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THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

One of the most satisfactory features in connection with the session of the Provincial Legislature, which was opened yesterday afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood, is the fact that, in his address from the throne, the Lieutenant Governor was able to announce the settlement of the fishery claim of the province of New Brunswick against the Dominion of Canada. If the Flemming Government should accomplish nothing else during its term of office, it has earned the gratitude of the people by this one action.

For years the Premiers of the province have gone in person to the Federal capital, or sent representatives, to urge upon the Dominion Government the justice of the claim and to request a settlement of it. In the past all such expeditions or pleas were without result, but when the Borden Government assumed the position of authority and Hon. J. D. Hazen was called to the Federal Cabinet, the province at once had a powerful friend at court and the prospect of settlement became more bright. Now it is announced that the Dominion authorities, largely through the advocacy of Mr. Hazen, seconded by the able plea of Premier Flemming, have recognized the claim of the province and a satisfactory settlement has been reached. Under it the province will receive the sum of \$66,382.

It is also gratifying to note that the speech recognizes the prosperity of the province. New Brunswick felt the industrial depression and financial stringency to a lesser degree than her sisters in the Canadian confederacy, and present indications are that the coming year will witness no small measure of prosperity.

The government, in its programme, and the Premier, in his address following upon the formal speech, promise that the public services of the province will be cared for during the year with the same splendid thoroughness that has been the rule since 1908. This also is pleasing, for it is most important to every one that education, and our great agricultural industry should be maintained on the best possible basis. The roads must be kept up, the bridges improved, railway facilities provided and other interests of the people generally safeguarded. The government, in the past, has shown the desire and the ability to administer the affairs of the province honestly and in the interest of all the people. There is every confidence that in their acts of this session they will live up to the very high standard of administration set by Mr. Hazen, when Premier, and ably maintained by Hon. J. K. Flemming.

COL. HUGHES HEARD FROM.

It is not always wise to call a man a coward before he has had an opportunity to prove his courage. The Telegraph's little brother grew especially childish last evening and intimated that Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes did not dare to repeat certain statements regarding Sydney Fisher, who will go down into history as the rejected of Brome and Chateaugay. Up to the time the Grit newspaper intimated cowardice Col. Hughes had not had an opportunity to make his meaning plain. He got it, however, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Devlin, of Wright, brought the subject up and there was a skirmish. It did not amount to more, Col. Hughes replied in language that proved so satisfying to the Grit Opposition that they did not press for further explanations. They were glad to allow the House to proceed with its ordinary business. The incident, however, was illuminating as it showed the first signs of vitality on the opposition benches that have been manifested this session.

Col. Hughes' first statement was to the effect that "the military training ground at Farnham, Quebec, had been unloaded on the Government at a fabulous price because the ex-Minister of Agriculture, (Mr. Fisher), and some of his friends in the House of Commons, or who were in the House of Commons at that time, held mortgages upon the property and were enabled to secure a rate-off of considerable size." This statement was challenged by Mr. Fisher, and yesterday Mr. Devlin and Sir Wilfrid Laurier took up the cudgels in his behalf. Col. Hughes was not dilatory in his reply. He said: "I will tell the House that it is current property throughout the breadth and length of this land that the bog at Farnham was unloaded on the people as a military camp and that this was engineered by Sydney Fisher. That is what I said before and it is what I say today. I say further that a former member of this House by the name of Mogg had mortgages on the property which could not be redeemed in any other way, and it was unloaded upon the Government by the

engineering of this man and Mr. Fisher." The Telegraph yesterday morning brought out its big type to brand Col. Hughes as a slanderer and the little brother followed along last evening with the editorial chirp: "It is now up to Col. Hughes." It looks today as if it is Mr. Fisher's next move. Col. Hughes has been heard from.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

There will be general approval of the announcement by Premier Flemming that his Government will take measures to advance the cause of agriculture in this province by making liberal provision for education in that line. Through the generosity of one of New Brunswick's honored sons a splendid building has been erected in a town in the heart of the best farming belt of the province and the Government will take advantage of the opening thus afforded to give our farmers the opportunity to become better acquainted with the science of their profession.

