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THE LEGISLATURE

A legislative programme need not be large to be important. The speech from the throne at the opening of the legislature forebodes legislation concerning several matters of the utmost importance to the province. One of these is the development of water powers, so essential to the material welfare of the province. Another is prohibition, so essential to moral welfare. Still another is road construction, so essential to progress in all parts of the province. There is also the important matter of increased pay for school teachers, without which the public schools would deteriorate. In addition to these outstanding features there will be other important legislation affecting the public interest. The session, however, need not be a long one.

The government is able to congratulate itself and the country on the general condition of prosperity which prevails. The agricultural department, the crown lands department, the public works and public health departments can show a record of activity and of well directed effort throughout the year. The lumber industry has been very active, the agricultural yield both large and profitable. The government has made a good showing in its administration, and will be able to meet the criticisms of its opponents with a fine record of things accomplished. Mr. Magee and Mr. McNeil, in their addresses yesterday laid emphasis upon the outstanding features of that record, with warm tributes to the heads of departments for the efficiency of their work. Mr. Magee properly referred to the limited resources of the province and the heavy demands upon them, but pointed out also that the province must not halt in the task of improving its public services and developing its resources.

Hon. Mr. Murray will be heard today in criticism of the government and its work, and the debate on the address will be spirited and interesting, though, let us hope, not needlessly protracted. The sooner the house gets down to the actual business of the session the better the people will be pleased.

MARKING TIME

The Unionist caucus at Ottawa yesterday decided to carry on, and postpone the consideration of the post office bill until Sir Robert Borden returns. It is hoped he will be back in six or eight weeks, and in the meantime business will go on, with Sir George Foster supported as acting premier. It is said there is a strong objection on the part of Union Liberals to the name National Liberal Conservative party, which has been proposed, as it would simply mean that the Conservative group would gather in a number of Liberals to help them carry out a high protection policy. For the present, however, the Unionists have sent greetings of sympathy to Sir Robert and assured him they will await his return. They have no assurance, however, that he will be able to resume the leadership with the vigor which will certainly be required, and the whole situation is therefore marked by uncertainty, with the possibility of Sir Robert's retirement and a scramble for the leadership.

The farmer members did not attend the caucus. It appears to have been outwardly harmonious, the bond of union being still Sir Robert Borden. With him out of the running a new and highly complicated situation would quickly develop. The country must therefore await the next move by the prime minister. His followers cannot at present move without him.

HOUSES AND CHILDREN

A correspondent complains to the Times-Star today that because he has children he finds it very difficult to rent a flat. At the meeting of the Associated Charities this week a member cited a case where a tenant has been warned to quit because he has children and the owner will not have children in the house. In the Quebec legislature a bill has been introduced for the special benefit of families with children who are in search of rented houses. It should not be necessary to legislate concerning such a matter, but on the other hand some way out of the difficulty must be found. A child is an asset of the state, and the state if necessary must see that it is given a chance to live in a comfortable home.

The housing question in St. John is in an acute stage. We desire a larger population, but where are new-comers to be housed? The board of health hesitates to close a house except in an extreme case because the tenants might not be able to find another at a rental they could pay—or at any rental. It must be clear alike to the City Council, the Board of Trade and Commercial Club that if St. John is to grow it must have more houses. Owners are even now hesitating to the prospect of making one house over into two or more tenements, in order to meet the demand for housing accommodation. The question is vital. What is to be done?

The announcement that Mr. E. A. Schofield will be a candidate for the majority leads new interest to the civic campaign.

