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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislative Assembly was formally reconvened on Thursday evening, after a session which has proven one of the most barren in really constructive and useful legislation that has been held for some years. A great flow of indifferent oratory, as Dr. Hetherington calls it, has been one of its chief features, and, with the exception of Mr. C. D. Richards, it cannot truthfully be said that any member has enhanced his reputation as a public speaker. In fact, some of the speeches from the Government side of the House were very tedious, and then some. The greater part of the session has been taken up patching and repairing measures passed in former years, due to a very large extent, to the practice which obtains of leaving many of the most important bills till the very end of the session when they are rushed through any old way, without that consideration which their importance demands, so that members may get away home. 'Twas ever thus and probably always will be, but, in view of the fact that the present Government is supposed to be a business man's affair, the public not unreasonably expected all the unbusiness-like practices of the past to come to an end.

This, however, is only one of the many disappointments of the former administration. The speech from the Throne at the opening of the session provided little. That promise, at any rate, the Government has faithfully kept.

THE "REVISED AND ADAPTED" PRAYER BOOK.

Tomorrow—Easter Sunday—is the day appointed for bringing into use the Book of Common Prayer, "revised and adapted" for use in the Church of England in Canada. Reverently and in some instances, quite unnecessarily, the Canadian reviewers laid hands on the Book of Common Prayer, which they should hold to be a priceless possession of their Church, and have proceeded to "modernize" it, in a manner that will not commend itself to all churchmen. It cannot be said that there was any urgent general demand on the part of the Anglican laity in Canada for a Liturgy differentiated from that of the Established Church, but that "The General Synod of the Church of England in Canada" determined to make such adaptations and "enrichments in the body of the Book" as would serve the purpose of more fully meeting the needs of the Church in this age and in this Dominion, as they regard it.

It is to be regretted that the General Synod did not have the patience to await the outcome of the revision of the English Prayer Book in England itself, which revision is being prepared for by ecclesiastics and laymen of great learning, men of real scholarly attainments, who would not think of trying to mar the literary form of this noble monument of English prose, this historic vessel of the spirituality of the English race. The task they have in hand is rendered somewhat difficult no doubt, because of apparently irreconcilable differences between High Churchmen and the rest, differences as to doctrine and discipline. It may take long to arrive at a settlement, and the revision finally agreed upon may be a compromise. There was no such pressing necessity, however for changes in the order of service in the Anglican Church of this country which has done duty for so many years, as to force revision here in advance of revision in the Mother Country. Upwards of 150 changes have been proposed in the Old Country Prayer Book, and when the work is finished there may have to be harmonizing changes here.

On the great controversial subjects the Canadian reviewers and editors have followed the guidance of the resolutions of the Lambeth Conference of 1908. If they had had the resolutions of the latest Lambeth Conference before them they might have been influenced by these. The liturgy has been much changed, apparently in accordance with the revised liturgy approved in England by Convocation nearly four years ago. The table of lessons is arranged, not according to the calendar months as heretofore, but according to the weeks of the calendar year. Alternative lessons are provided for nearly all the Sundays in the year. The rubric after the Order of Confirmation remains as it was, providing that only persons who have been confirmed shall be admitted to the Holy Communion. The Creed of St. Athanasius is still so designated, though with the qualification in brackets of "Our country so-called." It is in no way

or a matter of "shut" for special Sundays or any day. A different translation is used, and a rubric follows for the removal of doubts and to "prevent disquietude in the use of the Creed." In the form for the solemnization of matrimony the word "obey" is not omitted from the woman's pledge. The Psalter continues to be that of the great English Bible used in the time of Henry the Eighth and Edward the Sixth.

Quite a large number of the alterations and adaptations seem to be aimed at shortening the services in order to meet the views of people who feel that convention and the cloak of respectability require their attendance at church, but who do not wish to remain there any longer than they can help. The obvious thing for this class of worshipper to do is to stay away altogether if their hearts are not sufficiently in the service to make them willing to accept the rulings of the authorized version of the Prayer Book. If that is the way they feel about it, they might just as well hang a copy of the Prayer Book on the wall, and when passing it on Sunday morning merely jerk their heads toward it and exclaim: "There's my sentiments," and go out for a walk.

