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Col. Baxter in Moving Address in Reply to Speech From Throne Makes Patriotic Reference to Place Occupied by King George in Hearts of People of Province --- Opportunities of New Brunswick for Farmer and Horticulturist

Opposition Leader Makes Pessimistic Speech and Premier Flemming in Reply Touches Upon Manifest Signs of Prosperity of Province—Valley Railway Will Impart Mighty Impetus To Areas Traversed, and Every Indication Points to Period of Unprecedented Prosperity Necessity of Immediate Steps to Prevent Further Decrease in Representation of Maritime Provinces in Federal House, Referred to — Speech From the Throne.

Fredericton, Mar. 7.—The House met at 3 o'clock. The legislature was opened this afternoon. His Honor Lieut. Governor Wood came into the assembly chamber at 3 o'clock, took his seat and read the speech from the throne.

THE SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

Having entered upon the trust reposed in me as the representative of His Most Gracious Majesty in this Province, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you upon your again convening for the discharge of your legislative duties. I assure you it will be my earnest endeavor to discharge my duties while I have the honor of holding this high office faithfully and impartially and animated solely by a desire to promote the best interests of my native Province.

In June last the Coronation of Their Gracious Majesties, King George and Queen Mary, took place in Westminster Abbey. It was a most imposing occasion, solemn and impressive, and witnessed by representatives from nearly all foreign countries, as well as representatives from the different portions of Their Majesties' world-wide Empire. The carrying out of the entire programme in connection with the Coronation was such as to excite on the part of representatives and visitors from foreign lands respect and admiration, and brought forth the strongest demonstration of love and affection from the multitude gathered from every part of Their Majesties' Dominions. New Brunswick was fittingly represented.

In common with all portions of the Empire we rejoice upon the safe return of Their Majesties from India and in the successful consummation of the important events carried out during the visit of the King and Queen among their Indian subjects. The manifestations of loyalty and attachment so constantly in evidence were most reassuring.

Throughout the Province there is a feeling of keen satisfaction that His Majesty has been pleased to designate a member of the Royal Family in the person of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Connaught, to preside over the destinies of Canada as Governor-General.

During the past year the people of the Province have enjoyed prosperous business conditions. Providence blessed the efforts of our agriculturists and a bountiful harvest resulted. Satisfactory and remunerative prices have prevailed for farm products. It is gratifying that the interest in agricultural pursuits continues to increase. New agricultural societies are being organized, there being now a hundred agricultural societies in the Province, an increase of over forty since 1908. Agricultural exhibitions, poultry shows etc., are increasing in number, and extending their sphere of usefulness. The work of the Poultry Expert appointed by my government has been attended with satisfactory results.

In November last the Fruit Growers' Association of the Province, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, held their second annual fruit exhibition at St. John. The exhibition was large, the number of exhibitors being satisfactory, while the exhibits for excellence could hardly be excelled. Through the efforts of the Agricultural Department, the Fruit Growers' Association, and successful orchardists, it has been demonstrated that we have a large area of lands suitable for the production of the finest quality of apples, and within a few years New Brunswick should become a large exporter of fruit, particularly of apples. Last year the Department of Agriculture, through the Horticulturist, cared for old orchards in three different sections of the province, demonstrating the good results which follow proper pruning, spraying and caring for the old orchard and also showing the advantage of proper packing. The result of these demonstrations will appear in the report of the Horticulturist for the year.

During recess my Government has had correspondence with the Premiers of several of the Provinces with a view of having an early conference of Provincial Premiers to endeavor, if possible, to reach an agreement in regard to the representation of the Maritime Provinces in the Federal Parliament. As a result of the census taken last year, when redistribution takes place, the three Maritime Provinces will again have their representation cut down. My Government will earnestly strive to effect an arrangement whereby this diminution may be avoided and the Maritime Provinces saved the loss of prestige and influence by decreased representation.

I am pleased to inform you that during the recess my Government carried on negotiations with a view of entering into a contract for the construction of a railway from Saint John to Grand Falls in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1910. As a result of the negotiations a contract for construction was executed between my Government and the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company on December 12th last. Survey work has been carried on by the company since that time and construction will begin as early in the spring as conditions will admit. The contract calls for the completion of the portion of the line from Centreville to Gagetown prior to November 1913, and for the completion of the entire line before November, 1915.

An agreement to lease and operate the railway when constructed has been entered into between the federal government, my government and the constructing company. The terms of the agreement will be found in accordance with the provisions of the act authorizing the same.

