

PROCEEDINGS DRAGGED AT FREDERICTON

Yesterday Proved An Unattractive Day At Capital—Opposition Spellbinders Speak Against Time.

MR. TWEEDDALE ANNEXES THE HONORS

Qualifies For Marathon Class Along With Mr. Copp—Hon. Dr. Landry Will Likely Close Debate Today.

special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21.—The House had an unattractive session today and little was accomplished.

Mr. Lablouis was first speaker and his fluency along with the fact that he took up his ideas one after another with some sort of rotation and gave his hearers the impression that he was sincere to some extent in his charges and criticisms made his the best opposition contribution to the debate.

The ex-chief commissioner from the opposition side of the House who is enjoying his 27th session in the House was in his best form today and his remarks were listened to with some interest and considering the poor material that he had to work on, he made a very good showing.

Mr. Tweeddale followed and he is in a class with Mr. Copp for long winded deliverances. Mr. Tweeddale is permitted an hour and about six o'clock informed the House that he could talk for several hours longer.

Finally Mr. Tweeddale moved the adjournment of the debate. It will probably be concluded tomorrow. Hon. Dr. Landry is likely to close the debate for the government. Tomorrow morning the contentious committee will meet and tomorrow night the House will adjourn until Friday.

In the galleries today were a number of delegates who are here for the annual meeting of the Farmers and Dairy-men's convention and they were disappointed that something of a more attractive nature was not going on in the House. The tuberculosis commissions report will likely be received by the government next week.

Leave of Absence. The House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Hazen asked leave of absence for the afternoon for Dr. McInerney on account of illness.

Mr. Hazen asked leave of absence for Mr. Baker until Monday next on account of urgent private business.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act relating to absconding concealed or absent debtors which he explained was a measure of time by making it possible for a trustee appointed under the act to be sworn in before a justice of the peace instead of having to go before a county court judge.

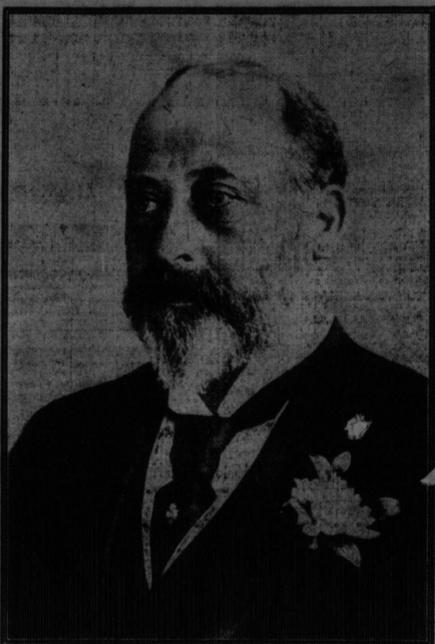
Hon. Mr. Lablouis continuing the debate on the speech from the throne said he felt it his duty to offer some remarks on the paragraphs in the speech, and on matters which were not there. As an old member of the House, he had rarely enjoyed the opening proceedings as much as this year. There was something that cheered him up, the brilliancy of the opening of the session, the address of the mover and seconder of the address, and the introduction of the new member from St. John county, all added to the pleasure of the occasion. He was especially pleased by the able speech of the Hon. gentleman who seconded the address and was proud to hear him say that the Acadian members of the House were ready to take their share of the responsibility of the public business of the province in the commissioner for agriculture for the speech he had delivered at the winter fair at Amherst when in the presence of a representative of the King he had said that the Acadian people were happy to assist in building up this country and Empire. All might not worship at the same altar, not speak the same language, but when the cry of battle came all would be ready to stand together in defence of the Empire.

Fault Finding. He was disappointed that the bill of fare presented in the speech from the throne did not contain something acceptable to the farmers and which would regain for the government some of the prestige it had lost since it came into office. There was nothing of interest to the poor farmers of the province in the paragraphs of the speech.

The government, boasted of increasing the number of agricultural societies by eighteen or nineteen but for every new society that was formed the grant to such society was less.

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DEATH STRUGGLE ON IN ENGLAND



HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII, Who Yesterday Opened the Third Parliament of His Reign.

His Majesty Opens Third Parliament of Reign With Usual Pomp and Ceremony and Unprecedented Situation Nears Climax --- Redmond in Fiery Speech Forces Crisis.