The conduct of the services in many Anglican churches in this country is unfortunately slipshod enough in many respects as it is, and the making of many slipshod practices legal through a "revised and adapted" liturgy, will be a source of keen regret to real churchmen, who have been brought up to regard the rubrics of the church as essential parts of their religious services, and not as matters that could be swept aside if the observance of them was likely to make either priest or people late for dinner.

NOISELESS STREETS.

The experiment of a rubber-paved street is to be tried in Denmark, so we learn from a contemporary. We would like it to be tried here too, particularly on Prince William Street; and if it could be made possible to have street cars with rubber wheels, the improvement in conditions might be even more marked. It is said that the proposal is made possible because of the very considerable drop in the price of crude rubber. Some years ago the better grades were several dollars a pound. Today, an average is between 15 and 20 cents a pound, and low-grade African is rated down to about 5 cents a pound, with practically no demand. Not long ago, a British rubber producer's organization offered valuable prizes for suggestions as to how the use of rubber could be promoted. The plantations have been overproducing, and ruin to many of them has followed in the wake of the slump. If the Danish experiment succeeds, and the longevity of the rubber-pavement is proved—which is doubtful—a wide market for the lower grade rubbers would be instantly provided, and the plantations might be set on their feet again.

It is said that there is nothing inherently impossible about the casting of large bricks of a thoroughly hardened, seasoned rubber compound, for use on a street. The issue is whether that rubber would stand the heat, the hard abrasion of heavy traffic, and not get dead as does ordinary rubber in tires after about two years. Chemists have a most inviting field in this respect. For streets in which resilience is in the pavement would invite improvement in wagon-tires and horses' shoes. Skidding could be done away with. Automobile tires could be saved much hard wear on stones, jagged bumps, and hollows. If an enduring rubber compound of great weather resistance and wearing quality could be manufactured, floors in buildings much used by the public could be laid with it, instead of with much more costly marble, mosaic, or tile. The resiliency of the cushion floor to the foot would be very valuable. Even if rubber-block streets were too costly for general purposes, the cheapness of rubber invites strong pressure to compel the use of solid rubber tires on heavy wagons with broad steel bands. There are by-laws now requiring that steel tires on heavy wagons shall be of certain widths, to prevent rutting the roads, but the use of rubber castings on these would not only eliminate noise, but be a great road saving factor for heavy traffic. The subject of the increased use of rubber in connection with transportation is at an extremely interesting stage.

Countess Markievicz has arrived in the United States to help De Valera. It is not impossible to find a certain symbolism in the fact that these two very "fish" names are just now most conspicuous in the opposition to the Free State.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Women Police.
(London Daily News.)
The work of the women police, judged by the rather restricted tests to which it has been subjected, has been valuable in a not very far distant future no civilized community will probably be without this special force. The need of immediate retrenchment is urgent, and the Government's refusal to continue the experiment is not surprising; but we think that the economy effected will be shown in the result to be short-sighted. It costs more to maintain numbers of women in prison than to maintain a small force of women to keep them out of prison.

The Prince in India.
(Westminster Gazette.)
It is difficult to estimate the value of the Prince's tour. Grave doubts have been expressed in well-informed quarters, and there seems to be no doubt that the Prince's visit has to some extent stimulated the non-co-operative movement. It is far easier to persuade discontented people ostentatiously to boycott a procession than to make them real rebels. Moreover, a direct breach of the law. Thus, the authorities have played into Gandhi's hands at a time when his influence seemed to be waning. Moreover, the magic of the King-Emperor's name is a force in India which we need to use carefully lest we exhaust it altogether. To bring it into operation at the present juncture may have seemed a legitimate risk to take, but it is doubtful whether that risk has been justified by the results.

The Messenger.
(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
A world familiar with the radio has no room for fogymism. The two do not harmonize. When a person can with a simple, inexpensive device, home-made if desired, listen at ease to the best music, hear great speakers discuss issues of the hour, get the latest bits of news from over the world—when all this becomes a commonplace, we may as well acknowledge that a new era has arrived. It is time to bid good-bye to isolation. The cables and the wireless brought us closer together after generations of comparative isolation. Good roads, autos and rural telephones linked up scattered communities and destroyed much of the loneliness of family life in sparsely settled sections. Now the radio, suddenly developed to the point permitting its popularization, carries the process another long step forward.

