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Severe Criticism by Liberals in Legislature

STATEMENTS INACCURATE

**On Mr. Bowman's Want of Confidence
Motion Liberals Attack Lack of In-
formation in Budget—Mr. Rowell's
Trenchant Criticism.**

Defects in the Provincial Budget were aired again in the Legislature yesterday when an amendment to the motion to go into supply was moved by Mr. C. M. Bowman. Taking the position that the Government had failed to make clear to the House what the estimated expenditure under current and capital account as well as statutory authorization would be, the Opposition took the ground that the members should not be called upon to vote supply until this information was given.

Mr. Bowman's comparison with the practice in the House of Commons, where the Minister of Finance presents a statement of every item of probable expenditure, was held up as the standard that was adopted in all communities where representative government was established. Mr. Rowell showed that the figures of the Provincial Treasurer were entirely misleading, and if proper accounting methods had been used in preparing the financial statement for the year the prospective deficit for 1913-14 would be about \$6,000,000. Mr. Hugh Munro (Glen-garry), speaking as a business man, declared that the Legislature should have all the details that would ordinarily be submitted to a meeting of shareholders of a company; that good government was only good business."

The Tu Quoque Argument.

Hon. Mr. Lucas said that no alteration had been made in the method of presenting the details of the public expenditure over that of the late Government beyond an amplification of detail, while Hon. Mr. Hearst declared that the people had confidence that the Government would take the necessary steps to provide for the Provincial services and would not be afraid to pledge the credit of the Province to meet growing needs.

The amendment of Mr. Bowman was rejected by 59 to 16. It read as follows:

Government Censured.

"In view of the fact that the financial statements and estimates presented to the House by the Government are so incomplete that it is not possible for the members of the House to properly estimate the total expenditure for the year, this House should not be called upon to vote further supply until the Government lays before the House a fuller statement of the total estimated expenditure, which for the year 1913 amounted to \$4,694,676.79, in order that the members of the House may see what will be the prospective deficit on the year's financial operations."

Hon. W. H. Hearst said the House had heard the arguments of the honorable gentlemen opposite again and again. What was bothering the leader of the Opposition was the fact that the statement of the Provincial Treasurer did not offer opportunity for criticism. It was no answer to say that the methods of the late Government were no guide; in fact, the Lib-