London, Feb. 21.—The players in the game of politics threw their cards up on the table in the House of Commons today. The government it without the allies necessary to carry legislation and the present prospect is that the country will be stirred up by another general election within a few months. Premier Asquith announced that the financial legislation would be put ahead of the proposals to curb the power of the House of Lords. John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, declared that the Nationalists would not support the programme. The Laborites are holding a meeting to decide their course. They probably will follow the footsteps of the Irish members.

The government may be able to adopt the budget by the grace of the Conservatives, who possibly will vote for it in order to avert financial chaos and keep the wheels of the empire turning. But the enactment of the budget, will, as Mr. Redmond pointed out, leave the winning cards in the hands of the Lords who then will be free to respect the bill for the reform of their House and force another election.

Momentous Meeting. The meeting of parliament today was a momentous one for the cabinet's policy was not revealed to the country until the moment Premier Asquith took the floor. Seldom in the history of the House of Commons, have the proceedings been watched with more intense interest by the small but distinguished assembly of spectators who were able to gain admission and the millions who depended upon newspapers for their information.

Mr. Redmond and his Irish colleagues controlled the course of events. His pronouncement that the Irish members would not support the prime minister was the sensation of the day and it appears to have settled the administration's fate. It is reported that 25 Radicals have declared their intention of supporting Mr. Redmond against the government's course and that great pressure is being brought to bear from the Radicals to induce Mr. Asquith to resign forthwith.

Asquith Chamberlain will propose an amendment to the king's speech in favor of tariff reform and imperial preference at the same time deploring the failure of the ministers to recognize in the speech, the nature and gravity of the state of trade and employment.

The king's speeches usually are prosaic, but one clause in his speech today is regarded as most significant. Referring to the proposed reform of the House of Lords, the speech contained the qualifying clause and the gravity of the state of trade and employment.

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FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN IN SESSION

Many Instructive Addresses Delivered Yesterday At The Opening Meeting Of Convention In Fredericton.

DAIRY FARMING IS URGED AS ESSENTIAL

Hon. D. V. Landry Tells Of Government's Attention To Agricultural Needs Of Province.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21.—The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association held their opening meeting in Fredericton this evening, there being a large attendance of delegates, members of the legislature and citizens of the town. Addresses were delivered by F. W. Wetmore, Mayor Chestnut, Hon. Dr. P. Landry, W. S. Carter and R. P. Steeves.

In his opening address President Wetmore said that the new features on the programme this year had caused great interest and much better results were expected than ever before. In view of the prevailing high prices for dairy products, it is to be regretted that the dairy business had fallen off in certain parts of the province especially in the north, where potato growing is carried on so extensively.

Value Of Dairying. The farmer should not neglect the dairy business, raising cattle tends to keep the soil in good condition and with the rotation of crops assures a profitable overturn. Some of the reasons given for the falling off were high wages and high prices of mill feeds. If a better class of stock were kept and more roots grown there would be a different opinion. We have a lot to learn about the right use of fertilizers, the necessity of crop rotation and the use of clover in seeding. President Wetmore said he would like to see one or two experimental farms established in the province. If well managed and run with a view to making it pay a farm of this kind would be of great benefit to the farmers and entice them to the right use of fertilizers, the necessity of crop rotation and the use of clover in seeding.

Good practical education and the capacity and sound judgment which education gives would double the yield of our farms. The northern counties, which have very fertile soils, should at least grow all the seed grain required. Today our seed grain comes from the west, although in some cases, farmers may grow their own seed. Farming is the safest rule in New Brunswick. Potato growers begin to realize this. It looks as if they had raised too much potatoes for business. Specialized farming threatens the fertility of the soil and one great need at present is to keep up the fertility. A surprising number of farms in the province are showing how profitable farming in New Brunswick can be made. The problem of securing immigrants will solve itself.

Mayor Chestnut said Fredericton's citizens looked forward to the convention with pleasure and anticipation, even those who made a business of luring the dollars out of the farmers' pockets. He assured the farmers that the department had the problem of the St. John River Valley was about to be solved. (Applause.)

Hon. D. V. Landry, expressed gratification at the increasing interest manifested in the farmers' conventions. In all localities the farmers were showing a disposition to co-operate to improve their position and advance the agricultural interests of the province in general. The future of this province as well as of the Dominion depends on agriculture.

