clouds in all directions to explain the bank rate, which was not a serious matter; but the charge was that the Government had sold six millions' worth of bonds when two millions were sufficient.

The late Government had undertaken to build the Temiskaming Railway at a cost of \$23,000 per mile, or certainly not more than \$25,000, and it cost \$38,500. But for undue haste and lack of consideration a million might have been saved. The pulpwood concessions aroused a similar comment, and Mr. Carscallen condemned the disposition of the pulpwood territories.

With a few observations on the agricultural estimates and the sugar-beet subsidies he passed to the Soo industries. He believed these would have been completely reorganized had the Government never turned their hands one way or another. Now that the matter was settled the present Government would faithfully carry out their part.

University Matters.

Mr. E. J. B. Pense (Kingston) taxed Mr. Carscallen with having lapsed into a pre-election speech when he talked about chicanery, humbug and claptrap. When the issue was past and accepted in a fair and manly spirit, when, as had been said, there was no squeal, he thought that tone might be dropped. If the same fair play evinced in committees, and so far in the House, continued, Liberals would have no reason to complain. In the interests of independent journalism he would say that the approval of the Treasurer's speech by The Globe was creditable and an example to be followed.

He reviewed the estimates of the agricultural department, and had a passage with Colonel Matheson over the increase in expenditure, which the Treasurer placed at \$114,000. But this was exclusive of the supplementary estimates, or there was no meaning in all the deputations that waited on Ministers.

He justified the \$10,000 grant to Ottawa University, and complimented Dr. Pyne. The highly-educated man was not always an all-round man in matters of execution. The Toronto University had not the strength rendered by the love for their alma mater which im-



"Why talk now about chicanery, humbug and claptrap; let bygones be bygones."—Mr. E. J. B. Pense.

bued the students at Kingston and Montreal. When a young man ventured to criticize instead of being browbeaten, he should have been kindly received, but the criticism would probably have a good effect.

Mr. Gamey Well Pleased.

Mr. R. R. Gamey had decided pleasure, he averred, in the humiliating position in which he found the Opposition, and no man in Ontario, he believed, had better reason. He believed the

Conservative party would give the country reasonable, responsible and respectable government. Proceeding, he said there were many reasons why the Government should not follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, particularly in regard to new Ontario. In this connection he said he could not agree with the praise showered by a previous speaker on the former Temiskaming Railway Commission. He recalled a time when the commissioners instead of running a railway were running a bye-election in North Renfrew. (Government applause.) Some of those same commissioners had been applicants for mining lands along the line, and the engineer in control was a holder of mining lands in a dispute settled as to title by the late Government.

The Claims of New Ontario.

Proceeding, he favored an independent audit of the accounts, and said he proposed to give the Government some advice as to their policy toward new Ontario. His first point was that a larger proportion of the revenue derived from new Ontario should be expended on that part of the country and not on older Ontario. Then the timber policy should be revised. Pine timber is now sold by the square mile, in addition to the bonus, rental and stumpage dues paid. He contended that the timber should be sold by the thousand feet, measured after the cut. This would immensely enhance the revenue. He also strongly urged a proper survey, which would result in the proper dividing up of new Ontario into mining, timber and agricultural lands and put an end to the many disputes now arising in regard to settlement.

Mr. Gamey moved the adjournment of the debate and will continue this afternoon.

A New Factory Inspector.

Mr. John Argue of Carp, Carleton county, has been appointed a factory inspector in place of Mr. O. A. Rocque, whose services have been dispensed with. Mr. Rocque was fifteen years in the service. A request for his resignation by the former Minister of Agriculture was not complied with. His successor has been prominent in business and politics on the Conservative side in Carleton county.

Private Bills Committee.

Chairman Carscallen of the Private Bills Committee is indisposed to sanction—he would not say reckless—but any improper expenditure on the part of municipalities which exceed their authority. The matter came up yesterday morning over the bill to consolidate the floating debt of Meaford. A recent Council had borrowed money to grade the streets, and was unseated for the illegal procedure. The new Council found itself with the debt on its hands, and no means to pay it, and this item of \$2,150 was part of the \$10,000 covered by the debentures for which the bill provided. "The money was well spent," said Mr. MacKay.

"That is not the question. The money is usually well spent. But shall we sanction such proceedings when the authority indicated by the act is exceeded?"

Mr. Hendrie said that Hamilton had a similar bill, and the laugh was against the Chairman. With an amended preamble, the bill was reported.

The village of Grimsby wanted to charge the cost of their waterworks against the whole ratable property in-

ship by which the agreement was entered into with the London Street Railway met with no objection, and will be finally dealt with on Tuesday, when the city of London bill will come up.

Brampton's bill, extending for not more than a year the time permitted to the Copeland-Chatterton Company to carry out their factory agreement, was agreed to, information as to compliance with the terms of submission to the ratepayers to be furnished to the committee.

The Stratford Y. M. C. A. will be exempted from all but local improvement taxation under the new measure confirming its incorporation.

The committee will sit again on Tuesday.