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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

It is not surprising that the Telegraph views the Foster government with entire approval, on the contrary it would be more than surprising if that government could do anything to draw criticism or condemnation so long as that journal is owned and controlled by the interests that now direct its course. From the Telegraph we learn that the legislative session which has just closed was the richest in point of achievement that New Brunswick has ever known; that the Foster government is composed of heaven-born statesmen, and that the qualities of such men as the Honorable A. G. Blair, Hon. James Mitchell, Hon. D. L. Hanington, Hon. J. J. Fraser, Hon. G. R. King, and many other able men who administered the affairs of this province in the distant past, fade into insignificance beside the overpowering abilities of the aggregation now in control of the treasury of New Brunswick.

Of course the Telegraph waxes wrath at the thought of an Opposition in the capital. If that paper had its way the gentlemen who occupy seats to the left of Mr. Speaker would be relegated to the political discard and their places filled by Postersites. Then we would have a government indeed.

Despite the Telegraph's extravagant laudation, however, the fact is that if the Foster government has one cause for thankfulness more than another it is that the Opposition at Fredericton is particularly strong as to numbers and ability, and also especially good natured. It was largely due to the correcting influence of Opposition members that the legislation submitted by the government was whittled into shape to put on the statute books of the province. Men, possibly more familiar than the editor of the Telegraph with the work of the session, will cheerfully testify to this and will add the opinion that some of the bills of which the Telegraph boasts were beneficially amended at the suggestion of Opposition members before they passed the House. The Opposition was well disposed towards the government; instead of devoting time to attempts to embarrass the amateurs in the treasury benches they did not hesitate to give freely of their ability and their thought in an effort to assist the government to put through its legislation and the value of this assistance can be illustrated by a brief consideration of the bills to which the Telegraph refers as crowning achievements of a wonderful session.

Let us consider first the audit act. Will the Telegraph point out in what important features this act differs from that introduced by Hon. J. D. Hazen, or in what way the production of 1918 is superior to that of ten years ago? But the act was in no way contentious and the Opposition materially assisted in its passage.

The Workmen's Compensation Act was drawn from the report of the commission appointed by the Murray Government to study the acts of Ontario and Nova Scotia and devise ways and means for the improvement of the Act already on the statute books. That bill was well drawn and the subject of much consideration in the Legislature. Large delegations were heard and all phases of the case thoroughly canvassed. In that measure the government had an opportunity to show its stature but failed, for in the only portion of the Act in which the interest of the workmen conflicted with the interests of the North Shore lumber kings, the government sided with the latter and a most important portion of the lumbering operations was exempted from the provisions of the Act.

The Crown Land and Forestry Protection Act is nothing more or less than a measure designed to take a large part of the administration of the greatest revenue producing department of the province out of the control of a responsible minister and turn it over to a commission which will not be answerable to the people. Whether this is or is not in the public interest remains to be seen.

The Vocational Training Act was not contentious in its submission it for passage Mr. Fred Macgoe, chairman of the Vocational Training Committee, paid a distinct tribute to the work, not of one of the members of the government, but of Dr. J. Roy Campbell who, strange to say, occupies a seat in the front row of Opposition benches and who, by the way, in the St. John Assessment Act, which was largely his own child, presented to the Legislature the best drawn piece of legislation of the session.

Then the Telegraph refers to the Health Act, of which it is only necessary to say that the amendments made for the Opposition in the original bill

constitute its most commendable features. As it stands even now the Health Act is a hopeless mess of regulation, top-heavy, unnecessarily complicated and in most of its provisions absolutely absurd. If that Act is to be regarded as the crowning achievement of the Foster government the Telegraph is entitled to all the comfort it can obtain from it. What the people will think of it after it has been in force a year will be much more interesting and probably more to the point.

Now we come to Hon. Mr. Veniot's Highway Act, in the construction of which he used practically all the planks in the platform of the former Minister of Public Works, Hon. B. Frank Smith. When in opposition Mr. Veniot laughed at the idea of a road patrol, which was Mr. Smith's suggestion, but when in power he eagerly seized upon it, and now we find the Telegraph praising it as one of the best features of the new Act. And in that the Telegraph is right.

But the Telegraph conveniently forgets other measures introduced by the government but which discussion showed to be too assine to merit attention and which were permitted to die a natural death. Why, for instance, does the Telegraph not enlarge upon the Villages Incorporation measure as illustrative of the statesman-like genius of the Honorable Attorney General? Why does that newspaper not tell its readers what became of this wonderful emanation from the brain of Hon. Mr. Byrne? And there are other things in connection with the session on which the Telegraph could enlighten its readers.