BUYING AT HOME

The discount on Canadian money in the United States has greatly reduced the imports from that country. In that respect it has been more effective than a "Buy in Canada" campaign. Canadian Finance remarks that while we may resent the fact that the Canadian dollar is not worth its face in the United States, "we cannot truthfully say that we are not responsible for the fact." It says further:—

"The Canadian people are responsible to a large extent, and it is a heavy sign to see that they are beginning to realize this fact. Just think over the following figures and judge whether we are to blame or not: During the last year we imported wearing apparel valued at \$8,300,000, of which sum over \$5,000,000 was for headgear. Just think of it—\$5,000,000 of good Canadian money sent out of the country to pay for hats, caps, etc. Canada, which is recognized as a fur-producing country, sent \$4,000,000 over the borders to buy furs with. Over \$2,000,000 for gramophones, \$4,000,000 for fancy goods, \$12,000,000 for tobacco—a grand total of \$77,000,000 in Canadian money left this country to pay for purchases mainly made up of luxuries. We do not suggest that this state of affairs can be remedied immediately, but we know of no better time to commence to remedy it than right now. If you believe that the Canadian dollar is worth its face value spend it in Canada and get full value for your money. Every dollar spent in our own country is practically equivalent to a dollar saved to the nation. It is good economy to keep your money at home."

Of course this does not tell the whole story. If the effect of buying at home is to create combines and enable a comparatively few to gain great profits at the expense of the consumer, then the latter is likely to cast longing eyes to a cheaper market over the border, and to ask why there is a difference. Nor is it enough that Canada import less. She must produce and export more. This cannot be said, however, in case of senseless luxury, or of buying abroad what could as well be produced at home.

Of progress in agriculture in New Brunswick the governor's speech says:—"The increase in the number of cattle, sheep and swine was more than a quarter of a million and the increased value nearly \$5,000,000. An increase of nearly 2,000,000 bushels of oats and nearly 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes; more than 800,000 bushels of buckwheat and a total output of creamery butter of about 1,000,000 pounds and 1,250,000 pounds of cheese will give some idea of the progress made in this basic industry in New Brunswick."

Mr. Fred Magee could speak with satisfaction yesterday concerning the progress made in the matter of vocational training in this province since the act relating to vocational training, for which he was so largely responsible, was passed. For, though we have as yet touched only the fringe of the work, the need has been so fully demonstrated, and so much general interest has been displayed, that a very marked development in the next few years is assured.

The St. John Standard, according to the Toronto Globe, has issued a circular letter to manufacturers and others, inviting them to invest, with the following assurance:—"Along with these bonds we propose issuing to subscribers a proportion of the capital stock of the new company, and will agree that the bond holders shall direct the fiscal policy of the paper."

A Washington despatch indicates that the government is pursuing a fairly vigorous policy against profiteers, and besides bringing many to trial has forced large quantities of foodstuffs on the market. More than a thousand persons or firms have been prosecuted.

Lord Jellicoe would have the naval service kept out of politics. This is so obviously the right view that it must appeal very strongly to the people of Canada.

St. John tomorrow will welcome a large delegation of members of parliament. They will see for themselves the needs of the port, and it may be hoped their visit will have good results.

Prince Joachim Albrecht of Prussia, who wanted to kill some French "wine" in a restaurant, is still enjoying prison fare, and, it may be hoped he will be taught a needed lesson.

Manitoba proposes to levy an additional \$2,500,000 for road construction and improvement, making \$5,000,000 available for a programme covering several years.

Mrs. Youm of Iowa, whose thirteenth divorce has been granted, is well named. Her ability to "yoke 'em in only resulting to the expedient of making one house over into two or more tenements, in order to meet the demand for housing accommodation. The question is vital. What is to be done?"

And now they call it "highlining" the cost of living. Ordinary English does seem rather inadequate when we speak of the H. C. of L.

A resumption of relations between France and the Vatican would be an interesting result of the great war.



