

FOSTER GOVERNMENT HAS MANY WEAK SPOTS

HON. J. A. MURRAY UNCOVERS ABSOLUTE INCOMPETENCE OF THE FOSTERITES

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. Murray emphasized the fact that the crop of 1917 was the smallest in many years. He was glad to note that the federal government had voted assistance to the extent of \$25,000 to the province for greater production, and hoped the results for the coming year would be better than they were last. He vigorously attacked the government for sending advice to the soldiers in England and France in which it was stated that there was nothing of special importance for returned men to do in New Brunswick and although he was gratified to know that the government had mentioned the fact that it intended to take up the matter but it should have been done long ago. There is no reason why this work should not be nearer completion. He could not understand the government discouraging soldiers from coming to the province when the department of agriculture had received applications from men who desired to come.

Hon. Mr. Murray criticized the government for not taking this matter up sooner. He said that he had been informed that already 1400 men had returned to New Brunswick and although other provinces had made provisions for their return the government of this province has been lagging far behind. Concerning the work being accomplished by the Military Hospitals Commission, the leader of the opposition paid high tribute, especially for their effectiveness in suppressing the great white plague. He said he was glad that the government of which he was a member was instrumental in taking steps in offering to the returned men accommodations and facilities for combating tuberculosis. He concluded his comment upon the military hospitals by asking the government to make every preparation for the home-coming of our native heroes, who might have contracted this dreadful disease. With reference to the paragraph in the speech from the throne dealing with the effectiveness of the Prohibition Act, Hon. Mr. Murray said that it would live in his memory the fact that he was associated with a government which brought down this legislation. He said that the province has not yet seen the full benefit of the act, but already it had made homes where once there were none. Hon. Mr. Murray said he would always look back with pleasure and admiration at the Prohibition act, which was passed by a Conservative government.

Valley Railway.

As regards the completion of the Valley Railway to Westfield he said he was glad to know that the government appreciated the difficulty of railway construction in this province. Hon. Mr. Murray, experienced no little trouble in carrying on railway construction during the abnormal conditions of the present time.

Wart Retroactive Legislation.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the opposition were anxious to support legislation designed to make more certain the securing of redress for wrongs which have been committed against the province, but such legislation must be retroactive. It must not be such as will make fish of party and flesh of the other. "Let us clean the whole house," stated the leader of the opposition, "and we will have no more of this kind of thing." He referred to the misappropriation of \$134,035.35 in connection with the Central Railway scandal in 1909. Such legislation must investigate this matter as well as any other. Moreover it was pointed out that the proposed legislation should go back beyond the period of 1909 and all matters investigated. In order to remind some of the older members of the Central Railway deal and to enlighten the new supporters of the government, the honorable leader of the opposition read the summary of the findings of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate. The facts brought out were as follows:

"To briefly sum up the matter, we have waded through a class of disconnected accounts and have carefully weighed all the evidence submitted, as well as studying all the documents, orders in council, etc. Having thus patiently labored to ascertain if possible the true facts of the case we find the number of leading features governing the operations to which we call special attention.

First—it is clear that the enterprise was chiefly promoted by two members of the government, the controlling influence of one of whom was clearly evident from the beginning to the end. It is true a company was organized without any capital, which existed in name only, whose shareholders never attempted to influence its policy. Having everything to gain and nothing to lose they left the control to the executive directors as the government was putting up all the money. The company never performed the functions usually exercised by an incorporated company—it was in fact nothing but a disorganized department of the government of the province, whatever may be claimed for it in theory. The policy of granting government assistance to any company, whose shareholders have not of their own account a dollar at stake, is unsound if not vicious.

Second—On the face of it the motive of the promoters as stated was to develop the coal mines of Queens County. Responsible and respectable men from various parts of the province were obtained to lend their names as directors; and from the fact that \$25,000 of the total \$500,000 authorized capital was to be distributed as founders shares, we conclude that the intended parties had visions of ultimate large profits with absolute certainty of no personal loss.

Third—As shown in the earlier pages of the report the coal mines fall in material. It was inexpedient

political leaning. In different sections of the province roads of the most temporary nature were constructed and charged to capital account as "permanent roads." Hon. Mr. Murray said the people of the province were conversant with these facts.

Stampage Rate.