Taken in all the session just closed at Fredericton was a distinct triumph for the Opposition. Each day as it passed effectively demonstrated to the people of the province that the real ability in the Legislature was opposed to, rather than supporting, the accidental premier. To all measures in the interest of the people of the province the Opposition gave valuable aid, one or two others, conspicuously the Health bill were jammed through in amended form by the narrow government majority in spite of strenuous protest and that these protests were well taken will become apparent as the absurdities of the measure become generally known. In everything but numerical strength the Opposition was the dominant force in Fredericton in the session just closed. And the Telegraph knows it.

## PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE.

The esteemed Times has reached the point where it half admits that the ordinary expenditures of the Foster government for the present fiscal year will be considerably in excess of the receipts and in order to prepare the people for another big deficit it naively remarks: "—but what most concerns the people is the value they get for the money spent. The Foster government will at least endeavor to spend wisely, for the public welfare and not for the special benefit of partisans and profiteers."

Just so. And here are a few allegations in regard to Gloucester county road work which illustrates how splendidly the government has endeavored to live up to the certificate of character given by the Times:

On the Shippegan Barren road, on payroll B 5477, the name of George Robicheaud appears as having drawn \$48 for sixteen days services with horse at \$3 per day. It is alleged that witness can be procured to establish that George Robicheaud did not work on the road at that time, but for a part of the period for which he drew pay from the government was engaged, with the same horse, in hauling earth from the road ditches to put in front of the residence of John G. Robicheaud, M. L. A., and around the residence of Patrick G. Robicheaud, his brother.

George Robicheaud, who hauled the earth and drew pay from the government, is the father of John G. Robicheaud, M. L. A. for Gloucester. And Gloucester is Mr. Veniot's home constituency.

In the month of August last Louis Jules Robicheaud was down for 23½ days work with horse and cart and was paid \$69.75. It is alleged that during that month he did not work on the road but was fishing lobsters. In the month of September, on payroll B 6145 he appears for \$60 for twenty days work with horse. It is alleged that he did not work on the road in that month.

Also on the September payroll B 6145, P. J. McNally, the road supervisor, figures for twenty-five days for horse and cart and driver at \$3 per day, \$75. On the same payroll appears the name of Edmund A. Robicheaud, twenty-five days at \$3 per day as laborer. It is alleged that Robicheaud really drove the McNally horse for

which the services of driver are charged twice. That horse apparently cost the government \$5 per day.

These are but sample instances of the manner in which it is alleged the money has been misappropriated and squandered on the Gloucester county roads. There are many others. The Standard does not say that Hon. Mr. Veniot is responsible for such misappropriation but we do say that supporters of Mr. Veniot and of Mr. Robicheaud seem to have profited largely at the public expense. Mr. Veniot has promised an investigation under oath. After it has been held and the profiteers and partisans punished it is time enough for the Times to grow hysterical over the good intentions of the Foster government. We have had enough of windy promises on the part of Mr. Foster, his associates, and his newspaper organs. What the country now wants is some slight evidence of an intention to implement those pledges.

## A BIT OF VERSE

### THE CHILDREN.

(Written by Charles Dickens and found in his desk after his death.)

When the lessons and tasks are all ended,  
And the school for the day is dismissed,  
And the little ones gather around me  
To bid me "good-night" and be kissed—  
Oh, the little white arms that encircle  
My neck in a tender embrace;  
Oh, the smiles that are halos of heaven,  
Shedding sunshine and love on my face!

And when they are gone I sit dreaming  
Of my childhood, too lovely to last;  
Of love that my heart will remember  
When it wakes to the pulse of the past.  
Ere the world and its wickedness made me  
A partner of sorrow and sin,  
When the glory of God was about me,  
And the glory of gladness within.

I shall leave the old house in the autumn  
To traverse its threshold no more—  
Ahl how I shall sigh for the dear ones  
That met me each morn at the door.  
I shall miss the good-nights and the kisses,  
And the rush of their innocent glee,  
The group on the green and the flowers  
That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at morn and at evening,  
Their song in the school and the street,  
I shall miss the low hum of their voices,  
And the tramp of their delicate feet.  
When the lessons and tasks are all ended,  
And death says the school is dismissed,  
May the little ones gather around me  
To bid me "good-night" and be kissed.

## A BIT OF FUN

Men Are Such Flatterers!  
"This is a replica of the Venus de Milo."  
"She is supposed to be a perfect woman, is she not?"  
"O, yes. But very few of the ladies who view her seem to think they are at all outclassed."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

That's Different.  
Charles:—And you say you have been calling on her.  
George:—Yes, until recently.  
Charles:—Why did you quit?  
George:—I asked her father for her hand and he gave me his foot.

