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NEWCASTLE, N. B., NOVEMBER 22, 1911

The Canadian Parliament opened with grand ceremony on the 16th instant. Dr. Sproule has been selected speaker with Dr. Blondin deputy speaker.  
 The speech from the throne expressed the Duke of Connaught's satisfaction at being called upon to administer the Government of Canada; his pleasure at the prosperity of the country, its expanding trade and bountiful harvests, substantial increase of population, and buoyant revenues. Negotiations had been opened for better trade relations between Canada and the British West Indies and Guiana, and a wider interchange of products was desired with all British States. Better highways would be provided. Agriculture would receive increased attention, and government inspection of grain and control and operation of the terminal elevators on the lakes established through a commission. A permanent tariff commission would be established. The Hudson Bay railway route would soon be announced. And other matters were mentioned.  
 A busy session is foreshadowed.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA

The five south-eastern provinces of China—Quang-Tung, Fo-Kien, Che-Kiang, Kiang-Se and Hoo-Nan—are completely in the hands of Republican revolutionaries. Each province has declared its independence, yet there is some acknowledgement of a central government, the apparent aim being to establish a United States of China on a constitution modelled somewhat on that of the United States of America. In the three provinces on the lower Yangtze—Kiang-Su, Ngan-Hoe and Hoo-Pe—the struggle is now being fought out between the Manchu imperialists, helped by many Chinese, and the fiery Republicans of the South. The storm centres are the old capital, Nanking, and the great city of Hankow further up the river, both held by the Emperor's troops. A decisive battle is expected soon at either of these cities.  
 Even if the Republicans should be forced to submit they will have largely gained their demands for a freer government, as the Emperor's advisors have already granted a constitution on the British model which, if manhood suffrage is introduced—but that is the question not yet decided—will be as liberal as that of any great western monarchy.

OBITUARY

MRS. GEO. BURCHILL

Mrs. Geo. Burchill of Nelson, sister-in-law of Hon. J. P. Burchill, died at her home in Nelson Monday morning, aged 50 years. Deceased, who was an amiable Christian lady, much beloved by a large circle of acquaintances, leaves five children—Mary, Stuart, George, Stirling and Laura. Deceased was a Miss Tremaine of Halifax, where her brother Harris Tremaine resides. The funeral will be at St. Paul's, Chatham Road, this afternoon at 2:30.

CLARENCE POWER

A sad death occurred in the Hotel Dieu hospital, Friday night, when Clarence Power, aged 16, son of Jas. Power, of Bathurst, and a student at St. Thomas College, succumbed to an attack of spinal meningitis. The young man had been ill only a week. He is survived by several brothers and sisters.

MRS. THOS. L. GOODWIN

The death occurred at Newton Highlands, Mass., on Nov. 6th, of Mrs. Thomas L. Goodwin, daughter of the late Robert Wood of Douglastown. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Robert and Lawrence, and her daughter, Ethel, also by her mother and four sisters—Mrs. Robert Gould of Newton Centre; Laura, Roberta and Mrs. Charles Spurr of Douglastown, and three brothers, James, Stewart and Herdman, of Douglastown.

MRS. WM. PARKS

On Nov. 13th at Redbank there passed away Margaret Parks, beloved wife of William Parks and only daughter of Wm. and Sarah Mullins aged 30 years leaving a husband and five children, twin babies five hours old. She also leaves to mourn her loss seven brothers—Harvey, Charles, Stanley, Lyman, Edward, John and Wilbur.—Moncton papers please copy.

JOSEPH VYE

Mr. Joseph Vye, an aged resident of Wilson's Point passed away early on the 14th, after a lingering illness. The deceased was in his 85th year and had not been active of late on account of failing health, his illness since September, being very serious. Death was not unexpected. A son, Edgar, who resided with his father, and son Robert in Moncton survive. Mrs. Vye predeceased her husband some years ago. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Simpson conducted the service and interment was in the Presbyterian burial grounds at Nelson.

