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## TODAY'S GRAPHIC AND ITS NEWS

Eight Pages Filled With  
Events of the Past  
Few Days!

OUR CIRCULATION

The Graphic today presents its readers with a large amount of good reading matter than is usual. We do this to cover in as large a degree as possible the events of a very interesting week.

A very large amount has been devoted to the report of the various meetings of the Union of N. B. Municipalities, the opening of the legislature and many local matters.

In this connection we beg to apologize, especially to our town readers, for our inability to give a full report of the banquet held at the Minto last evening, but rather than just briefly touch on it in the press of news, we decided to keep it until next Tuesday.

Today's issue of the Graphic comprises 2500 complete copies, the high water mark of our circulation ever reached in Campbellton.

## UNION OF N. B. MUNICIPALITIES HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING HERE.

### Work of Various Sessions Shows That the Delegates are in Earnest and Good Results Are Already Manifest from Their Deliberations.

### THE TELEPHONE MATTER.

The fourth annual convention of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities opened Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock, Mayor Chestnut presiding over the president, in the chair. There was a good representation from the various towns and counties, though it was marred by the absence of St. John city or county, which was represented by only one delegate.

Mayor Murray welcomed the delegates on behalf of the council and citizens generally. It was gratifying to him, he said, to have Hon. John Morrisey, commissioner of public works, present at the gathering. His presence, he hoped, would be productive of much in the way of legislative betterment.

Mayor Reilly, of Moncton, replied on behalf of the delegates, thanking Mayor Murray for his cordial welcome. Councilor Flewelling of Kings County also spoke in reply. The president then read his annual address, as follows:

**President Chestnut's Address**  
Gentlemen:—I heartily welcome you to the fourth annual convention of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick. It is a matter of congratulation that your executive has not been called upon to take formal objection to any legislation in this province during the year. The ninth annual convention of Canadian Municipalities met last July at Medicine Hat and Calgary and the executive of this union appointed our honorary secretary as its delegate, who will report to you the results arrived at by that body.

With reference to the programme before you, I note that it contains a number of subjects, among which, perhaps, I may be permitted to mention at least two. I think we must agree that there are many arguments in favor of a system of uniform municipal assessments among which may be mentioned the fact that if such a system were generally adopted throughout Canada, it would then be possible to supply brokers and investors in any part of the country with an intelligent statement setting forth the exact financial standing of any community.

This would certainly be a great advantage to any city or municipality wishing to issue bonds for any purpose. Perhaps a greater benefit would accrue from such a system for the reason that with it in operation an independent audit of municipal accounts would be a simple proposition, and that here it may be permitted to remark that the idea of an independent audit is rapidly growing in general favor, and it certainly would afford additional protection to the officials as well as the corporations interested.

Again, in regard to the establishment of a laboratory for the purpose of making chemical and bacteriological analysis it seems to me that the provincial government might well arrange to have a professor of our university undertake work of this character, thereby enabling any community in the province to get exact information when ever needed as to the quality of its water supply. It is a well known fact that many diseases arise from the contamination of these supplies, and it is now recognized to be of paramount importance that the purity of these supplies should be above suspicion.

During the last few years great interest has developed throughout North America in connection with the great natural resources of this continent. Not long ago President Roosevelt called an international convention to meet at Washington to consider the question, and it was gratifying to know that at this meeting it developed that the Canadian representation was possessed of the most exact knowledge of the subject. More recently the Canadian Conservation Commission appointed by the Dominion Government with Hon. Clifford Sifton at its head got together at Ottawa and began to compile information concerning the natural wealth of our country. I may also mention that next week the Canadian Forestry Association will meet in Fredericton. Its particular aim is to preserve the forests of the Dominion.

On motion of City Clerk Magee of Moncton, the president's address was referred to the executive for consideration of its recommendations. J. W. McCready, Secretary Treasurer of Fredericton, read a lengthy report of his trip to the West last year as a delegate from the New Brunswick Municipalities Union held at Medicine Hat and Calgary. He also submitted a financial statement showing the Union has made a considerable gain during the past year.