Under Soviet Rule.
(London Daily Telegraph.)
In Soviet Russia there were to be no masters, or, in other words, everyone was to be a law unto himself. The madness has worked itself out, and now all men are slaves to a harsh, impractical, and really unintelligent bureaucracy and a despotic, unscrupulous, and placed plenty. We have been supplied with ample warning, which the sinister activities of Communist agents in this country, very busy just now, cannot cloak. Though there are, present, unhappily, no signs of a settlement, we still have faith that reason and good sense will prevail. The country must be rescued from the clutches of a man who has no respect for the rights of man.

Incomplete Americanization.
(Cincinnati Times-Star.)
Young America is right. But eternal vigilance is the price of his being all right. In some instances, he is ignorant, and in some he is disreputable. And he must be ignorant and disreputable, if he must, if America is to remain the America the Fathers intended. A well-dressed young man sat behind me the other night at a performance of "Arabian Nights." He was full of chatter for the young woman with him. Perhaps the supposed necessity for running comment inspired his ignorant, insane and impertinent remarks. In the interval between the fifth and sixth scenes, a drinkwater calls his acts, the youth turned to his "bopper" with this query: "Let's see, they don't do this, do they?" We don't know where he was educated. We don't know whether he was born in this country or not. In any event his Americanization was incomplete—to put it mildly.

Bible Difficulties.
(London Daily Express.)
One reason why many people from church is found in the free and easy way in which they say, "The Bible is no longer true. No one can believe that the world was created in six days. The Bible says it was, and if it is not true, why should I believe anything in it?" "But, my dear man, the Bible sets out to tell you about spiritual things, and if you want to learn elementary history and science you had better learn them from suitable handbooks." Some people seem to leave behind them all their common sense when they discuss the Bible. So far from wishing sincerely to hear an answer to their questions, they would actually be disappointed if they did, like a man who asks a pig a question in really examining them. In no subject but religion would we trust the judgment of those who know least about it. In law and art we wait to hear the lawyer and artist speak. Not so when we are on the look-out to find fault with the Church.

THE LAUGH LINE

The Last Survivor.
Mrs. Wiggs—"Cook has only broken one dish to-day."
Mr. Wiggs—"That's better! How did that happen?"
Mrs. Wiggs—"It was the last one we had."

Untruthful.
He—"The cook has written me a letter asking for more wages, or she will give notice."
She—"Well, isn't that all right?"
No! I don't like the letter, because she is untruthful in it."
How so?"
"Why, she signs it 'Your obedient servant.'"

Why Flashed.
Mrs. Tompkins was in need of new clothes, and she had her usual session with Mr. Tompkins. "A tree, you know, dear, cuts out clothes every

Benny's Note Book

Me and Puds Simkins was setting on Mary Watkins front steps talking to her and ansering her talking to us, and we started to talk about wat we was going to be wen we grew up, me saying, Im going to be a grate lawyer, I am.
O, how nice, I jest know you'll be a wonderfull lawyer, sed Mary Watkins.
Sure, you bet I will, I sed, Ill have a office in 3 different cities on account of having so many cases, and any time anybody wants to know anything they'll either come to one of my offices or else call me up on the fone, and Ill put some people in jail and get some people out, depending on how I feel, and Ill make so much money Ill have 10 automobiles and 5 million dollars and 15 dogs.
O Benny wont that be lovely, I think youre wonderfull to be so ambitious, sed Mary Watkins.
O, thats nothing, I sed, And Puds Simkins looked at me jellis a wile, and then he sed, Well Ill tell you wat Im going to be, Im going to be a candy and soda watter store owner. Im going to have so many candy and soda watter stores you'll all ways come to one no matter wich way you wawk and they'll all have my name on them, and any time you want to go in one you can have watter you want jest by asking for it and showing my card in case Im not there.
O wont that be wonderfull, thank you ever so much, I think youre much more ambitious than Benny, sed Mary Watkins.
And she kepp on looking at him as if he was about twice as grate as wat I was, me thinking, Aw heck, darn that guy.

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