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THE POPULAR GAME

Every one is profiteering, every one is profit-struck; no one's pleased unless he's clearing ninety cents on every buck. I would buy myself some clothing—something self-worn would suffice—but my soul is filled with loathing when I contemplate the price. I would buy a slab of bacon, but the man who sells the same by his conscience is forsaken, and his prices are a shame. I would like to paint my shanty, whose appearance is a disgrace, but the burning words of Dante can't do justice to the cost. Now and then I go a-scurrying for the reason for this curse, and the blame is always resting on some distant nameless jays. Oh, the blame is never local, it is always most remote, and each man, profane and good, says some others get his goat. 'Tain't all our loud resistance to the graft that makes us sick, 'taint all the hazy distance the knaves who do the trick. Always in elusive shadow is the profiteering group, which has found its ill ways in elusive shadow and their soup. Far away the robbers shameless who harpoon us through and through; and your merchant pirate is blameless—he gets stung as well as you.

CAN-DA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

ON TO BLOEMFONTEIN

The evening of March 12, 1900, saw the British forces in South Africa, with which the Canadian contingent was serving, nearing Bloemfontein, an enemy stronghold. On March 9 the Canadian had crossed the Modder near Poplar Grove Drift on big pontoons and bivouacked for the night in preparation for the drive on the Orange Free State capital. The enemy was entrenched at Abraham's Kloof, eighteen miles away, and the report that reached the Canadians was that they were in force and determined to prevent the onrush to the capital. But General French—destined to lead the British army in later years in the great war—dashed ahead with his cavalry and cleared the country of the enemy.

The Canadians set the pace, in fact so furious was the march they made that General Smith-Dorrien had to order them to go at a slower rate as it was difficult to keep the army intact at such a rapid march. There was a lively clash with the Boers in which the British and Canadians lost 300 men but as the foe left 210 dead on the field and four of his best guns behind it was counted a victory. Then they showed on until, on the evening of March 12, they were at the gates of Bloemfontein.

On the morning of the 18th Lord Roberts enters the Canadian city into the city. In spite of the fact that both men and horses were jaded with the fast and furious snail at the city, it was a magnificent spectacle. At the government buildings Lord Roberts took possession of the city, and the British and Canadian sovereigns and the Union Jack with elaborate ceremonies. The weary army was happy because a great success had been achieved.

THE CLEARING

Stumps, and harsh rocks, and prostrate trees, and gnarled roots naked to sun and rain—They seem in their grim stillness to complain. And by their plant the evening peace is jarred. But here and there the waste is touched with cheer. Where spreads the fire-weed like a crimson flood. And ventures plumes of golden red appear. And round the blackened fence the great house looms. With comfort, and across the solitude The hermit's holy transport peals serene. —Charles G. D. Roberts

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Art Dealer—Would you like a Velasquez, sir? The one on the top left is an original Velasquez, the top right is a real original Velasquez, and the lowest one is a guaranteed real original Velasquez.—World, London.

During the Christmas holidays the chief guest in the Jones household was a little nephew. The aunt was frankly amazed at the astonishing frankness of his appetite.

"Heaven's! she exclaimed one day, 'I hope you don't say a little chap, you certainly eat a whole lot!'"

"Remember this, Auntie," he said, looking outside. "I don't like as I look from the outside."—Harpers.

Quite Carried Away. Critic—This snowstorm you have painted is very realistic. Artist—It must be. Why, a friend of mine called the other day and after seeing it he put on my arctic and walked off.—Boston Transcript.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Andrew Mungall, superintendent of the St. Croix cotton mills at Milltown will sail on the Empress of France to visit his former home in Scotland.

Albert Monro of Van Buren was shot in the hand at the scene time as Candide Dumais was killed during the midnight fight near Madawaska. Dumais fought with the Yankee division in France and was awarded the distinguished service medal.

Edward McGibbon, Dr. H. L. Taylor, and A. C. Toy have been appointed a delegation from St. John to go to an improvement in the railway service between there and St. John.

Many resolutions of the G. W. V. A. have passed resolutions against civil servants holding any executive positions in the association.

An appeal is to be taken in the case of the Frederick Motor Sales Ltd. vs. the Earl of Ashburnham.

Prince Feisal has been proclaimed King of Syria.

The three boats of the Miramichi Steam Navigation Co. have been sold at auction for \$18,000.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Curzon, foreign secretary, led the debate for the troubles in settling the Turkish problem to delay by the United States.