On motion of Mayor Murray this report was also referred to the executive. A number of resolutions were submitted and referred to the committee on resolutions.

An executive committee was appointed to follow—Mayor Reilly of Moncton, warden; H. Gilbert of St. John; Ald. McGoldrick of St. John; C. W. Swan, St. John; Mayor Jones of Woodstock; Councilor J. R. Polley of St. Stephen; Councilor Sterling, York county; and J. S. Magee, city clerk of Moncton.

The secretary announced that he had received word that the St. John delegates would arrive in Fredericton on Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock. It was arranged that Rev. T. Hunter Boyd should address the convention that evening on the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

D. D. Lighthall, K. C. honorary secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities wired he was unable to attend on account of pressing legislative business in Ottawa. The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
At the afternoon session the first speaker was Hon. John Morrisey, chief commissioner of public works. He expressed his satisfaction at being present and outlined the progress made by the town of Campbellton, which was entirely due to the enterprise of its citizens. The speaker then dealt with the Highway Act. He said the Fraser government had handed over to the municipalities the authority for expending of all moneys on roads. This act had been given a fair trial and it was making good. The government had made an earnest effort to administer the act fairly and expeditiously. Last year they had given the municipalities very little money, for the reason that the taxes of 1908 and 1909 were available, and they had given one shilling for the making of good roads, and that was good drainage. There was not a really good road from Fredericton to the north. In fact they were three years ago. The department had given all their attention to the building of bridges, which were found in a very bad condition, and when this was completed the roads would be attended to. He was strongly in favor of appointing a geological man as engineer and putting him to work in constructing a road from the St. Croix to the Restigouche much in the same principle that railroads were built. It was the only way to get good roads. It would take some time and money to do it, but it would pay in the end.

**Public Health Act**  
Mr. Morrisey then spoke of the Public Health Act. He said this was a matter which was being considered by the government. It had been said that the chairman of the local boards of health were charging exorbitant fees but all he had to say was that if good men did the work they would have to be paid well. He had understood that the doctors were to make suggestions for needed improvements in the act and he hoped this would be done.

The speaker next referred to the assessment law. He said that assessors some times took advantage of their office to salt political opponents and those with whom they had a grievance. Altogether too much power was placed in their hands in this regard. As a result in many cases there was an inequitable assessment, and the assessment lowered in order to cheat the highway act as there was a fixed rate for road purposes. He favored placing the valuation at the top notch so that all would be on equal footing. In conclusion, he remarked that it was the intention of the government to place a rather liberal amount of money at the disposal of the highway

boards throughout the province this year.

City Clerk Magee of Moncton moved a vote of thanks to the commissioner for his attendance and address.

This motion was seconded by Mayor Murray of Campbellton, and carried unanimously.

President Chestnut in tendering the thanks of the convention to Mr. Morrisey, expressed the hope that the government would in the future continue to send a representative to the union.

Secretary Blais of Dalhousie, strongly opposed the resolution. The statement that the company's stock was valued and that their property was overvalued was not correct.

When the N. B. Telephone Co. took over the Campbellton Telephone Co. plant here, they paid \$12,000 for it. This plant was then torn out and entirely rebuilt, and of course this \$12,000 would have to figure in the dividends, as well as the new work. What was done in Campbellton was done in many other towns. The company had to earn a fair dividend and provide for renewals as the plant had to be renewed about every ten years.

He was sure the much talked of monopoly would give a better service than the government. While it was perhaps true that the city paid a large share of the expense, yet that was only fair as the rural districts could not be expected to pay in the same manner. He moved the following amendment:

That a special committee of five be appointed for the purpose of obtaining information on the question of government ownership of telephones and telephone rates and that such committee have a representative from the rural district and report at the next regular convention.

## CAMPBELLTON VS. FREDERICTON RINKS

### No Definite Word From Rinks Playing on Fredericton Ice.

### THE REPORTS

The Campbellton rinks which have been playing on the Fredericton ice have not sent any definite reports as to their progress, which remains in an encouraging way but the press reports are somewhat discouraging.