It has been said, and generally recognized as a truism, that agriculture is the backbone of all industry. Recently there has been much outcry regarding the cost of living and while Sir Wilfrid Laurier has prescribed an alleged cure for the condition, in the shape of a free food policy, the opinion prevails that the real remedy is to be found in more food. In bringing the supply closer to the demand. In Canada, growing as it is, and with great cities springing from small towns with all the speed of a new country the demand must always increase. Unless people can be placed upon the land in numbers sufficient to replace those who, attracted by the lure of the cities, leave the farm for other fields of endeavor, and unless the work of farming is carried on by the best scientific methods to produce the best results from the acres cultivated, then the gap between supply and demand must always increase. And with it the cost of living will continue to climb.

In New Brunswick, at least, the Government recognized the opportunity and the duty of the hour. Judicious advertising and hard work have attracted to the acres of this province many new settlers who, in increasing numbers, will become producers of food stuffs as time goes on. It is now the purpose to educate the agriculturists to obtain the greatest return from their labor. Both planks will help in bridging the gap between supply and demand and eventually will do much to reduce the cost of living.

A Government that does not hesitate to grapple with questions affecting the welfare of people of all classes is a wise Government. Premier Flemming and his colleagues are earnestly working in the best interests of all the people whose affairs they have been selected to administer. That the people appreciate their efforts in this direction was illustrated very plainly on a certain occasion not quite two years ago when the Government was endorsed at the polls by a majority that left no room for doubt as to its popularity. The Premier and his colleagues are to be commended upon their constructive policy. The people, themselves, are also subjects for congratulation for their wisdom in so handsomely voicing approval of the administration at Fredericton.

A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE.

The fatal result of the fire in the Grand Union Hotel on Tuesday evening, coupled with the fact that the Coroner who will probe the case, is making preparations for a thorough investigation into all its phases, brings to mind the importance of strict regulation to safeguard life in hotels, theatres, churches, schools and other places where large numbers of people congregate, and where an alarm of fire, at any time may also prove a death knell.

In this city the law in regard to fire escapes, exits, etc., is generally well observed. Theatre managers have had the awful examples of other cities as reminders of the necessity of safeguarding their patrons at every angle. As a result it is doubtful if some of the city schools or churches are today as safe from fatal results of fire as are the places of amusement. Hotels are also provided with appliances intended to conserve the safety of their guests in case of fire, and it must not be forgotten that the hotel in which Tuesday's fatality occurred was well equipped.

Still despite the equipment two lives were snuffed out and this affords much scope for serious thought. It is understood that Coroner Roberts will proceed along this line and as a result of the hearing which will open on Monday night, suggestions may be made which, it is hoped, will tend to even more efficiently safeguard human life.

The Coroner's court in this case reaches an important stage as has not hitherto attained in local annals.

A PLEDGE KEPT.

It is hardly possible that the people of Charlotte County will approve the opinions of a local Grit newspaper that the visit of the engineer and other experts to the harbor of L'Etang, is merely an election bluff on the part of the Borden Government. It is decidedly more reasonable, however, that they will sweep the matter just as it is, as a simple implementing of the pledge made to an energetic delegation by Hon. Robert Rogers. They will also be inclined to excuse the pessimism of the Grit organ on the ground that, being itself a supporter of a man who promised but did not perform, it is not in a position to appreciate the spirit that believes a promise is made to be kept.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

