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WHICH WILL IT BE?

Will there be a session and by-elections, or dissolution of the legislature and the general provincial elections?

Perhaps even Premier Robinson could not today answer this question. It may be that he is still taking his bearings and in doubt as to the more prudent course to be pursued. The Times' Fredericton correspondent said yesterday that the opinion held by most people at the capital is that there will be a session, with the by-elections next month.

If a session is held it will be because the government has not been able to secure desirable candidates in some important constituencies, and hopes that something may turn up before the end of the session to improve the outlook.

With the withdrawal of certain strong personalities from the provincial arena during the last few years there is a striking change in the public attitude toward the government. The present is conceded to be a weak government. Premier Robinson was an untiring man, and has as yet shown no great gifts of leadership, but rather a hesitancy which makes for the advantage of his opponents, who are steadily growing in confidence and aggressiveness. The Hazen banquet gave a notable illustration of the new spirit of the party, and revealed the fact that there is no lack of good material in the opposition ranks to make a strong government, if called upon to succeed the present halting administration. No doubt the present financial stringency has its influence upon the premier and his colleagues. With more or less difficulty in getting funds for ordinary business purposes there is little likelihood that a large election fund could be secured. Moreover, Dr. Pugsley is likely to be kept pretty busy at Ottawa for some time to come, and may not be able to devote as much time to provincial politics as his late colleagues desired. The dilemma in which Premier Robinson finds himself is therefore by no means an easy one from which to escape.

THE PULP WOOD QUESTION

There is food for thought in the statement of Hon. N. M. Jones of Bangor, manager of the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Co. of Lincoln, Maine, in a letter on the subject of free pulp and paper. The Paper Mill and Pulp Mill News wrote for an expression of opinion by pulp and paper makers on Roosevelt's message. In beginning his reply Mr. Jones made this significant statement:—

"Referring to your postal requesting us to state whether we are in favor of or opposed to the repeal of the duty on pulp and paper, offhand we would say, opposed. But if Canada will continue to furnish us with all the wood we need free of duty, why should we not be satisfied with the tariff as it is? We cannot afford to buy wood in Canada at present prices, plus the enormous cost of transportation to our mills, and produce pulp in competition with any Canadian mill, without the protection of the tariff."

In other words, if Canada put an export duty on pulp wood, or prohibited its export, pulp mills would increase in Canada. Mr. Jones submits the following statement of the annual production of pulp in the United States and Canada as follows:—

	Tons.
Sulphite	1,238,832
Ground pulp	1,737,218
Soda pulp	327,800
Total	3,303,850
Annual production of pulp in Canada:	
Sulphite	172,224
Ground wood	550,388
Soda pulp	10,929
Total	733,541
Showing that Canada is producing about one-fifth as much pulp as is produced in this country.	
The United States consumes annually for:	
Sulphite	2,471,064
Ground wood	1,679,344
Soda pulp	652,200
Total	4,702,608
Canada consumes annually for:	
Sulphite	344,448
Ground wood	500,448
Soda pulp	21,810
Total	866,706

Showing that Canada actually uses wood to produce pulp of all kinds about one-sixth the quantity used in this country.

On a basis of land producing four cords of wood per acre, the United States consumes the product of 1,176,532 acres.

On the same basis as U. S., Canada consumes product of . . . 218,084 acres.

Total . . . 1,394,616 acres.

Commenting on this statement Mr. Jones says:—

"If our manufacturers were obtaining their entire supply of wood from lands wholly in the United States, we would be using up our territory nearly six times as fast as Canada is using up theirs, but fortunately for us a large proportion of the pulp wood used by us is obtained from Canada, hence we are getting the benefit of their timber, and while we think it but fair that we should reciprocate by giving Canada free pulp and paper, we do not see how we can afford to, if we have got to pay the freight on their wood, and manufacture pulp and paper in competition with them."

Of one hundred other pulp and paper makers in the United States eighty-five supported the position taken by Mr. Jones, and the remainder favor some reduction in the duty on pulp and paper, but are not at all strong in their statements.

The inference is unmistakable. Prohibit the export of Canadian pulp-wood and there would be a great development of the Canadian pulp industry.

DESTITUTE STRANGERS

A matter that should engage the attention of the city council and the Associated Charities is that of providing some kind of work by which penniless strangers, who will no doubt appear in considerable numbers in the city before the spring opens, may be given an opportunity to earn a meal or a night's lodging, or a few days' board. There will be many demands upon charity for destitute persons, and they should be protected from the importunities of able-bodied men who, if given the chance, could earn their living for a few days until they found regular employment here or elsewhere. It would also be well for the authorities to find out in what parts of the province men willing to work could secure it, and by sending them on their way relieved of the congestion here.

This is a matter of real importance to the city. It is a menace to any community to have going about numbers of destitute strangers who may become desperate, and resort to crime. Many such men may be landed here from the steamers during the winter. There is at present no place to which such persons could be directed, where he could earn a meal and a night's lodging. The abolition of the wood yard was a mistake.

The Free Kindergarten Association of St. John is an institution of great value. Whoever has visited the schools conducted under its auspices or has seen the kindergarten work done at the supervised playgrounds in summer does not need to be told of the benefit conferred upon children. Sooner or later the kindergarten must become a part of the public school system. The sooner this course is pursued the better it will be for the educational system in the cities, towns and villages of New Brunswick.