Mr. Landry said that when the present administration came into power at Fredericton he found the agricultural societies of the province diminishing. His department had taken the stand that organization of the farmers was essential and through its efforts 27 new societies have been organized during the past three years. Where the provincial grant had been \$10,000 a year it would be necessary to increase it to \$15,000 to give the societies an equal share. At the same time the speaker thought that the government was not doing its whole duty to the farmers, and efforts were being made to provide for a greater measure of agricultural education for young people. At present the government paid the transportation of students attending agricultural schools but this was not sufficient. An experimental farm should be established in Fredericton. He had talked the matter over with Hon. Sydney Fisher and he believed that it would come sooner than was expected.

Mixed Farming. Mr. Landry supported the president's position in regard to mixed farming. The potato farmers rest on their usual markets in Quebec and the west, they would have lost money this year.

In conclusion he said that the practical demonstrations and judging which had so increased interest had been introduced into the programme by his department and he intimated that he had practically completed arrangements for the farmers societies securing a larger proportional grant from the agricultural department.

Mr. W. S. Carter, superintendent of education said farming was no longer a drudgery but a profession requiring more intelligence than most other occupations. In the past, farmers in

Unique Expression of Support Is Tendered New Brunswick's Premier By Loyal Followers

Mr. Hazen Recipient of Address at Last Night's Caucus of Provincial Government.

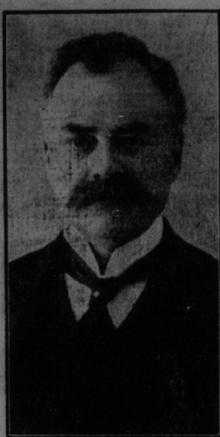
Party Members Unite in Pledging Continued Support to Leader of Administration.

An Ever Increasing Confidence in Worth of Premier Theme of Remarkable Tribute.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—At the Government caucus this evening Premier Hazen was tendered an unusual expression of loyalty to his leadership and his administration by supporters of the Government in the Legislature. During the caucus the following address was read by Mr. W. B. Dickson, of Albert on behalf of supporters of the Government in the House:

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21, 1910.

Honorable J. D. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick. At the beginning of this, the third session of the Legislature since your advent to the leadership of the Government, we wish to extend to you this expression of our confidence in you as our leader, and to assure you that at time passes and we become better acquainted with you, personally and in your legislative position, our confidence increases. We sincerely hope you may be long spared to fill the position which you so honorably hold as Premier of the province, a position which you have so well filled, both in the fulfilling of your pre-election promises and in advanced legislation for the good of the province. We further assure you that we all greatly appreciate the kind manner in which you have at all times met us either individually or collectively in any matter pertaining to the good of the province. Allow us, as supporters of your Gov-



PREMIER HAZEN, Who Was Presented Last Night With Remarkable Tribute of Loyalty From Supporters.

ment, to express also our entire approval of their acts and the able, practical and businesslike manner in which each member of your Government by your Government for the welfare of the province.

The address was signed by every member of the legislature supporting the government with the exception of Dr. McInerney of St. John, who is in the Old Country on a trip for the benefit of his health, and has obtained leave of absence for the session.

Premier Replies. Premier Hazen was taken very much by surprise and was considerably overcome for a few moments. He made a suitable reply, however, in which he said that he did not believe that the leader of any government of the province had ever been surrounded by such a loyal band of men as he and his government here for following the government with the exception of Dr. McInerney of St. John, who is in the Old Country on a trip for the benefit of his health, and has obtained leave of absence for the session.

Mr. W. B. Dickson, M. P. P. Who Presented the Address.

GAS FAMINE AT CAPITAL

Such May Develop If Director Of The Company Have Way—Lively Session At Fredericton Yesterday.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—The Fredericton Gas Light Company had a lively meeting today. The company's directors have decided to seek legislation to enable the company to cease supplying gas and turn their efforts altogether to the supplying of electric lighting. Matters was put to the stockholders today and met with lively opposition particularly from Mr. Fred E. Edgecombe, one of the largest users of gas in the city and a stockholder in the company. He moved a resolution which was seconded by Mr. John J. Weddall, opposing the action of the directors and promised to fight the matter before the corporations committee in the legislature. He also moved a resolution requiring the company to give an all day service of electricity for light, and power, but it was declared out of order. It is expected that there will be a hard fight before the company finally puts through their plans which would make Fredericton without a supply of gas after May 1st.