The agreement to lease also contains an obligation on the part of the federal government to guarantee bonds for the construction of three large bridges upon the line of railway to the extent of a million dollars and contains a further provision that the whole of the forty per cent gross earnings shall be paid to the province during the first fifteen years of the operation of the railway, the federal government thus contributing the interest upon the bridge bonds during that period of fifteen years

A bill to amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Legislature, 1910, and ratifying the contract will be submitted for your consideration While the construction of this railway will give a great impetus to the development of a large portion of the province, the conditions of the contract will be found to be such as will not impose any onerous burden on the people

The work of Immigration has been successfully prosecuted during the past year, the number of people who have settled in the province being larger than the previous year. Attention in Great Britain is being directed to Eastern Canada to a greater extent than formerly and my Government is hopeful that within a short time arrangements will be completed with the Federal government which will insure a still greater prominence of the maritime provinces in immigration work carried on by the Federal government throughout Great Britain. The attention of people in other provinces of Canada and elsewhere is being directed to New Brunswick where there seems the promise of great development in the immediate future. My Government is prepared to do everything possible to satisfactorily and successfully locate settlers within the province. Nothing will be of such lasting benefit as to get more people upon the land, thus increasing the wealth and productiveness of our province.

A Bill to promote the re-creation and settlement of abandoned and non-producing lands will be presented for your consideration.

Arrangements have been completed which will insure the early construction of a railway from the coal fields at Minto to Gibson. The draft agreements for the construction of the railway between the Government of the province and the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway Company, and the Agreement to lease and to operate by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Agreement for the operation of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, have been prepared and the terms agreed to, and the documents will be executed soon.

A Bill amending the Act providing aid for the construction of this railway will be presented to you for consideration. Many sections of the Province will be benefitted by the construction of this railway, as it will insure a supply of good coal at a reasonable price, and the immediate advantage to the coal areas of Sunbury and Queens cannot be questioned.

The Territorial Revenue for the year was the largest in the history of the Province, showing considerable increase over the previous year and being in excess of half a million dollars.

Bills amending the Liquor License Act, the Game Law and the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act will be presented for your consideration.

Your attention will also be directed to other measures in the public interest.

I have directed the accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past fiscal year, together with a statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year, up to the opening of this Session, to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the current year will be submitted and I trust you will find that they have been prepared with proper consideration as regards economy and the needs of the public services.

Assuring you of my faith in your zeal and desire to faithfully discharge your duties, I now leave you to your deliberations.

Hon. Mr. McLeod presented the returns of the by-elections in Charlotte and Sunbury counties and St. John city and county, and Mr. Baxter, of St. John city and county; Mr. Perley, of Sunbury, and Mr. Guptill, of Charlotte county were introduced.

Hon. Mr. McLeod presented the statement of the valuation of real estate and bonded debt of Albert Co. also the annual report of the provincial hospital, the annual report of the chancellor of the University of New Brunswick and the statement of the bonded debt of Carleton county.

Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill respecting the property of John Gravinor, deceased.

Col. Baxter's Speech.

Mr. Baxter in moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne said that he felt it was unnecessary for him to say anything regarding the first paragraph in the speech which was a message of greeting from the hon. gentleman who for the first time visited this chamber as the representative of His Most Gracious Majesty in this province.

He felt sure that the whole province would join in a feeling of pride that this honor comes to a man who had had such a long and honorable career in the public life of this country.

The paragraph regarding the Coronation struck a note which would be responded to throughout the Empire. Before he held his present high position, King George V. had visited this province and at that time had firmly established himself in the hearts of the people. He felt that His Majesty would fittingly fill the high position which he now held.

He was the first monarch who had visited all portions of his broad dominions and the paragraph in the speech which tells of his visit to India shows that e is every inch a king. He and his noble consort had further endeared themselves to their subjects in undertaking their trip to India with the possible danger which might have occurred on account of the unrest in that portion of the Empire.

Imperial Consolidation

When this assembly was first convoked in 1783, the House of Lords was then sitting in judgment on a case of one charged with having committed a crime thousands of miles away in another part of the Empire. It was the same constitution which caused British statesmen to conduct that case, which assures protection throughout the Empire and which is now looked to to bring about a series of evolutions, not revolutions, to give us a unification of Empire. The appointment of the Duke of Connaught a member of the Royal family, as governor general of this Dominion, would help to bring this about.

In the speech reference was made to the fact that agriculture had prospered in this province during the last year and at last it seemed as if the people had stopped looking out to alleged golden places of the west and the United States, and were now looking inward. There is no place where the sun shines any brighter and no place where there is more room for development or people better fitted to carry on that development than in this province.