The first week of real winter has been of the most seasonable character. The cold set in with vigor, enough snow fell to make fairly good sleighing, and the temperature has not varied greatly for the week. The St. John winter is often marked by such changes of temperature as make it difficult to avoid contracting severe colds or grippe. The universal hope will be that the present season may go soberly and steadily on as it has begun.

Now that ferry traffic is very heavy, both for foot passengers and teams, and will continue so throughout the winter, the ferry committee should make regulations such as may prevent the teams from pushing in among the foot passengers when leaving the ferry steamer. Complaint is made to the Times that at certain hours when the passenger traffic is very heavy there is imminent risk because of the recklessness of drivers of teams.

The commercial depression in the United States is showing itself in the large reductions in the working staff of industrial concerns in many parts of the country. There will be a movement of the unemployed toward Canada. This country is in the better position of the two, and should derive some profit from the favorable comparison.

In a letter to the Times Miss Mabel Peters contributes an interesting summary of the progress made in the political enfranchisement of women. This subject is to be brought to the attention of the New Brunswick legislature. Should women have the franchise? would be an interesting topic for the debating societies.

Perhaps the statement in London journals that there are many unemployed in Canadian cities will not be an unmitigated evil. It may deter some undesirable persons from heading this way. Our great need is settlers with a small amount of capital to take up farming lands.

The fact that there are four hundred more pupils in the schools of St. John than there were a year ago appears to be a clear evidence not only that the trustee officer is doing good work but that the population of the city is increasing.

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It sat him lapped and aisy. It thrummed his ribs and his hip. But ach, 'twas the only thing crooked. About our old Doctor Ma'Ginn!

And now he's gone to his glory—Excuse me, a bit of a tear—Here's twenty to was that his halo. In shinin' down over his ear!

—Arthur Stringer, in December Smart Set.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE BRUTE.

Stella—So she divorced him for desertion?
Bella—Yes, he refused to live in the auto.—New York Sun.

COULDN'T DISCHARGE HIM.

(Lippincott's)

When the jury had died in for at least the fourth time, with no sign of coming to an agreement in the bribery case, the disgraced judge arose up and said, "I discharge this jury!"

At this one sensitive taleman, stung to the quick by this abrupt and ill-sounding decision, obstinately faced the judge. "You can't discharge me, judge!" he retorted.

"Why not?" asked the astonished judge. "Because," announced the taleman, pointing to the defendant's lawyer, "I'm being paid by that man there!"

ALWAYS THE POLITENESS.
A Germantown woman was not long ago watching a workman as he put up new window fixtures in her house.

"Don't you think that you have placed those fixtures too high?" asked she, having reference to certain rods last put in place.

The workman, a solid German, made no reply, but continued to adjust the fixtures.

"Didn't you hear my question?" demanded the lady of the house. "How dare you be so rude?"

"Whereupon the German gulped convulsively, and then replied in the gentlest of voices—

"I had my mouth full of screws, and I could not speak till I swallow some!"

—Harper's Weekly.

CONSOLATION.

One of Philadelphia's most prominent Episcopalians was summoned to a hospital recently to consult. He who had been fatally injured. The clergyman was delayed, and when he reached the hospital the man had died.

"Too bad, sir," explained the dead man's friend. Bill's dead, sir, but I guess it's all right, sir. I gave him consolation.

"You did?" enquired the clergyman, in astonishment. "How did you give him consolation?"

"Ah, replied the man, 'Bill says to me, says he, 'Jim, I'm going to die.' I guess you are,' says I. 'I've been a very bad man, Jim,' says he. 'That's what you have been, Bill,' says I. 'I guess, Jim,' says he, 'I'll not go up there,' says he, pointing up. 'Ah, Bill, I guess you won't,' says I. 'Jim,' says he. 'I guess—I guess I'll go down—down there,' says he, pointing down. 'Yes, Bill, says I. 'I guess that's where you'll go, and you're lucky that you've got some place to go to at all.'"

—Harper's Weekly.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Albert J. Hopkins

Hon. Albert J. Hopkins, United States senator from Illinois, was born in De Kalb County, Ill., on Aug. 15th, 1846. He graduated from Hillsdale College, Mich., in 1870, and later studied law and began the practice of his profession at Aurora, Ill. He early took an interest in political affairs, and was sent to a presidential election to the republican convention of 1884.

He was a member of Congress from 1885 until 1893 in which year he was elected to the upper house of congress. His home is in Aurora, Ill.

OBITUARY

Capt. Stephen Apt died suddenly in his residence, near Nat Belyea's Point, on the Long Reach, Thursday night. He retired as usual and yesterday morning he was found dead in bed. Deceased enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him, and the news of his death will cause deep regret.

He is survived by his wife, two sons—Samuel, engineer of the tugboat Nereid; and Captain Daniel, at home; and two daughters—Mrs. Robert Lingley, of Victoria street, and Bessie, at home.

The members of the Imperial Scots are now in the city and will be heard for the first time Monday evening. The seat sale, which opened yesterday, was a ready one, and indicates a large audience. P. C. Shortie the celebrated banjoist and trick fiddler will arrive this evening and those who have heard Mr. Shortie say that a rich treat is in store for lovers of the banjo. Mr. Hamilton will sing The Battle of Stirling in full Highland costume. Secure seats today.

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