Officials at Washington say they are not responsible, as no communication in the matter was received there.

LOCAL NEWS

E. Allan Schofield has announced his acceptance of the wishes of his friends to be a candidate for the majority in the coming elections.

The Children's Aid Society met yesterday, A. M. Belding presiding. Agent, George Scott, made his report on the work done during the month.

The local branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada met last night and an interesting illustrated lecture on construction work in Maine was given by Moses Burpee. There were many present and a vote of thanks was extended to the speaker.

At the annual luncheon of the Y. M. C. A. "Y" Club yesterday afternoon, Colonel Murray McLaren gave an interesting lecture on the medical profession.

The business boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. heard an interesting talk on amateur sport by H. R. McLellan at a luncheon last evening.

The Minnie Robertson Mission Circle of Queen square Methodist church entertained the Hilarious Circle of Canterbury church last evening.

Lieut. Harold O. Cruikshank, R. N. V. R., has returned to London and is shortly to be demobilized, returning to his home here.

At a meeting of the executive of the Playgrounds Association yesterday with W. K. Hale in the chair, resolutions relating to the incorporation of the association and the raising of funds were discussed. The printing of the constitution was left in the hands of Capt. A. J. Mulcahy.

The Baracca Club of the Central Baptist church was at home last evening to the Philatelic Club and other friends. Dr. and Mrs. H. W. N. Baker acted as chaperones. Misses H. Campbell, H. Williams, Miss Ross, Miss Akery and Messrs. Dr. Baker, G. Stevens, H. G. Alcott and Robert Mitchell took part in the programme.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Sunday School teachers' Association of the Anglican church was held last night in the absence of Stanley T. Olive, the president, Miss Ethel Jarvis presided. Rev. Canon Kuhling gave an address on Bible study. Rev. R. A. Robinson of Stanley gave an interesting address on Sunday school as a community centre. A vote of thanks was extended to them for their inspiring addresses.

In the junior cadet physical drill contest at the armory yesterday, King George school took first place. Winter street and West St. John tied for second and St. Peter's and St. Andrew's tied for third, with King Edward fourth. The inspection was carried out by Lieut. Colonel Snow. Other competitors were the corps from Alexandria and St. Malachi's. Capt. H. S. Murray and Dr. H. S. Bridges.

As the regular meeting of the Art Club last night in their rooms in Peel street, Mr. M. M. gave a delightful lecture illustrated with lantern slides, saw by Miss Miriam Hatheway. Day Thompson gave an excellent piano selection. W. F. Hatheway, who presided, announced that William Wood of Orange for third, with King Edward fourth. The inspection was carried out by Lieut. Colonel Snow. Other competitors were the corps from Alexandria and St. Malachi's. Capt. H. S. Murray and Dr. H. S. Bridges.

Legislation Matters Before Labor Meeting

Fredericton, March 11.—A committee from the N. B. Federation of Labor will interview the government on matters of legislation. That was one of the things decided upon yesterday, while some of the matters which they will take up will be the necessity of the government to prevent further exploitation of the people, free school supplies up to grade 8, control of necessities of life to prevent further exploitation of the people, and the simplification of the recall system for commissioners in St. John. The federation will ask the American Federation to put more organizers in the field. Resolutions dealing with the following matters were introduced: The prohibition of private employment agencies; regulations for steam and operating engineers; a minimum living wage to each class of school teachers; schools open in all districts; consolidation of small districts; pensions for widows and orphans, whose breadwinners are not covered by compensation act; proportional representation in provincial and municipal elections; abolition of property qualification for officers of mayor, alderman or county councillor.

AT OTTAWA.

The Unionists held a caucus at Ottawa yesterday which lasted for about three hours. At its conclusion, Sir George Foster announced that the caucus had expressed satisfaction with Sir Robert Borden's marked improvement and gratification at the prospect of his early return to leadership.

The new franchise act was introduced

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