

The Ontario Legislature For Week Ending March 13

Presentation of the annual Budget was the week's feature. In his first budget speech, two years ago, Hon. W. H. Price had to report a provincial deficit of over \$15,000,000. This has been gradually cut down by increased revenues and curbed expenditure, until now the estimate for the current year is a deficit of only \$1,500,000. The minister announced that no new taxation would be imposed, and in fact, the government had decided to forego the somewhat vexatious tax on pop. A very important reform is to be undertaken forthwith in the way of debt retirement, and the treasurer's announcement in this connection is one of the most noteworthy in years. The plan is founded upon the report of a special committee of experts appointed to study the matter, and is technically known as the instalment annuity method. It will be in full operation in 1927, and is expected to save the province no less than \$128,000,000 in the course of the next 40 years. The treasurer presented it to the House as a "positive, definite advance in the handling of provincial finances."

Ordinary revenue for 1924-5 totalled \$36,400,000, an improvement of \$11,600,000 over that for 1922-3, while ordinary expenditure, \$34,200,000, is \$1,100,000 less. It will be seen that an ordinary revenue and expenditure there is an actual surplus for the year of \$2,200,000 as compared with a deficit of over \$9,500,000 in the last year of the previous administration. The interest bill of the province more than counteracts the surplus on ordinary revenue, but Colonel Price explained that if the accounting methods of the Deury government had been followed, the deficit shown this year would have been less than \$1,000,000.

Supplementary estimates tabled on Thursday total \$1,951,504. Items of special interest therein include \$20,000 additional for inspection and grading of dairy produce under the new Act; a vote of \$10,000 to equip a farm for reception and training of British boy immigrants, and \$10,000 for establishment of correspondence courses and instruction by traveling teachers for pupils in isolated sections of the province. There is an item for \$20,000 for extensions to the Ontario Hospital at Brockville, and one of \$100,000 for a building at the Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, to accommodate 300 patients, also \$75,000 for a new building to house criminal insane at Guelph. For a school of baking at the O. A. C., \$39,500 is appropriated, and \$7,500 is set aside for a mining recorder's office at Red Lake. The Department of Labor asks \$54,000 additional, this item being for mothers' allowances.

Colonel Price, at the close of his budget speech, departed from financial matters to pay a tribute to the leader of the House, and to suggest a little more charity and regard for public interests in the conduct of the Opposition. He said in part: "Honorable members will recall when we occupied some 25 seats over in the far corner of this House, and what a tremendous fight was put up against the government of the day in many things it was trying to do. The present prime minister, sitting then as leader of the party, was on the job hour after hour, and just as good at two o'clock in the morning as at three in the afternoon. (Applause). He was a fighting leader of an active, virile Opposition that made no apologies. (Applause). I like to see a fighting Opposition, but I like to see a fair Opposition, making its points and asking its questions without causing the people of Ontario to wonder if this is an assembly of gentlemen or a bear-garden. I say the province owes a great debt of gratitude to the present prime minister. I have not taken part in many debates, nor laid many bouquets on his desk, but I have listened to a lot, and I say to the House now that no stronger or cleverer man, or man with more outstanding ability, has ever led this House than the present prime minister. (Applause). It is a difficult period, and what I appeal for is a little more charity in their criticism, and I believe we will get farther. Every minister is prepared to give information to members, but when things are done which border on pettishness, they hardly appeal to a man who wants to look after his reputation and uphold the honor of the House. Questions should be treated on their merits, and that is the treatment I ask for the things I have presented to the House today."

Debate on the Address wound up in a remarkable way on Tuesday evening, when the House adopted without a division the reply to the speech from the Throne. Mr. Raney, Progressive Leader, having failed

in an argument that Premier Ferguson's sub-amendment was out of order, announced that "having no possible objection to the principle of responsible government, I shall decline to take any further part in the proceedings." This was a reference in the phraseology of the prime minister's amendment which did, indeed, leave the Progressive Leader in an awkward position in event of voting against it. The Address, as passed by the House, follows the customary thanks to these words: "This House desires, furthermore, to assure your honor that it is of the opinion that, in enactment of important public legislation, the principle of responsible government on which our British democratic institutions rest, should be observed in order that such legislation should have the undoubted sanction and support of the people as expressed through their representatives in the Legislature, to the end that all such legislation should possess the authority and support necessary to command due respect and observance by the community."