Parental Shortcomings.  
"I am afraid," said the preacher to whom he had gone for advice, "you haven't been inclined to be a companion to your son."  
"Yes I have. I've tried my best to be a companion to him. But how can a man be a companion to his son if his son can give him a handicap of a stroke a hole and beat him at golf and talk seven kinds of slang that the man has never had time to learn?"—Springfield (Ohio) News.

## FLIGHT CADET E. P. LEBLANC, MONCTON FATALLY INJURED

Moncton Young Man, Former C.G.R. Clerk, Loses his Life as Result of Collision in Air at Mohawk Aviation Camp, Deseronto, Ont.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, April 29.—P. O. B. LeBlanc received a telegram today from Mohawk Aviation Camp, Ontario, stating his son Edgar P. had been seriously injured in an aeroplane accident. He died later. The young aviator had been in the Royal Air service five months and recently returned from Texas. Prior to joining the flying corps he was employed in the C. G. R. office. He died in the Belleville Hospital.

How Accident Occurred.  
Deseronto, Ont., April 29.—Second Lieut. F. H. Menhennit and Cadet E. P. LeBlanc, of the 814 squadron, R. A. F., crashed while flying just outside Camp Mohawk airfield at 2:15 p. m. today. Second Lieut. Menhennit was severely and Cadet LeBlanc fatally injured. Their next of kin are respectively, Brother, J. D. Menhennit, 184 Leigh street, Matys, Cornwall, England, and mother, Mrs. P. B. LeBlanc, 97 Alma street, Moncton, N. B. Cadet LeBlanc died at 4:30 this afternoon. Second Lieut. Menhennit is expected to recover.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.  
THE PARK AVE. NEWS.  
Society. Mr. Benny Potts is suffering from a cold, being pretty bad but not bad enough to keep him away from school, he is sorry to say.  
Sports. A setting down, contest was held last Saturday night between Artie Alexander, Leroy Shooter and Pude Simkins in Pude Simkins' house, the idea being to see which one could set down on the floor the hardest by quick sticking their legs out and leaving themselves go, the contest not being over yet when Pude's father came running up from downstairs and asked them if they thart the house was made of iron and made them play parcheesy instead.

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## WAR EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT YEAR

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## EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES BILL IS CRITICISED

Senate Hears Complaint Labor Minister Interfered in Police Dispute.

Ottawa, April 28.—When the bill to amend the Yukon act came up in the Senate for third reading, this afternoon, Senator Power asked the leader of the government whether the ministry were considering a union between British Columbia and the Yukon.  
Sir James Loughheed replied that it was not.  
When the third reading for to amend the industrial disputes act comes up, Senator Cloran drew attention to the situation in Ottawa where he said, the minister of labor had exceeded his right and authority and intervened in a dispute between the police force and police commissioners as to the right of the men to form an organization and become affiliated with a trades union.  
Sir James Loughheed, replying, said that the minister had assured him that he had not interfered in an official capacity, but had merely tendered friendly advice. In any case, pointed out Sir James, the act under consideration did not extend to cover the case of municipalities, and had nothing to do with police.  
Speaking in explanation of the government's war appropriation bill which came up for second reading, Senator Loughheed said that the estimated war expenditure for next year totalled \$518,000,000 but it was anticipated that it would be within \$500,000,000. The war estimates of the department of militia totalled \$217,000,000; the overseas estimates reached \$225,000,000 and estimates of various departments in connection with which there was more or less war expenditure made up the balance.  
The bill was given a second reading.  
The government's bill to co-ordinate employment agencies came in for some criticism. Senator Nichols said it was merely an attempt to shift responsibility to the shoulders of the provinces, and it seemed to him "very much like camouflage."  
Senator Murphy said the bill had all the appearance of a residuum for troublesome politicians.  
Hon. Gideon Robertson, defending the measure, said that the government simply proposed to co-operate with provincial legislatures. The bill was the result of presentations made by representatives of labor and, he believed, would work to the advantage of both employers and employees.

Toronto, April 29.—Dr. G. T. Little, V. S., left Toronto Saturday night for the east. He enlisted last week in the Imperial army veterinary corps. He is a French-Canadian, a graduate of Laval Veterinary College, and one of the best amateur baseball players of Montreal.

## GOLD DISCOVERY THE CAUSE OF EXCITEMENT

Flurry Among Residents of Shuttle Island, Dawson Sound, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Prince Rupert, B. C., April 28.—There is quite a flurry of excitement at Shuttle Island, Dawson Sound, Queen Charlotte Islands, over some new gold discoveries. Many men employed in the lumbering trades are quitting their positions to stake claims.

## SUFFERED WITH NERVES COULD NOT KEEP QUIET.

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