Hon. Mr. Murray pointed out to the government that notwithstanding the fact they had lowered the stampage within the last twelve months, they again propose to increase the revenue from this source. He said that there was sufficient grounds for a change in the policy pursued by the government. He did not, however, agree with the mover of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Dr. Hetherington, who would deny the little children the pleasure of a Christmas tree so that it may remain in the forest and attain its full growth. This remark of the leader of the opposition evoked considerable laughter. Referring to the increase of the stampage rate brought about by government action, he advanced the rate to \$4 per thousand, but when they received protests from different parts of the province reduced it first to \$3 then finally to \$2.50.

The leader of the opposition showed the leader of the government the government's position on the stampage rate. He said that the government's position was to carry out the administration of this department. He strongly condemned the idea of placing the control of the lands in the hands of the government. He said that the government by commissions are gone, continued the honorable leader. He stated that the people had elected men to represent them and it was the duty of the government to see that those resources to be brought to the aid of the province were not squandered. He said that the government had been disappointed with the results of shipbuilding this month. There is nothing more vital in this war than what is done in two directions—the building of ships and the destroying of submarines. It had been anticipated by the admiralty that there would be at the end of the second quarter of this year new construction that there is more than equaling losses. There is no fear that it is not now possible so soon, but it is not doubted, I think that it is coming."

Improvement For Allies.

Mr. Bonar Law said that from the viewpoint of staying power in the war, once the equilibrium was established, every week meant improvement in favor of the allies, and increased their ability to bring an important part in the war. Looking at what he said he believed to be the facts in the situation, he did not doubt whatever that if the allies have the results they set out to achieve when the war began. Unless peace and security for the future were obtained and the German people were taught that war did not pay, peace and other would be difficult to secure. "To me all this meticulous talk about what Herrington (the German chancellor) means is simply ridiculous," said Mr. Law. "The German intentions, as far as I am concerned, are not what they are being said to be, but what they really are. What is the use in talking about Herrington's accepting the terms of the armistice when at the same moment the Germans have taken Livonia, Estonia and Courland, and are making conditions of peace by which Rumania is given up, Bulgaria and other allies are given up? It was said to me by an ally recently that he had been told the spirit of England is weakening, but I do not believe it."

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Mrs. Enoch Thompson.

The death of Mrs. Ella Thompson, wife of Enoch Thompson, principal of the LaTour school, West St. John, occurred Thursday night at her residence, 162 Market street, after a lingering illness. Besides her husband, she leaves one brother, Allan Joseph, of Fredericton, and two sisters, Miss George and Miss Josephine, also of Fredericton. Services were conducted at the house last evening by Rev. W. H. Sampson and the body will be taken to Fredericton this morning for interment.

DIED.

THOMPSON—On March 7, at her residence, 162 Watson street, West St. John, Emma L., wife of Enoch Thompson, daughter of the late B. R. Jeune, Fredericton. Notice of funeral later.

REED—Suddenly at West St. John, on March 8, Adeline, wife of George Reed, leaving husband, daughter and son to mourn. Funeral Sunday from her late residence, 162 Market Place, West End. Service at three o'clock. (Boston and Barrie, Vt., papers please copy.)

KNOWLES—At his residence, 62 St. Patrick street, on March 7, Walter S. Knowles, Sr. Funeral on Sunday from his late residence, service at three o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM.

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THE TEUTONS PLAN A BIG MOVEMENT

German offensive and declared that a member of the government who had been with the troops in France had told him that while headquarters expected an offensive, when he got lower down in the line and talked with Brigadiers and battalion commanders, who were in daily contact with the enemy, he found that these men did not believe the Germans would attack and that the British officers were confident of their superiority.

The United States.

"So far I have considered the position without taking America into account," said the chancellor. "But America is the last factor that ought to be left out of the account. The United States is a nation of a hundred million people, and with the largest resources in the world. Its value depends upon the success of our operations at sea, which will enable us to execute our plan and to supply those resources to be brought to the aid of the province were not squandered. He said that the government had been disappointed with the results of shipbuilding this month. There is nothing more vital in this war than what is done in two directions—the building of ships and the destroying of submarines. It had been anticipated by the admiralty that there would be at the end of the second quarter of this year new construction that there is more than equaling losses. There is no fear that it is not now possible so soon, but it is not doubted, I think that it is coming."

EIGHT BELOW ZERO YESTERDAY MORNING

Coldest March Day in 21 Years—Mercury Rose 29 Points in 14 Hours.