This was in substitution of Mr. Raney's long amendment, gist of which was to call for referendum or plebiscites on the prohibition issue.

During the closing hours of the Debate, several noteworthy tributes to the prime minister were made by members of his party in the House. H. S. Collier of Prince Edward, in commending the work of various ministers, said: "With the administration we have, is it any wonder that my constituents have a feeling of thankfulness and calm contentment, in lieu of the nervous, unsettled feeling which they had under the former administration?" C. R. McKeown, of Dufferin, recalled the attitude in Opposition of the Conservative party. "We will stay in Opposition until Doomsday, if need be, but when we come into power, we will come sailing under our own colors. We will be there with the policy of the Conservative party, and welcome anyone, whether calling themselves Progressive, Liberal or U. F. O.; we will welcome them into our band-wagon, but they have got to play our music." (Applause).

Anticipating discussion on the Currie bill sale of liquor under Government control, Colonel J. A. Currie and W. G. Weichel (North Waterloo) took advantage of the Address Debate to argue for inauguration of a change in the liquor policy. Mr. Weichel said: "The country needs action on the O. T. A., and the government that things otherwise will get the biggest surprise of its life when it goes to the country. They would not get 32,000 majority today for the O. T. A., because Ontario is wakening up." Colonel Currie pointed to the action of other provinces in regard to sale of liquor and charged that leaders of the "fight against real temperance" were paid agents. He declared the O. T. A. an American law thrust into a British country. In regard to 44 beer, he said the government had tried to do what was right, and therefore ought to be "forgiven," but had failed to do any good. Present conditions resulted, he said, in a general disrespect of law, and the curse of intoxication among young people. When Sam Clarke (Northumberland) asked, "What is the issue?" Colonel Currie replied: "The issue will be a sane temperance law that will appeal to everybody. I am not in the confidence of the government any more than my friend. The sanest law I know is what has been adopted by all provinces except one or two down by the sea, a government control measure, and I say if a gov-

ernment control measure is adopted by this province along these lines, prosperity will come, and we shall get rid of all this villification."

While Government supporters have been rising up to call the premier blessed and giving evidence of loyalty and harmony in the Conservative party, the Liberal group is having domestic troubles. It is well known that exactly half its membership is "wet," notwithstanding the fact that W. E. N. Sinclair, leader, recently came out on a definitely "dry" platform. On Thursday at six o'clock, when Colonel Price finished his budget speech, and before the Liberal financial critic, Harold Fisher, of West Ottawa, got the floor, according to custom, his colleague, J. A. Pinard, of East Ottawa, claimed the right to adjourn the debate on behalf of R. L. Brackin, West Kent. There was a mild protest from Mr. Sinclair, but Mr. Pinard insisted this was "a country of free speech, and consequently Mr. Fisher is sidetracked, and the stage is set for a contribution from Mr. Brackin on Tuesday."

Public Accounts Committee held its organization meeting on Friday morning, when Major Alex. Lewis, Toronto N. E. "A," was elected chairman. Through William Finlayson, East Simcoe, the government conveyed the information that it was prepared to facilitate in every way investigation of the public accounts, and that in order to avoid any appearance of administration interference, members of the Cabinet would be asked not to attend the sittings of the committee. It was, in fact, Mr. Finlayson, who moved a resolution "That the committee proceed with the investigation requested by Honorable James Lyons into the connection of the Lyons Fuel & Supply Company Limited, with the government of Ontario; that Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon and Dilworth, chartered accountants, be instructed to make an investigation of the relations of the Lyons Company with all or any branches of the government, etc., etc." Under this resolution, the former minister and eight others will be called as witnesses, and Mr. Sinclair asked that E. L. Bedford, Sault Ste. Marie, and the president and secretary of the Walsh Construction Company be summoned. The next sitting will be on Wednesday.

The Legislature on Friday afternoon unexpectedly entertained a distinguished visitor, Honorable Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons, to whom Honorable George S. Henry, Leader of the Assembly at the time, and leaders of the Liberal and Progressive groups paid their respects from the floor of the House and joined in a warm welcome extended by the Speaker of the Legislature, Honorable Joseph Thompson. As an added tribute to his honor, two short speeches were delivered in French by A. Belanger (Liberal, Russell) and H. Morel (Conservative, Nipissing).

WHY SPOIL THE FUN?