MR. FOSTER'S EVIDENCE READ

Yesterday's Proceedings In McDonald Libel Case Dull—Sir John Boyd To Be Called Today.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 21.—There was little of public interest in the proceedings in the Foster-MacDonald libel suit before Mr. Justice Magee today. Almost the entire day was taken up with reading the testimony of Hon. George E. Foster, given in examination for discovery. It covered the entire history of the promotion of the Union Trust Company and the connection of the Foresters and Mr. Foster therewith, and went into exhaustive detail of all the transactions that have been mentioned on the numerous occasions by the Foresters and Mr. Foster in their usual markets in Quebec and the west, they would have lost money this year.

NAVAL DEBATE IS RESUMED

House Hears More Of German Peril And Dreadnoughts—Amendment To Railway Act Introduced By Mr. Graham.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The debate on the naval service bill was resumed late this afternoon, after a variety of miscellaneous business had been transacted by the House At the opening Mr. Graham introduced a bill to amend the railway act. It is a collection of miscellaneous enactments. One of these is to modify the rule that when a locomotive is running backwards a brakeman must stay on the end of the tender. When shunting this is necessary but occasion arise when it is necessary to run miles, when there is no danger to the public, and when in cold weather the rule is very hard on the brakeman.

By another clause the present agreement submitting working agreements between telephone companies to the review of the railway commission is extended to telegraph companies.

Naval Defense. The naval service debate was resumed by Mr. Warburton, who argued against the reality of the German peril British Dreadnoughts are more formidable than German Dreadnoughts, he said, and the triple alliance is weaker than the German alliance.

Mr. G. H. Cowan, Vancouver, led an able speech which he pointed out that the word "may" in clause 18 contains the further meaning that the Government may not put the fleet at the disposal of the Admiralty if so chosen; such a course would mean a withdrawal from the empire, the independence which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has avowed to be his aspiration. He further argued that the clause alters the constitutional position of Canada, the B. N. A. act containing a clause preserving to the King the command in chief of the naval forces of Canada.

Mr. Ralph Smith followed and adjourned the debate. The House rose at 10:35.

CONCERN OVER SIR WILFRID

Premier's Continued Ill-Health Cause Of Apprehension At Ottawa—Return Of Old Malady Feared.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 21.—The illness of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is causing some anxiety. The premier has been absent from the House for some days, and while the official statement is made that he is suffering merely from a heavy cold, there are rumors that his general condition of health is far from being satisfactory. At the early part of the session Sir Wilfrid was confined to his house for several days suffering from some affection of the facial nerves, and his present indisposition is stated to have brought on a recurrence of his former malady. In the meantime Mr. Fielding is leading the House and Sir Frederick Burden, in the absence of Mr. Brodeur, the premier is watching over the destinies of the naval debate. It has been noted of late that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is aging rapidly, and his indisposition is now a matter of concern. With the naval bill almost entirely on his hands, owing to the serious illness of Mr. Brodeur, his continued absence from the House during the critical stage of the debate is not regarded as reassuring by either his political friends or opponents.

Plans are also being discussed tonight by the commanders of three regiments in the Philadelphia National Guard in this city, to mobilize their troops at a moment's notice. The mayor is entitled to call upon these troops under a special act of assembly.

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Business-like Methods of Present Government to Advance Welfare of Province Heartily Approved

Mr. Hazen Taken Completely by Surprise Makes Feeling Reply --- His Remarks.

No Leader Ever Supported By As Many Loyal Supporters as He, He Declares.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—Police officials took the initiative tonight in the struggle going on between the striking carmen and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, when they arrested Clarence O. Pratt, the national organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, on a warrant charging him with "conspiring to incite riot." The warrant was issued by Magistrate Beaton, the committing magistrate at the Central Station on an affidavit sworn to by Detective Frank O'Connor. It was served on Pratt as he was leaving an automobile in which he had attended today's mass meeting of the union car men. He was locked up in City Hall and held to await a hearing tomorrow morning. It is rumored that warrants have been issued for other labor leaders as a result of a conference held late today between District Attorney Ruten, director of public safety, and Magistrate Beaton. The police force was augmented tonight by swearing in, for riot duty, of the state constables, an independent military organization of about 200 members.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY IN SESSION LAST NIGHT

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21.—The New Brunswick Medical Society council is having a meeting at the Queen Hotel this evening. Among those present are Drs. C. T. Purdy, Moncton, E. T. Caudet, St. Josephs, G. M. Buchanan, Bathurst and Thos Walwer and Murray McLaren, St. John. It is likely that a decision will be arrived at as to what action will be taken regarding the introduction of the proposed new medical bill which was withdrawn at the last session of the legislature