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LATCH STRING LEFT OUT FOR FARMER PARTY SAYS PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE

Denies He Ever Attempted Any Negotiations With Agrarians.

SPEECH FROM THRONE ADOPTED QUICKLY

In Long Speech Premier Foot Outlines Work of His Government.

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So long as he was leader of the government it would be his aim to merge all classes into one, and see that all were properly represented. He would say that the latch was out for the farmers' group or any other members who desired to support the government's objects and policies. Should the time arrive when the government could not command a majority in the House and pass its measures, it would feel that it had got out of touch with the people, and would follow the old fashioned rule handed down for generations, and which was the basis of all democracy, and surrender the reins of power.

No Election Call.
The Leader of the Opposition had declared after election that the government was in a minority, and the press supporting him had declared that it was time for another election. He could tell them that if the people did not want the government they certainly did not want the party led by his friend opposite. He could say that should the government fail to command a majority of the House the will of the people would be asked for within the shortest possible time, after such an expression had been recorded.

With regard to the leader of the Farmers' party, while he had criticized the government, it was strange that he had no word of commendation of the splendid work of the department of agriculture. Had he looked at his own county of Westmorland, he would have found one of the most modern creameries in Canada, turning out a quarter of a million dollars a year to the farmers for their cream.

Cheese Improved.
Another improvement brought about by the agricultural department was in the manufacture of cheese. When the government took office cheese produced by New Brunswick factories was so bad that St. John wholesalers would not handle it at any price, nor did the cheese board of Canada accept it. Under the present administration cheese had been brought to a standard that compared favorably with the best grades of the Ontario product.

With regard to the roads he was content to leave the discussion of that subject to the minister of public works, but he could tell the member that his idea on road building appeared to be wrong end to it. If he were to consult his farmer friends of the Ontario government he would find out that they were following a plan similar to that in vogue in this province. In Ontario the people were compelled to look after the back roads themselves, while in New Brunswick thousands of dollars of public money was expended on them.

No Time For Fads.
The opposition leader should bear in mind that a great deal of legislation had been passed by the present government, legislation in quality

VETERAN DROPS DEAD WHILE HE IS UNDESSING

Percy Cox of Woodstock, Who Served at the Front, Dies Suddenly.

MILITARY FUNERAL GIVEN BY VETERANS

Victim Had Suffered from Pneumonia But Was Thought to Have Recovered

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, N. B., March 22.—Percy Cox, a returned soldier, aged 39 years, died very suddenly on Sunday night at the home of Holly Woodcock. It was supposed that he had recovered from an attack of pneumonia, but as he went upstairs to retire for the night he dropped dead. He is survived by the widow, two brothers, Harry at Aronook Junction, and Leo, of Bangor; two sisters, Mrs. Harold Benn of Easton, Maine, and Mrs. Talmadge Currie of Fredericton.

He was given a military funeral this afternoon, attended by the Great War Veterans and Cadets. The Last Post was sounded by Chick Evans. A salute was fired at the grave. The pall bearers were Alfred Stewart, Ernest Finamore, George Atkinson and Wm. G. Kennedy. The services were at the Anglican Church by Rev. H. F. Rigby with burial in the Methodist cemetery.

Robert Fulton Ross died this morning after a brief illness aged 80 years. Loggie R. Ross of Woodstock is a son. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon from the residence of his son in charge of Woodstock Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

not be from education. The St. John and Quebec Railway had had the province \$7,063,659.52. When the present government retouched this in London there had been a saving of \$445,521.07, making a net cost of \$6,618,138.45. Before the House, the speaker of obtaining running rights over the C. P. R. between Westfield and St. John, pointing out that the C. N. R. could proceed those rights in their province could not, in spite of the expectation that the C. N. R. would secure those rights there was an absolute refusal and also a refusal to pay the province any of the gross earnings until the province would undertake to pay for the running rights.

Basic of Operation.
The basis of operation was forty per cent of the gross receipts which last year had amounted to \$3,011,34. The cost of running rights had been \$23,458, leaving \$6,853 for the province. The gross interest charged annually was \$311,000 an amount which would increase or decrease according to the earnings power of the road. This would mean that the province was to raise annually the sum of \$250,000 to meet interest charges, a very heavy burden.