All should support the government in its efforts to bring about a unified movement to save a reduction in the representation of the Maritime Provinces in the Parliament of Canada. While the province was not now represented in large numbers, it had sent men to the Federal capital who had been well able to do their part in the carrying on of the business of the country there.

The premier now sits in this House in a seat formerly occupied by one who has been called to that wider area of work and he was sure that the people of this province had confidence in him and his successor.

An irreducible minimum must be decided upon, even if legislative authority has to be secured to override the decision of the Privy Council, and he was sure that the lusty lungs of the opposition would be heard in sup-

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GOOD FORTUNE OF GIRL FROM FREDERICTON

Legacy of Wealthy Rancher to Bare Acquaintance From The Capital.

T. M. Stynes Bequeaths $5,000 to Miss O'Donnell, who Now Proposes to Return to New Brunswick.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, March 7.—Miss Nellie E. O'Donnell, a pretty young woman whose home is at Fredericton, N. B., according to a letter from an attorney of Oklahoma City, has been left $5,000 in the will of T. M. Stines, a wealthy rancher who died recently.

The unusual feature is, Miss O'Donnell says that Mr. Stines was but little more than a casual acquaintance and she had almost forgotton about him until she received today the lawyer's letter.

"Want to know what I mean to do when I get the money?" she asked. "Well I am going back to Fredericton and am going to send my sister, Muriel, to Osborne College."

Three years ago at an ice carnival at Cleveland, Ohio, where she was then working as a demonstrator, Miss O'Donnell says the late Mr. Stines was introduced to her and she became quite friendly with him and his sister while she was in Cleveland, but never dreamed of being a beneficiary in his will.

THE IMMIGRATION CONGRESS OPENS IN THE CAPITAL TODAY

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 7.—A large attendance is expected at the immigration congress which meets here today. Boards of trade, agricultural societies and other organizations have intimated their intention of sending delegations and the applications for accommodation at the hotels indicate that there will be large and representative delegations from practically every county in the province.

The subjects to be discussed, are of great importance to the province, and it is confidently expected that the interchange of opinions will develop much of practical value in working out the solution of the problem of promoting immigration to the province. The members of the legislature are much interested in the forward movement now manifest in the province, and may be relied upon to do everything to give practical effect in so far as it lies in their power to any suggestion which may emanate from the gathering of boosters.

WANT PRINCESS TO JOURNEY NORTH TO OPEN EXPOSITION

Dawson, Mar. 7.—Camp Dawson, of the Arctic Brotherhood, voted unanimously last night to invite the Princess Patricia to visit Dawson City this summer with the Duchess of Connaught to open the first grand annual exposition of the north, showing Yukon's agricultural, mineral, forestry, fishery and other products.

The formal information was forwarded today through Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P., for Yukon, with the request that he explain fully the ease with which the journey is made, every foot of the way by train or steamer.

GERMAN COAL STRIKE IN THE WESTPHALIAN DISTRICT CERTAIN

Berlin, Mar. 7.—The outbreak of a general strike in the Westphalian coal district on March 11 is now regarded as a practical certainty. The leaders of the Christian Trades Unions, who are bitter rivals of the socialist workmen's organizations, continue to oppose a strike, but advices received from the coal fields indicate that they are losing hold on their followers, a great proportion of whom will make common cause with the other organizations if they decide to stop work.

HOUSE HEARS OF AWAKENING OF PROVINCE

Mr. Hazen Tells Commons Why New Brunswick Is Not Dead.

Immigration Congress and The Standard also Figure in Able Speech of Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 7.—The Manitoba Boundaries Extension Bill was taken up in committee this evening and was persistently obstructed by the Liberals, their discussion being tedious and devoid of new issues. Sometime after midnight the first vote was taken, the government having a majority of 39. At the moment of writing the outlook is for an all night sitting.

Several miscellaneous items of government business were dealt with.

Mr. Hazen's bill creating the Biological Board of Canada was disposed of after a short discussion in committee on the investigations which the board conducts.

The Senate amendments to the Inquiries Bill was accepted. Mr. Doherty secured the assent of the House to his resolution dealing with the Yukon judges. In boom time the Yukon was given an outfit of three judges each established for life, each with a living allowance of $5,000 a year in addition to his salary as judge. It is proposed to retire two of them on full pay for life, leaving Judge MacAulay in charge.. Two living allowance of $10,000 a year in all will be saved.

Two more government measures were advanced. Dr. Reid's bill to improve the salaries of certain customs officers in the outside service and Mr. Pelletier's resolution to give assistant postmasters in post offices yielding a revenue of $1,000,000 and upwards, Toronto and Montreal, salaries ranging between $2,800 and $3,500.

After 8 o'clock the House went once more into committee on the Manitoba Extension Bill.

