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day there will be more people surprised than if he does. The question of a renewal was discussed on two succeeding days by the Conservative caucus and it is understood that protests were registered by Western members, but whether they will vote against this particular resolution when it is submitted is something that the future only will reveal. It is almost certain that a few of the Liberals from Nova Scotia will favor the renewal, but the Western men say that they propose to fight it tooth and nail. A report just issued by the department of trade and commerce shows that the late government from 1896 to 1911 paid out no less a sum than \$20,519,000 in bounties. The bounties on pig iron reached a total of \$7,979,941, that upon puddled iron ores \$113,644. These latter came to an end in 1906 and were not renewed. Bounties paid on steel amounted to \$6,706,909, those on manufactures of steel to \$2,701,732. During the last fiscal year the iron and steel industry received in the way of assistance no less than \$1,138,748. The pig iron and steel bounties expired on June 30 last and have not been renewed. It is not to be wondered at that the financial writers in the Montreal press and the stock brokers are in a fever of expectancy over the prospect of a few more millions coming into the exchequer of the steel company and a boost in the prices of stocks. The steel interests have been so accustomed to the money coming in from the Federal treasury that they feel quite depressed without it and the prospect of the renewal is making them feel much happier than is the Western farmer whose wheat is rotting on the ground because of lack of transportation facilities.

Manitoba Boundary Question

The political puzzle of the hour is the Manitoba boundary extension question. It has been reported to be settled on at least half a dozen occasions, but it has a habit of becoming unsettled when not closely watched and it is said to be in that unsatisfactory state at the present time. The trouble lies with the Ontario members on one side and the Quebec Nationalists on the other. Ontario wants more territory and a port on Hudson Bay and Quebec wants the rights of the Roman Catholic minority in regard to separate schools guaranteed. This is a proposal which makes the representatives of Protestant constituencies in Ontario fractious. There have been caucuses and conferences without number and, so far as can be learned, without definite result up to the time of writing.

DIRECT LEGISLATION FOR ALBERTA

The Alberta legislature went on record on February 9 as unanimously favoring an investigation of the principle of Direct Legislation. A resolution was introduced by Chas. Stewart, of Sedgewick, and seconded by W. F. Puffer, of Lacombe. Other speakers were Patterson, Kemmis, Hoadley, Michener, O'Brien and Bramley Moore. It read as follows: "Whereas, largely signed petitions have been presented to this House asking for Direct Legislation by way of Initiative and Referendum, resolved that this House doth recommend that the government

make inquiry into this subject with a view of bringing in legislation with respect thereto at next session."

Mr. Stewart said that the proposed legislation would not interfere greatly with the present system of government. He believed the legislators tried to conform as closely as possible with the wishes of the people. Direct Legislation would bring them even closer.

Mr. Puffer, in seconding the motion, said that while it had been progressing rapidly there had been a change in recent years in the way that people expressed their will. He did not believe there was as great need for direct legislation in Canada as in United States. He had the greatest confidence in the collective judgment of people when they had issues properly presented to them. The time was fully ripe for Direct Legislation, he thought, and the change from existing conditions could be brought about without much trouble. The new system would relieve both members of the government and other legislators from much of the responsibility that they now had.

Robt. Patterson put himself on record as in favor of Direct Legislation. It had proved a great success in Switzerland and in other countries.

Mr. O'Brien dealt with the subject from a Socialistic standpoint. He claimed that Direct Legislation would not better the conditions of the lower classes as long as the farmers of Alberta had the master class ruling the country. They would not benefit from Direct Legislation or any other measure of a similar kind.

Didn't Go Far Enough

Mr. Kemmis claimed that the resolution didn't go as far as the petitions presented to the House asked. He hoped that next session at least, a Direct Legislation measure would be introduced. That would not be a cure-all, but it would mark a step in the progress of the country.

Bramley Moore thought that the Referendum would be unnecessary if the people initiated their own legislation.

Geo. Hoadley believed it would be a mistake if provincial control of the natural resources were given before Direct Legislation had been adopted.

Mr. Michener expressed pleasure that on one occasion at least members on both sides could agree on a great question such as this.

Direct Legislation distinctly was a Conservative policy (laughter), having been adopted by the Conservative convention three years ago. The government had taken the Conservative policy on natural resources, on good roads and now on Direct Legislation.

Chas. Stewart, in closing the debate, said he had hoped no political feeling would have been introduced and such would have been the case, but for a few remarks of the last speaker. He trusted this question would be considered entirely apart from politics. The resolution was then unanimously passed.

SASKATCHEWAN WINTER FAIR

It is important that every agriculturalist should be familiar with the program of the Saskatchewan Provincial Winter Fair at Regina, March 11-15, and thereby be able to avail himself of every opportunity to get in touch with things. It goes without saying that he who is acquainted with the best stock of the West, who knows something of the problems confronting the stockmen and the solutions suggested, cannot help but be a more competent man and a credit to his community.

The provincial stock judging competitions take place Wednesday and Thursday forenoons, and all judging of entries will be done in the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mass meetings of all those attending the fair will be held in the City Hall Auditorium Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., where illustrated addresses on interesting subjects will be given by competent men. The fair board have outlined the program to cover everything in a very concise manner and in a way that all will find it convenient to attend every feature of the exhibition.

The annual meetings of the breeders' associations will be held as follows:

Cattle Breeders' Association, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Swine Breeders' Association, Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Horse Breeders' Association, Thursday, 9 a.m.

Sheep Breeders' Association, Friday, 3:30 a.m.

ANTON MICKELSON
President

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The gophers and squirrels are now sleeping and dreaming of what great feasts they will have as soon as you start your spring seeding. As soon as the snow disappears, they will wake up from their long sleep and join together for the big feast of grain that the farmer will be spreading and which he believes will produce bounteous crops for him. The gophers did it last year and the year before and they can't figure out any reason why they won't be able to do it again. Yet the whole matter is in your hands, Mr. Farmer. Are you going to stand a loss of \$2.0 every 80 acres, or are you going to prevent this loss?

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FARMERS' SHORT COURSE

F. W. Crawford, who is in charge of the short course work put on by the Manitoba Agricultural college at Minnola, Crandall, Hamiota, Oak River and Pettapiece, reports continued progress. The number of students enrolled is increasing at each gathering, the average attendance being well over fifty. Up to the present the work taken up consisted of the judging of beef cattle, draft horses and seed grains (wheat, oats and barley) along with lectures on animal feeding and breeding, the growth and development of plants, identification and eradication of weeds, and the growing of fodders.

SOCIALISM IN SCHENECTADY

Like a breath of fresh air in an overheated prison cell, is Mayor Lunn's first inaugural address—George R. Lunn, the first Socialist mayor of any New York city. His suggestions for immediate action are practical and sensible, and the spirit of the whole message is refresh-

ing. "To us," this vigorous message concludes, "government is not a mere routine to be followed more or less mechanically; it is a great problem to be solved. We look upon government not as the continuation of a precedent or as an adjunct to private business. For us, government is the instrument through which wrong can be righted, poverty abolished, life made secure, cities healthful, citizens happy." That civic gospel must sound strangely in the ears of spoils-men, franchisers and goo-goos; but they will have to meet it with better arguments than verbal bludgeons or it will prevail over them and all their hosts.—The Public.

Every other conceivable honor having been heaped upon Seager Wheeler, it now only remains to make him a J. P. He would probably refuse a knighthood after Max Aitken having received it.—Saturday Press, Saskatoon.

A party of progress has no room for pessimism.—Mr. J. MacVeagh, M.P.