A third war between Great Britain and the United States was narrowly averted when the dispute over territory claimed by New Brunswick and Maine. When the agreement was made there was every prospect of immediate hostilities between British troops and Maine militia. Already a species of warfare had broken out amid the snow and ice of the wilderness. Ashburton and Danville had defined the laws of both Province and State by felling trees in the disputed territory. Under the agreement entered into to prevent a recourse to arms, the governments were to combine to keep trespassers out of the forbidden forests. Gov. Fairfield, of Maine, who had called out 10,000 militia for "defence" service, was firmly suppressed by the federal government of the United States. Daniel Webster's advocacy of the arbitration of force was effective in the Taming of the Peaceful Attitude of President Van Buren. Four days after the agreement between the two countries, the United States Congress passed an act authorizing the President to resist any attempt of Great Britain to enforce exclusive jurisdiction over the territory in dispute. Sir John Harvey, Governor of New Brunswick, by which the agreement for joint occupancy was made effective. Lord Ashburton and Daniel Webster were later appointed commissioners to settle the dispute, and the Englishman, holding that "the whole territory was worth nothing," utterly cut out the territory in dispute. With the result that New Brunswick lost much territory rightfully hers.

THE PASSING DAY

ELLEN TERRY, 66 TODAY

Mrs. James Carew, beloved of the players of two continents, and two generations as Ellen Terry, was born in Coventry, England, sixty-six years ago today. She has many claims to fame, besides being the birthplace of the great actress. It was in Coventry that Godiva rode naked through the streets, in order to relieve the people of heavy taxes. Its fine churches of the "three tall spires" have been commemorated by Tennyson. Parliaments were convened in Coventry by the earlier monarchs of England, and the town has many other historic associations. Ellen Alice Terry, who first saw the light in Coventry, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Terry, both actors and descendants of old theatrical stock.

Miss Terry's first appearance on stage was at the Princess's in London, where, a demure Miss of eight she played Mollie in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and afterwards in Barre's "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire." In 1906 she celebrated her stage jubilee, and appeared a show play, which she later took to New York. Miss Terry has had a varied matrimonial career. She was only sixteen when she became the bride of G. F. Watts, R. A., the celebrated artist who painted "Love and Life" and other famous works. The painter was Miss Terry's senior by twenty-eight years, and an unhappy domestic life ended in the divorce court. Miss Terry's next husband was Chas. Kelly Wardell, an actor. Miss Terry's third visit to the altar was made in Pittsburg, seven years ago, when she was married to James Carew, a youthful American actor, who had been a member of her company.

A DOMINICAN CELEBRATION This is Independence Day in the black-and-tan Dominican Republic, and it will be observed by the 675,000 inhabitants of the little nation, which occupies the eastern part of the island of Haiti. Congress will convene in the capital, Santo Domingo, and there will be much oratory, parading and waving of the blue, red and white flag, with perhaps a revolution or two to add spice to the celebration. On the whole, however, the Dominicans, neighbors, the Haitians, who are now engaged in adding one revolution, and starting another.

Good News from the West. Henry J. Keith, of Saskatoon, who was in the city yesterday, said that the conditions in the west showed an improvement and it was likely that the coming season would be marked by general prosperity. He thought that the recent money stringency would be beneficial to speculation, especially in real estate.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AND HE DID

DEAR MR. SMITH, WONT YOU PLEASE TAKE ME ROWING?



AND HE DID.

Greedy. "What sort of a man is he?" "Well, when you hold out two cigars to him to let him take his choice, he pockets one and lights the other."

Concealed. "Jinks has concealed a great deal in the course of his life." "Mysterious, eh?" "Oh, no. He's in the curtain business."

A Quick Recovery. "Jack told me last night he had given me his heart." "Well, it's damaged goods. He told me last week I had broken it."

More Matter of Form. "I thought I'd drop in and see you, doctor, and see if you couldn't put me in shape." "You don't want a doctor, madame, you want a corsellette."

Her Beauty Went With It. "Isn't the pretty girl she used to be?" "Is that so?" "Yes; her father lost all his money speculating."

Just as Good. "Have you any five-cent cigars?" asked the man. "No," replied the druggist; "but we have something just as good. Here's ten-cent cigar."

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