The Liberals obstructed all evening, Messrs. Turgeon, Molloy and Emmerson being the earlier speakers.

Mr. Emmerson spoke at considerable length, censuring the government for the financial terms, for its opposition to reciprocity, for its behaviour on the branch lines of the Intercolonial, and for a few other wickednesses. Incidentally he bewailed the condition of New Brunswick, citing the immigration convention which is being held in Fredericton as a proof of the prevalent despondency.

He also referred to the badge to be worn by delegates, and bewailed the desperate straights to which the province was reduced for want of immigration.

These unseemly lamentations by the member for Westmoreland were not allowed to go unanswered. Mr. Hazen promptly came to the rescue of the fair name of the province.

"I also," he said, "am the proud possessor of one of those badges which I now hold in my hand.

"My honorable friend was giving a very free translation of the inscription. To listen to him one would think the convention was to be held because the people of New Brunswick are bowed down with care and sorrow, and that they felt it necessary to hold this convention because of what he called the deserted homes and deserted farms throughout the province. That is not at all the reason. The convention is being held because there is a feeling of extreme optimism on the breast of everyone in the province today." Mr. Hazen read the inscription on the badge: "Delegate to Immigration Convention, Fredericton, March 8th. We are going to boost New Brunswick."

"Not New Brunswick the downtrodden," he continued, "not New Brunswick the depressed, but 'We are going to boost New Brunswick the busy east of Canada,'" the House cheered. . . .

Mr. Hazen went on to call attention to the reasons given why the delegates should attend the congress and read from the St. John Standard an extract from the address of T. H. Estabrooks at a meeting of the board of trade. The report, he remarked, in passing, was in a paper read on all occasions with great care by Mr. Pugsley and to which he occasionally made reference in the House. Mr. Estabrooks he pointed out, had stated to the board that owing to the more favorable attitude assumed by the federal government to the eastern provinces and the interest shown by the provincial government in immigration, they should do all that was possible to boost the immigration movement and send a large delegation to the congress.

"It is not necessary for me to remind my hon. friend from Westmorland," concluded Mr. Hazen, amid laughter of the House, "or to remind any hon. gentleman who knows New Brunswick, that Mr. Estabrooks who made this statement about the more favorable attitude of the federal government and the attitude of the provincial government as regards immigration is not a member of the Conservative party, but is a leading citizen of St. John and one of the most active and jealous leaders of the Liberal party in the constituency."

D. D. McKenzie complained heavily of the terms as unjust to Nova Scotia. He had never heard before, he said, of the heirs of an estate being taken in one by one.

"So you think the country's dead," said Mr. Burnham.

Mr. McKenzie was vexed, and said so, voluminously and laboriously.

Mr. Pugsley's amendment to postpone the settlement until a provincial conference had been summoned, was beaten by 101 to 62.

Mr. Guthrie moved to strike out the payment of arrears to Manitoba.

At 1.45 Mr. Guthrie's amendment was declared lost on division. The noncontentious clauses were passed and the House adjourned.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT TABLED

NEW CONCERN MAKES WISE SELECTION

Eureka, Where Plant of N. S. Underwear is Located, is Particularly Adapted for Purpose'

Halifax, March 7.—The subscription list for the 7 per cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock of the Nova Scotia Underwear Company opened today, and J. C. Mackintosh & Co., who are making the offering report a prompt and gratifying demand for the securities, indicating that the shares will be readily absorbed by investors.

The issue is $150,000 Preferred and the same amount of Common stock. Half of the Preferred has been taken by the shareholders in the old company and other investors, leaving $75,000 for the public. The mills are advantageously located at Eureka, six miles from New Glasgow, where they have a water supply ample for all power purposes. The locality is in the centre of the best sheep raising region in the province, and labor of the best class is abundant. The proximity of Eureka to New Glasgow and Trenton, towns that are closely in touch by intercolonial trains, adds to the satisfactory character of the labor situation at Eureka.

In the matter of management the N.S. Underwear Co. are peculiarly fortunate. The mills are in charge of two superintendents who have had a lifelong experience in the knitted wool industry, and who have demonstrated their ability in the Nova Scotia knitting mills, which the new company succeeds. A. Ballantyne is the business manager, bringing to his aid a thorough knowledge both of the manufacturing and mercantile departments of the knitted wool industry and equipped on the purchasing and sales sides, by experience in Scotland and several years more recently in this country, Mr. Ballantyne has absolute faith in the future of the company. The preferred stock is offered at par with a 40 per cent. common stock bonus

ARTILLERY BAND SCORED SUCCESS IN THE CAPITAL

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 7.—The Opera House held a large and fashionable audience tonight, and all present were delighted and given a rare treat in the musical line when the band of the 3rd Regiment, Canadian Artillery Heavy Brigade, of St. John, rendered a choice and high class concert.

