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THE COMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The session of the Legislature of New Brunswick, which opens on the 7th of March, will be one of the most important for many years. Projects that have been before the public for a long time have, by the energy of the present Government, been brought to a position when they will be formally dealt with. The St. John Valley Railway is the most important of these. Just how long this railway project has been under consideration would be difficult to state, or could the number of acts passed by the Legislature to bring about its construction be given without a long search through the statutes. It has, however, been a live topic for discussion ever since the Intercolonial Railway was constructed by its present route. The building of the railway from Gibson to Edmundston did not satisfy the people of the St. John Valley, as this railway left the river a short distance above Fredericton and then went on through the woods to Woodstock, serving a comparatively small number of people. As originally surveyed this railroad did not touch the river after leaving it above Fredericton until it reached Hartland, but when the gauge was standardized in 1881 the route was changed so as to follow the river from Newburg Junction, near Woodstock, to Hartland.

The railroad that will be discussed at Fredericton next month follows the St. John from the mouth of the Bellefleur to Grand Falls, with the exception of a short distance above Woodstock, where its course is deflected to serve the important agricultural interests of Jacksonville, Lakeville and Centreville, which are in the midst of the best producing lands to be found in the whole Province. The course of the railway from its junction with the L. C. R. to its meeting point with the National Transcontinental at Grand Falls, is almost wholly through a well settled country, much of which has been farmed since the earliest settlement of the Province. The St. John Valley Railway is the most important measure the Government will have to bring forward during this session. The legislation will consist chiefly of changes in the specifications for its construction and to confirm the new arrangement executed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments respecting the construction of three important bridges over the St. John and Kennebecasis. The other requirements for the road are contained in the act already adopted by the Legislature.

Another important Government measure having to do with the development of one of the most important natural resources of the Province is that of providing aid for the railway from Gibson to Minto, and for the opening up of the coal fields of that district. This railway is second only in importance to the Valley road. Although not a Government measure, the application for the Grand Trunk P. Co. for authority to construct a railway from Nappadagan to Fredericton has a very close bearing on the construction of the Valley Railway and goes to show that the Grand Trunk Pacific intend to utilize the Valley Railway from Fredericton to St. John for their heavy freight traffic. There will also be important Government legislation concerning immigration offered for the consideration of the House and to carry out the plan of re-populating deserted farms outlined by Premier Fleming. Some days ago this measure alone would make the session an important one. Judging from newspaper announcements there will be much private legislation presented, the most important of which will be the new charter for the city of St. John, which suggests many radical changes in the present form of government. The importance of business transacted by the Legislature, at its annual sessions, is being more fully recognized, and greater interest is manifested in its proceedings year after year.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

In 1911 the total revenue of the Water Department of the city was \$180,538.73, of which \$170,558.67 was from water assessment. At the close of the year 1910 the Water Department had a balance of \$20,174.10. In 1911 the revenue had increased to \$184,201.91, of which \$174,881.44 were from water assessment. Although there was an increase of over \$4,000 in the revenues in 1911 the balance on hand at the close of the year was only \$8,763.94. In the meantime there had been a decrease of over \$11,000 in the interest and sinking fund charges against the department. This can hardly be considered a good showing for this important department and looks very much like an effort on the part of those in charge of the expenditures to make the account break even.

Under almost every heading there has been an increased expenditure in 1911 as compared with 1910. In service pipe renewals the increase amounts to over \$5,000. In 1910 stop cocks cost \$61.70 and stop cock boxes \$53.16. For 1911 the amounts expended on these two items were \$385 for stop cocks and \$1,055 for stop cock boxes. The charges for labor in connection with these renewals and repairs were \$2,010.98 in 1910 and \$5,546.94 in 1911. Leading main repairs cost \$9,344.56 in 1911 against \$5,346.12 in 1910. The labor charge in making these repairs was \$8,612.03 in 1911 against \$4,923.06 in 1910. The repairs to distribution main pipe cost was \$2,975.03 in 1910 and \$8,025.55 in 1911. General maintenance charges increased from \$21,159.15 in 1910 to \$25,716.25 in 1911. Had it been possible to have maintained the expense of the department at the same figure as in 1910 the net income would have been \$35,000 instead of less than \$9,000.

It can hardly be said that the management of the Water Department will prove pleasing to citizens generally. In 1910 one hundred new service pipes were added to the system, making the total at the close of that year 4,361. No figures are as yet given of the number added in 1911, but as the cost of this service was considerably more for 1911, the number of additions would be as great if not greater. As a consequence there will be a still further increase in the revenue for 1912. It is to be hoped that in the interests of taxpayers generally the cost of maintaining this important service will be less this year than last. There should be sufficient surplus revenue in the Water Department to pay for all the extensions of the service that are now being made or will be necessary in future. It is time the Council gave greater attention than in the past to the expenditures of this department. The new commissioners may be able to solve the question in a satisfactory manner.