Previous Errors.
Mr. Foster said that the province was suffering from the insane railway policies of preceding governments, not only of the immediately preceding government but of many others. There had been a total expenditure of \$11,964,126.98, on railways. In the year 1882, the province had on deposit at Ottawa, \$2,400,000, which had been drawing interest. Of that amount \$1,963,000 had been withdrawn in cash and put into railways. That had been spent on the C. E. Stephens Railway, Woodstock Railway, West-ern Extension, Fredericton branch, Houlton branch, and Albert Railway. Railway subsidies paid by the province and provided for by bond issues had totaled \$2,168,700. In addition there were investments by the province in the N. B. Coal and Railway Company, St. John and Quebec Railway and Southampton Railway, totalling \$7,844,378.29.

Mr. Baxter—"There is also the value of lands given to railways."
Loaded New Brunswick.
Hon. Mr. Foster said that this would account for the difficulty of New Brunswick in keeping pace with other provinces. There were continual demands for expenditure which could not be met. Throughout the province there was an organized agitation for mothers' pensions. He had received numerous resolutions on the subject. He was sympathetic, but what could be done without money? The newer provinces of the West were in a different position. They had guaranteed the bonds of the railways and when the Dominion had taken over the lines they were relieved entirely. New

Ex-Mayor Hayes Is Caucus Chairman

Reid McManus Elected Chief Whip of the Liberals in Legislature.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., March 22.—R. T. Hayes, ex-mayor and M. L. A., for St. John City, was chairman of the first government caucus of the new Legislature tonight. Reid McManus, M. L. A. for Westmorland, was elected chief whip, with Philias Melanson, M. L. A. for Kent as assistant. The legislative programme of the government for the session was discussed.

GERMANS CANNOT PAY
Berlin, March 22.—Germany's reply to the demands of the Entente for the payment before March 23, of one billion marks gold, to apply on reparations obligations, will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today. The German government's answer to the Allies, not being drafted, will be presented within forty-eight hours as the time limit set expires Wednesday.

Restigouche Muddle.
He would like to make a few remarks concerning the Restigouche election. In Restigouche a situation had been created which was awkward to the government as well as to the opposition. He would offer no defence for the officials who had conducted the election in that county. His friend Mr. Baxter had complained that the government had sent back the Sheriff's return in the Restigouche election. He wished to state that the Attorney-General knew nothing about it, and no member of the government did.

Why It Was Returned.
The document forwarded by the returning officer did not state who was returned and it was not accompanied by a certificate. If the returning officer had let the matter rest there all would have been right, but he went to Mr. LeBlanc to have a second document prepared. The first document had been prepared by whom? Mr. Baxter—"Mr. Carr."

Hon. Mr. Foster—"By a man engaged actively in the campaign as a Conservative; a man brought up in the office of my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition."

Mr. Baxter—"He was a school teacher in St. John and was article in my office."
Hon. Mr. Foster—"If my hon. friend complains of the second document, he should acknowledge the first."
Hon. Mr. Foster said he hoped the lawyers would clear up the mess. He appealed for the passage of the budget, and asked for the support of independent members for undertaking the province. The Farmer Party and independent members should give their support.

Twenty Communists Held
London, March 22.—Twenty communists have been arrested here, following the search of a number of houses by the police. It is reported that nationalists and socialists have clashed at Canossa, near Reggio, and that there have been a number of casualties.

CHANGE IN SOVIETS.
London, March 22.—Defending the government's agreement with Russia, Premier Lloyd George, declared in the House of Commons today that a complete change was evident in the attitude of the Bolshevik Government toward what is called capitalism.

Ezekiel Berry Is Sent For Trial

Moncton, N. B., March 22.—Ezekiel Berry, of Forest Hill, Albert County, charged with the murder of his wife, was this morning committed for trial at Hopewell Cape. The preliminary hearing was held before John W. Gaslin, J. P., of Covertale. The prisoner was taken to jail at Hopewell Cape today.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.

Fredericton, N. B., March 22.—Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Public Health, announced this morning that it was the intention of the department to declare one week each year as a public health week in New Brunswick and to be observed as such.

SHORT IS ACQUITTED.
Halifax, N. S., March 22.—Charles Short, chauffeur, of Dartmouth, was this afternoon acquitted of the charge of manslaughter growing out of the death on November 15 of Mrs. M. S. C. Morris. Short was the driver of a car which struck Mrs. Morris as she was walking on the sidewalk in Dartmouth.

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