The concert was an event in the musical history of Fredericton; it is doubtful if the citizens have ever before been privileged to hear any better class of music than that which was given at tonight's concert.

After the opening number, O Canada had been played by the band, His Honor Lieut. Governor Wood and party entered the theatre and were given a grand ovation. Every selection rendered by the band under the able direction of Bandmaster Frederick W. McNichol, was in first class style and the band was highly commended on its work.

Miss Margaret Pearson with her rich contralto voice made a decided impression with her different numbers and was encored several times.

A. C. Munro, a tenor with a sweet voice of rare quality, was also heard to great advantage and like the previous soloist had to respond to hearty encores. The evening's entertainment was undoubtedly one that will long linger in the memory of all lovers of first-class music.

The programme given was as follows:—

March—Kaiser Friedrich . . . . . Friedemann
Band.
Overture—William Tell . . . . . Rossini
Band.
Vocal Solo—Where the River Shannon Flows . . . . . Russell
Miss Margaret Pearson.
Waltz—Columbine. . . . . Gardener
Band.
Vocal Solo—Queen of the Earth . . . . . Pinsuti
Mr. C. A. Munro.
Intermission.
Overture—Banditenstreiche . . . . . F von Suppe
Band.
Vocal Solo—I'll Go With You to the End of the World . . . . . Klause
Miss Margaret Pearson.
Spanish Dances No. 1—Op 12 . . . . . Moszkowski
Band.

Considerable Expenditure On Roads and Bridges In Province.

SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL

Old Government Allowed Highways to Deteriorate Until Task of Renovating Them Became Collosal — Detailed Expenditure by Counties.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 7.—Hon. John Morrissy, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, laid on the table of the House of Assembly this afternoon, a report of that department for the year 1911. As the Public Works Department spends more money than any other department of the government, this report is of first importance. Total appropriations made by the legislature for the year 1911 were $218,800. This includes all expenditures on account of public buildings owned by the province, subsidies granted for steam navigation, for the construction and repair of wharves and bridges, except what are known as permanent bridges, the cost of which is paid by bond issue and for the maintenance of highways throughout the province.

The greater part of these grants is expended on roads and bridges. The appropriation for these services alone in 1911 amounted to $258,000. Appropriations of 1911 were much more liberal than those of 1910 when all public services except that for permanent bridges were fixed at $265,000.

It has always been difficult to keep the expenditures of this important department within the limit of the appropriation. Constant demands are made for the immediate repairs of bridges considered unsafe and as the majority of these bridges are on important highways the demands have to be granted.

Since the present government came into power they have been compelled to spend very large sums of money annually to repair bridges that had been neglected by their predecessors. Notwithstanding the extraordinarily large amount charged up to bridge repairs by the old administration the greater part of which was added to the permanent debt, fully two-thirds of the bridges of the province were found to be in a deplorable condition when the present government took office.

Detailed reports of the conditions of these bridges were secured and the worst were immediately dealt with. With funds at their disposal it was impossible to make the necessary renewals in one year and it was decided to extend the repairs over as long a period as was practicable. The large increase in territorial revenue enabled the government to over-expend appropriations for this very necessary work but in 1911 conditions were such in many sections of the province that it was found necessary to spend a much larger sum than that immediately available, which has resulted in a deficit of $56,000 in the whole year's transactions.

As the over-expenditure for roads and bridges together in 1911 was $81,248.45, it will be readily seen that had these services been kept within the estimates the government would have had a very large surplus instead of an over-expenditure. The importance of having safe bridges throughout the country outweighs all other considerations and is a full justification for the government's over-expenditure. The following tables show the expenditures for 1910 and 1911 for roads and bridges:

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MINISTERS OBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE SOLDIERS

Peking, March 7.—A meeting of the foreign ministers today decided to send a protest to President-elect Yuan Shi Kai against the presence of Chinese troops within the seven mile limit of the Tien Tsin concessions.

Looting is generally prevelent in the Province of Shan Tung, and particularly in the City of Tisnan; it is also spreading throughout northern China, where, owing to punishment not being meted out to the mutineers, disorder is increasing, and the temerity of the robbers is growing.

Vocal Solo—I Hear You Calling Me. . . . . Marshall
Mr. C. A. Munro.
Grand Selection from Faust . . . . . Gounod
Band.
March—Punjaub . . . . . Payne
Band.
God Save the King.

Frederick W. McNichol, Band Master.
Albert E. Hopkins, accompanist.