QUEBEC EXTENDS THE FRANCHISE.

A Government measure has recently been introduced into the Quebec Legislature which will greatly extend the franchise in that Province. This measure is of interest to all the other Canadian Provinces as the provincial fran-

chise is that which is accepted by the authorities in elections for the Dominion Parliament. The new Quebec electoral law practically established manhood suffrage and abolished plural voting. All who were formerly qualified to vote on an income of \$800 will now be registered who earn \$120 annually. This includes workmen, tradesmen, domestics, clerks, sailors and others who earn \$10 a month. Clergymen, college professors and teachers will be entitled to vote without any other qualifications. The elector will be required to vote in the district where he is domiciled and can only vote once.

The chief clause of the bill declares that those who are inscribed on the lists of electors, who are of the masculine sex, who have their domiciles in the limits of a municipality, who are twenty-one years of age, and are British subjects, may vote. After that follows a list of the electors. They are proprietors, or occupants of property, shown on a roll of evaluation; they may be tenants, or sub-tenants of property; priests, curies, vicars, missionaries or ministers of any denomination; professors, instructors or directors of houses of education; former proprietors or tenants or sub-tenants, who live at home with their parents; the sons of widows inscribed on the evaluation rolls as proprietors and who live with their mothers; navigators, fishermen, owners of boats, nets, etc., which together have a value of \$100; workmen, servants, domestics, clerks, sailors, employees and others drawing from their labor, trade or profession a monthly revenue of at least \$10.

An idea of the change that has taken place in the coasting trade of this port is furnished in the revenues derived from side and top wharves of the Market Slip. In 1874 these tolls yielded the city at public auction \$4,900. In 1911 the total revenue from these wharves was \$1,411.87. That St. John has not suffered in trade during that period is shown by comparing the fees received by the Harbor Master for the years mentioned. In 1874 the Harbor Master's fees as returned in the general revenue statement amounted to \$2,878.20. In 1911 they were \$9,160.50. The loss of revenue in the market wharves and slip is due to a change in the coasting trade, steam having largely replaced sailing vessels in that trade. The official returns for 1900 showed coastwise clearings from this port of 349,545 tons. In 1910 the total tonnage was 754,682. Although the revenues of the market wharves and slip have fallen off there has been a marvellous increase in the coastwise trade of St. John.

Mr. F. P. Brady, one of the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, has made the statement to a Montreal newspaper that the revenue of the Intercolonial Railway up to date shows an increase of \$600,000 over the same period of last year. If the same rate of increase is maintained, and there is every probability it will be, the total for the year, ending March 31st, will be \$750,000. There has been an increase in wages of \$400,000 as compared with the previous year, but if other departments have not been jumped up proportionately the Intercolonial ought to show a handsome increase of revenue over expenditures for the current fiscal year.

When the Legislature meets on March 7th next the roll will be complete. During the recess there were three resignations: Mr. Hart of Charlotte, Mr. Lowell of St. John Co., and Premier Hazen of Sunbury. These seats have all been filled by Government supporters without opposition. Mr. Baxter takes the place of Mr. Lowell, Warden Perley that of Mr. Hazen, and Mr. Scott D. Guphill that of Mr. Hart. The last mentioned was elected by acclamation on Saturday last. As a result of the changes the Government added one to the number of its supporters.

The Victoria medal of honor has been awarded Mr. E. H. Wilson of the Arnold Arboretum of Boston by the Royal Horticultural Society of England. Mr. Wilson is recognized as one of the leading horticulturists of the world. His most notable work was the spending of seven years in the interior of China seeking new varieties of useful and ornamental plants for introduction into Great Britain and the United States. This the first time the Victoria medal has been awarded outside Great Britain.

The real estate boom in St. John continues and is now beginning to affect the value of property within the city limits, although it is still more largely confined to suburban properties. Practically the whole district on the eastern side of Courtenay Bay is now under bonds and some of the parcels which have recently changed hands in this district are being surveyed into town lots.

Current Comment

(St. Thomas Times.)

Late statistics show an increasingly large number of country girls who go to the larger cities in Germany to earn a living. Over 167,000 of them are employed in hotels, restaurants and bars. Approximate figures for girls in other industries are: Cotton mills, 150,000; tobacco factories, 52,000; housework, 210,000. A large number found positions in department stores as saleswomen and received an average salary of \$14.28 monthly, out of which they paid all their living expenses.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

For all practical purposes, one might as well be bogged down from Mars as furnish a target for the largest British naval gun, which carries a 1,200 pound shell sixteen miles. It is taking a mean disadvantage of the victim when the engine of destruction is neither within sight nor sound.