MRS. EMILY McTAVISH

The death occurred Friday evening at Cassilis of Mrs. Emily McTavish, relict of the late Allan McTavish, of that place. Deceased had been in ill health for over a year, and lately contracted pneumonia which hastened her death. She was formerly Miss Somers, daughter of John Somers, of Cassilis. Deceased was 59 years of age and leaves three sons and three daughters as follows: Mrs. John Russell, South Brewer, Me.; Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, Black River; Wm. Lytleton; Sophie, Weldon and Hazen, at home. Deceased was a member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. T. MCKENZIE

There was a double funeral at Redbank, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when the late Thomas McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie were laid at rest. The burial was most impressive. The caskets were laid side by side in the St. Thomas Roman Catholic church and Rev. P. Duffy sang Requiem High Mass. Both husband and wife were 83 years of age and general debility was the cause of death. Mrs. McKenzie, who was born at Exmore, passed away on Thursday morning, while her husband joined her the next day. Mr. McKenzie was born in Newcastle. The old couple were well and favorably known throughout the Upper Miramichi, being life-long residents of Exmore. The following children survive: John McKenzie, Whitneyville; Mrs. James O'Shea, Boon Road; Mrs. James Hyland, Exmore; Mrs. Timothy Murphy, Derby; Mrs. Henry Corp, Portland, Oregon; Michael and James McKenzie, Portland, Oregon.

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council was responsible for the enforcement of the Act. As regards the C. T. A. funds, the town employs two inspectors, and three-quarters of their salaries comes from the C. T. A. funds.

Ald. Butler said there were also incidental expenses to come out of the funds.

Ald. Kethro asked if the C. T. A. was ever intended to be enforced. He did not think so.

The Mayor—Yes; it was intended to be enforced.

Ald. Butler said that he had been acquainted with the C. T. A. for 17 years. He agreed with Ald. Kethro that the Act was a gold brick, never intended by its authors to be enforced. The whole Act from beginning to end was false faced. The honest temperance people demanded genuine temperance legislation and the government of the day had given them legislation never intended to be workable. Under the C. T. A. liquor may be brought into a Scott Act for private use. It is impossible to prevent the importation of liquor. As long as the Government takes excise and customs duties on liquor it will never pass workable legislation to suppress the traffic. He had talked over needed amendments to the Act with Mr. H. H. Stuart, now Alderman Stuart, on the eve of a recent District Division meeting of the Sons of Temperance in Kent. But these amendments, which would have made the working of the Act much easier, had been disregarded by both Government and Opposition at Ottawa.

There were, continued Ald. Butler, some half-dozen dens in Newcastle selling liquor to those who will not give evidence. Some hotels were selling to people who will not perjure themselves. It was easy to find such places as the latter. Prohibition might help, but nothing short of such a measure could lessen the sale of liquor. Last summer Newcastle was reported far and wide, by certain clergymen and others, as a bad town. But it was as clean as any town.

Mr. Falconer—What is meant by first, second and third offenses?

Ald. Kethro—A second offense is now before the courts. A third cannot be charged against that party until second is disposed of.

Ald. Butler—There are some houses that cannot be fined—their customers will swear their clear.

Ald. Clark said he had had much experience with the Scott Act. It was hard to enforce. It can be enforced as soon as the people are behind the enforcement. As soon as a majority of the people favor enforcement and stop drinking the Act that can be carried out.

Ald. Sarge nt said he had no use for the Scott Act.

The Mayor said the Act was difficult to do anything with, but the most should be made of all we had.

Ald. Kethro said it was hard to have the council pounded for what can't be helped.

Ald. Stuart thought that, while the C. T. A. cannot, because of the defects Ald. Butler pointed out, be made thoroughly effective, a great deal of the present illegal sale of liquor can be stopped.

The Mayor said that young men were getting liquor. He had even been called to see a child nine years of age and had found him drunk. He had been told the boy had been forced to drink in a certain place.

Ald. Stables condemned the loopholes of the C. T. A.

Ald. Clark said that women were carrying liquor round and selling it.

Adjourned.

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