In the first two games Fredericton was leading by eight points, while in an 11:45 hour yesterday P. Murray was leading his opponent by four points.

During recess, my government has continued to press for a settlement of outstanding claims in connection with fishery matters, against the government of Canada, and will continue to do so, and is hopeful that a settlement of all questions in dispute may be arrived at during the present year.

At the opening of the last session, I informed you that arrangements had been made by my government, under which certain books used in the common schools were being supplied at a reduced price of forty per cent, and you will be glad to learn that the list has been extended so that practically all the books in the school curriculum are being sold at a similar reduction thereby affecting a very considerable saving to the people of the province.

At the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed in aid of the development of the Gloucester county iron deposits. Aid and encouragement by the carrying out of the provisions of that Act, the Northern New Brunswick and Sea Board Railway Company entered upon the construction of a line of railway from the iron mines near the Grand Falls of the Nepisiguit River to the International Railway, and in spite of the very wet weather last summer and autumn, has made such substantial progress with the work that it is expected the road will be completed not later than July next, and that thereafter the provincial revenues will be increased to a considerable amount by the royalties on the output of the mines.

The encouragement given by my government to this enterprise has caused great activity in prospecting for minerals in Gloucester and the other Northern counties, and so far favorable reports have been received of indications of other valuable deposits, and the receipts from mining licenses have largely increased.

In pursuance of an Act passed at the last session, a commission was appointed to inquire into and report upon the best method to be adopted to prevent and cure tuberculosis in this province. The report of the Commission has not been received by the government, but it is expected that it will be presented during the session.

The Highway Act of 1908, as amended by the Legislature at its last session, has been in force during the past year, and I am happy to notice you that, though the situation was unusually wet one year, nevertheless for the making or improvement of good roads, its operation leads to the conclusion that it will be effective in providing better roads than have existed in the past, and prove a wise and progressive piece of legislation.

For many years past there has existed a strong desire among the residents of the counties of the Valley of the River St. John for the construction of a railway, which, it is believed, will in a very great measure be to their property and be of benefit to the people of the province. All legislation heretofore passed for aiding such a work has proved ineffective in accomplishing the purpose desired. A bill will be introduced at the present session which, it is hoped, will result in the accomplishment of this long desired and desirable public work at no far distant day.

You will be invited to consider bills to provide pensions for teachers in the common schools; to amend the act respecting dentists; the Board of Health Act, and an Act for the establishment of a Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will also be submitted to you, and I trust you will find that they have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I feel assured that you will give careful consideration to the various subjects which will come before you.

## LOCAL LEGISLATURE NOW ATTENDING TO ITS IMPORTANT DUTIES.

### Speech From the Throne Foreshadows Much Important Legislation.

#### The Valley Railway.

### PENSION FOR TEACHERS.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 17.—The speech from the throne, delivered at the opening of the Legislature yesterday afternoon was as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

It affords me much pleasure to meet you again at the opening of another session and to once more express our thanks to the Creator and Giver of all good things, for a bountiful harvest and the general prosperity with which the people of New Brunswick have been blessed.

It is gratifying to find that during the last year the crop yielded averaged larger than in 1905, and were above the average of the figures of the last ten years, though unusual weather conditions occasioned local losses. High prices have prevailed for most farm products, and increased faith in the agricultural capabilities of the province is being manifested.

Since the opening of the Legislature last year eighteen new Agricultural Societies have been incorporated, and they are actively taking up the work of live stock improvement, and the purchase of good seeds.

In response to the demand for larger and better draught horses, my government arranged with reliable horse importers to import Clydehead mares and stallions to be sold within the province upon a commercial basis. These horses have been sold at reasonable prices and well distributed at small expense to the province.

I am pleased to note the bon avers by the fruit growers of this province, at the exhibition in Great Britain, and at the Maritime Fair at Amherst and to congratulate our horticulturists on the success which has crowned their

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