(Vancouver Province.)

Ecuador is not burdened with ex-presidents. As soon as a new one is inaugurated the old one is shot. This simple process relieves the pension fund and nullifies any attempt at coming back.

(Bobcaygeon Independent.)

The statistical calculator who figures that the purchasing power of a dollar has decreased 5 per cent. in the last year, is not within a mile of it. Let him put his dollar in butter, and he will find the decrease nearer 40 per cent.

(Quebec Herald.)

For a trust that's been declared dead and buried, that Standard Oil is a lively chap. Just to show that he was thoroughly dead he tacked another cent per gallon to oil on Saturday.

(Vancouver Province.)

Farm work is becoming lighter every year. California ranchers attach searchlights to the steam plows and keep them in operation day and night.

(Ottawa Journal.)

There are five Thursdays in this present month of February, and as it will be somewhere on in the nineteen forties when this happens again, not all of us will see the repetition.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Excessive use of meat leads to insanity, says a Toronto physician. Be that as it may, the excessive cost of meat makes the housekeeper mad right at once.

OBITUARY.

George Kitchen.

Fredericton, Feb. 10.—After an illness of only a few hours from some kind of internal trouble, George Kitchen, formerly a well known contractor, passed away at an early hour this morning. He was in his usual health yesterday, and carried on his usual work about his home, but was taken sick about 9 o'clock, being aroused from sleep by the severe pain. He lapsed into a state of unconsciousness about an hour and a half later, and passed away about 4 a. m. without regaining consciousness.

The late Mr. Kitchen, who would have been 81 years old this month, was born in Prince William, York county, being a son of the late William Kitchen. He first engaged in contracting work about forty-five years ago, undertaking a contract to get out ties for the Western Extension Railway at Magalloway. Later he carried out contracts for the C. P. R. at Tweed, Ont., and afterwards in the Kicking Horse Pass of the Rocky Mountains, where he had two contracts. He later returned to New Brunswick, and constructed the sub-structures for a number of provincial government bridges, including those at Woodstock, Marysville, Memramcook, Pettitodiac, Chignage and Beauséjour. Besides his wife who was formerly Miss Kelly, he is survived by three brothers, William, of Prince William, and J. Cook and Wesley, of this city; three sisters, Mrs. John Leblond, of this city, Mrs. R. J. Nicholson, of Boston; four sons, William, Coles, Hamilton G., and Ald. A. B. Kitchen, all of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. R. G. Lee of this city. Mr. Kitchen left last week for a trip through Western Canada and was at Saskatoon a day or two ago.

Mrs. Stephen McCarthy.

The death of Mrs. McCarthy, wife of Stephen McCarthy, took place on Thursday evening at the family residence, Lutz street, Moncton. Mrs. McCarthy, who was 63 years of age, was a native of St. Martin. She is survived by a husband and quite a large family. The daughters are Mrs. Jas. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Johnson and Mrs. Eliza Crawford. Noted Dango, Kent county. The sons are William and Gordon McCarthy, and Robert Dysart, Boston; John McCarthy, Moncton, and Sylvanus McCarthy, Albert county.

Thomas Cosgrove.

The death of Thomas Cosgrove, which took place on Friday evening at his residence, 194 Metcalf street, removes one of St. John's oldest and best known citizens. Mr. Cosgrove had quite an interesting military career. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1838, and in 1846 he joined the 1st battalion of the 15th Regiment of East Yorkshire, enlisting at Liverpool. The regiment was under orders, and prepared to fight in the Crimean war, when peace was declared, and on several other

occasions it happened similarly. The deceased came to St. John with the regiment in 1863, when the troops were ordered out here, as a consequence of the Trent affair. Mr. Cosgrove completed his service in 1868. Since then, up to about six years ago, he was well known as a tinsmith, and was familiarly called "Tom, the soldier." He was well and hearty until about two months ago, and his illness became serious only last week. One son, Thomas J. Cosgrove, in the employ of the St. John Street Railway Company, and two daughters, Sister Mary Winifred, of St. Vincent's Convent, and Miss Mary A., at home, survive.

William H. Bell.

William H. Bell, a well known resident of Leinster street, passed away at an early hour Saturday morning. Although he had been in poor health for some time his death was unexpected. He was in the 77th year of his age, and is survived by his wife, one son, Howard H., and four daughters, Mrs. Sterling Peabody, of Woodstock, Misses Annie and Frances, of New York, and Miss Bertha at home.