With the thermometer registering eight below zero at nine o'clock yesterday morning it proved to be the coldest March day for the past twenty-one years. From eight below the mercury rose to 29 above last night, a change of 29 degrees in about 14 hours, and the probabilities are for warmer weather today.

For the month of March below zero weather is not an annual occurrence, but the following table gives the lowest readings for the years with the temperature below the cypher:

1898	.....	8 below
1900	.....	5 below
1904	.....	1 below
1907	.....	3 below
1912	.....	5 below
1913	.....	5 below

HALIFAX, Mar. 8.—A. E. McMahon, manager of the United Fruit Companies, stated tonight that the action of the C. P. R. in pushing in a supply of refrigerator cars has been the means of preventing many apples in Nova Scotia from going to waste. "The stocks of the co-operative companies have been decreased fifty per cent in the last three weeks," said Mr. McMahon, and other shippers have disposed of considerable quantities.

The chief difficulty we are having is in our inability to get proper cars from the Canadian Government railroads in sufficient quantities to fill the orders we are receiving."

BRITISH WIN IN PALESTINE

Advance Positions Along a Front of Eighteen Miles to Depth of Three Miles.

London, March 8.—British troops astride the Jerusalem-Nabulus road in Palestine have advanced their positions along a front of eighteen miles to a depth of three miles, the British war office announced today.

"From Monday to Thursday our line astride the Jerusalem-Nabulus road was steadily advanced. Little opposition was encountered.

"Yesterday the advance was to a maximum of three miles on a front of eighteen miles.

"On Wednesday night the enemy blew up his bridge over the river Jordan at El Ghorah.

"During the week successful raids were carried out by our aviators."

A CAPTAIN WHO WAS IN GREAT DISASTER DEAD

Capt. Henderson Who Commanded the Cromartyshire When She Hit La Bourgeois Dies Prisoner in Germany.

Halifax, Mar. 8.—The death took place in Karlsruhe, Germany, on January 31st last, of Captain Oscar B. Henderson, aged 40 years, a prisoner of war at the time. The captain's ship, the Berwick Law, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on December 3, and the captain was taken on board the submarine and 15 days later was landed at Karlsruhe. No particulars were received as to the cause of his death.

Captain Henderson was married to the daughter of the late William Muir, of Halifax, and is survived by his wife and two daughters, who at present reside in England.

Captain Henderson commanded the ship Cromartyshire, which was in the collision with La Bourgeois on July 4, 1908, and brought the survivors to Halifax. The French steamer sank within half an hour and more than five hundred persons were lost.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Mar. 8.—A marked depression is centred tonight over Colorado while pressure is decidedly higher over the extreme northwestern portion of the continent. The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion and quite cold in the west.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair, with higher temperature.

	Mm	Max
Victoria	.....	28 36
Vancouver	.....	32 46
Calgary	.....	24 38
Edmonton	.....	11 16
Montreal	.....	20 4
Medicine Hat	.....	12 26
Winnipeg	.....	10 17
Regina	.....	10 15
Saskatoon	.....	18 5
Prince Albert	.....	10 10
Winnipeg	.....	14 13
Port Arthur	.....	6 22
Parry Sound	.....	10 32
London	.....	26 44
Toronto	24 42
Ottawa	28 38
Montreal	26 30
Quebec	32 23
St. John	28 20
Halifax	2 24

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MARCH—PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 5th, 8h. 44m. p.m.
New Moon, 12th, 9h. 52m. p.m.
First Quarter, 19th, 9h. 50m. a.m.
Full Moon, 27th, 11h. 33m. a.m.

Day	Do of W.	Sun Rise	Sun Set	H. Water	H. Water	H. Water	H. Water
9 Sat	6.52	6.17	8.25	20.56	2.06	14.39	
10 Sun	6.51	6.18	8.19	21.47	3.09	15.39	
11 Mon	6.49	6.19	10.11	23.36	4.06	16.35	
12 Tue	6.47	6.21	11.02	25.24	4.58	17.25	
13 Wed	6.45	6.22	11.53	5.47	18.12	
14 Thu	6.43	6.23	0.12	12.43	6.35	19.00	



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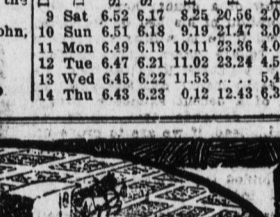
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