The Duke of Abercorn told a very good story at a public meeting in the north of Ireland some time ago which has the merit of being true. An armed Sinn Féiner on the run, having crossed the Six Counties border at Strabane, was arrested by the Ulster Specials. Such an important capture necessitated an armed guard at the barracks. Now as bad luck would have it, all the specials were fixed up to participate in an important football match that very afternoon. The difficulty was solved by some genius suggesting that the prisoner be asked to referee the match—which he agreed to do. The result was that he was kept under observation all the time, marched back to barracks after the match, and no one's pleasure or enjoyment was interfered with. It is only in a sporting country like Ireland that such an incident could occur.

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SOILTEX: A TEST FOR SOIL REACTION

Following the revived interest of the last few years in the use of lime on soils, several methods of approximately estimating the "lime requirements" of soils have been employed, and among these is "Soiltext." A Soiltext outfit consists of a mailing case about 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" containing a collapsible tube of indicator, a booklet of waxed papers, a color chart and sheet of directions. It can therefore, be carried in the pocket, the method of using is as follows: "Tear off a piece of the waxed paper and fold lengthwise to form a trough. With a clean knife-blade place about as much of the soil as may be held on a ten cent piece in the paper trough. Drop the solution from the tube on to the soil until it is saturated, and one or two drops remain in the trough. After about a minute, tip the paper slowly (so that the liquid may run from the soil) and carefully draw some of the clear liquid away from the lower end of the soil with the knife blade. Compare the color of this clear extract with the color chart supplied, and read therefrom the soil reaction and the amount of lime recommended," says H. S. Hammond, Assistant Chemist.

Soiltext has been in use in the laboratories of the Division of Chemistry, and compared with litmus, the following advantages and disadvantages have been found.

Advantages—Soiltext is very much quicker in its reaction, and it is possible to make a complete test in two minutes. Soiltext has a much wider variation of color than litmus, these variations or tints corresponding more or less closely with different degrees of acidity or lime requirement, it can be used on soils in either a moist or dry condition—a considerable advantage in the field.

Disadvantages—The extreme sensitivity of Soiltext is perhaps its only disadvantage, since, in the hands of a careless user, unreliable information might be obtained. It is sufficiently sensitive to show the acidity of the breath and must therefore be used with every precaution as to cleanliness and avoidance of undesirable factors.

VARIETIES OF CORN MOST SUITABLE FOR SILAGE

The best varieties of corn for silage purposes are those varieties, the ears of which reach the "glazing" or "hard dough" stage by the time desired for cutting, says F. Dimmock, Assistant, Forage Crop Division, Ottawa. It is at this stage that the corn plant contains the optimum amount of moisture necessary to produce good quality silage, and in addition the highest yield and feeding value are obtained.

Varieties that are too late to reach the glazed stage contain too much water and produce a poorer quality of silage. This excessive water content also makes such varieties unsuitable for the following reasons:

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4. Reduces feeding value of silage.

Varieties that are too early and reach too great a degree of maturity give a low yield and contain too little water to make the best silage.

Locality and season must govern the final choice of varieties, and it is obvious that the same varieties cannot be grown for silage in Eastern Ontario and Quebec as can be grown in Southwestern Ontario, where the season is longer.

Suitable varieties for silage purposes in the longer season districts of Eastern Ontario and Quebec are found among those that mature in Southwestern Ontario. These include, Leaming, Wisconsin No. 7, Bailey, Golden Glow and White Cap Yellow Dent. In section of this district where the season is somewhat shorter, the following varieties can be used: North Western Dent, Minnesota No. 13, Falconer, North Dakota, Comptom's Early, Longfellow and King Philip.

For Southwestern Ontario, suitable varieties for silage purposes are, late strains of Leaming, Wisconsin No. 7, Golden Glow and Bailey; also Giant Prolific Sweet Ensilage, Lancaster, Pride of the North and Mammoth Southern Sweet.

FEEDING GEESSE IN WINTER

Geese and ducks require a large proportion of roughage in the ration. In the winter, says Dominion Assistant Poultry Husbandman, George Robertson, this is best supplied by the use of clover hay and roots, and in the summer by grass. Breeders in the winter should be fed all the clover or alfalfa hay

and roots they will eat, but grain should be fed sparingly (just a light feed morning and night), dependence being placed largely on the coarse grains like oats and barley. As laying time approaches, a light mash may be added, and when in full lay, the mash feed can be increased.

Philadelphia will hold a sesqui-centennial Fair. Sounds like one of those sobriety tests.—Border Cities Star.

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