Mrs. Bridget Collins.

The death took place at an early hour Saturday morning of Mrs. Bridget Collins at her residence, Elm street, North End. She was the widow of John Collins, and is survived by two sons, John and Joseph, both of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Brennan, of Boston, and Miss Nellie and Katie at home.

Miss Elizabeth Walsh.

The death is announced of Miss Elizabeth Walsh, youngest daughter of John Walsh, 52 Clarence street. Miss Walsh was a young woman only 24 years of age, and her death came quite suddenly from heart disease. She is survived by her father and one sister, Mrs. Mary Dixon. The interment will take place on Monday afternoon at the New Catholic cemetery.

Edward Mildon.

Late English papers announce the death at his home in Devonshire, England, of Edward Mildon, who was well and favorably known here 25 years ago as a contractor and builder. He came to St. John soon after the fire of 1877 and entered into partnership with Anthony Bond, under the name of Bond and Mildon. In 1880 they built the exhibition building and later Centenary church. On Gormain street they built the fine block of houses from the corner of Duke street up to and including the residence of Lady Tulley; also the residences of Joseph Bullock, Tremaine Gard, and the house now owned by Mrs. Morrison. The Centenary school was built by Mr. Mildon (Mr. Bond having retired) as was the I. C. R. train shed. The latter was his last work here. He retired from business and returned to England, where he remained until his death which took place on Jan. 27th aged 70 years. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter. The son, Edward of this city, is a nephew. Mr. Mildon was a British Unionist in politics.

Dr. James S. Smith.

Buffalo, N. Y., News, Jan. 30.—In the death of Dr. James S. Smith, of 66 High street, the city loses one of its highly respected and oldest medical practitioners. Although 80 years old, Dr. Smith was in active practice up to the time of his death. In another month he would have completed 50 years of active medical practice. Born in 1832 in Hampton, New Brunswick, Canada, he later came to this city and entered the University of Buffalo with the class of 1862 and graduated four years later. Dr. Smith's first wife was Miss Jennie Adams, who was the mother of Dr. Eugene Smith, of this city, Harry J. Smith, of Cleveland, O., and the late Mrs. Wallace Thayer. His second wife was Miss Mary McMillan, who survives him. Two brothers, John and Horatio, and two sisters, Sarah and Johanna, all residing in New Brunswick, also survive him. As a member of the Scottish Rites body, Lake Erie Commandery, I. O. O. F. Temple and the Royal Arcanum, Dr. Smith had hosts of friends.

FUNERALS.

Thomas Richardson, body of the late Thomas Richardson was laid to rest in the St. Andrews rural cemetery yesterday afternoon under the auspices of St. Mark's lodge F. and A. M., accompanied by the St. Andrews brass band. Services at the house and at the grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Elliott, rector of All Saints church. The pall bearers were Andrew Allerton, Charles Horstnoll, Goodwill Douglas, Bunt Lawrence and Robert Maloney. The funeral was very large extending the length of two blocks.

The late Mr. Richardson was one of the oldest and most respected citizens. He was a native of Brimley, England; came to this country about sixty years ago in the employ of the firm of King & Brookfield, then contractors on the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway, and has been in the employ of the same road under its different names until a few years ago, when he was superannuated. He leaves a wife, one daughter and five sons—Isaac, Percy, Jack, Charles and Hector—and two brothers, Joseph and Bayside; Robert, at Wayville, and one sister, Mrs. Daniel Witte, Bayside, and several grandchildren.

The late Mr. Richardson was in his 79th year, and was the oldest Free Mason in these parts, having been fifty-six years a member of that organization.

The Corsican Here Today. The steamer Corsica left Halifax at 12.50 p. m. Sunday and will be due here at about 7 o'clock this morning, and will land here one saloon, 110 second cabin, and 160 steerage passengers. All the rest of her 708 passengers landed at Halifax. She had a fair passage across the Atlantic and has on board a very large cargo for this city and the west. The steamer is in command of Captain Cook, and this is her second trip to this port.

Belyen against Ledbetter, the champion of Nova Scotia and P. B. Island, in three exciting races at the Vic tonight. Admission 25c.

Harry Undimmed. "Mother," said a Washington lad, "I wish you'd get me a double runner sled this winter." "Why, Harry," said the parent, who is ever fearful lest the lad get into trouble or be injured, "I knew a little boy who had a sled of that kind, and the first time he used it he crushed two of his fingers so that they had to be cut off. How would you like that?" "Well, mother," said the youngster, "it would be convenient not to have so many finger nails to keep clean."

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