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THE LEGISLATURE

The coming session of the provincial legislature is anticipated with keener interest than any for very many years. The new government is to develop some lines of policy in accordance with its pre-election pledges, and there is a general feeling that Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have a keen sense not only of their responsibility but of the great opportunity which has come to them as leaders of the administration.

Their acts since they assumed office have met with general approval. In the matter of dismissals and new appointments they have pursued a conservative policy and the men appointed to office have all been men of ability and character.

The attitude of the government toward the liquor traffic is already known. It stands for the enforcement of the law. The promised legislation relative to an independent audit of provincial accounts, the new highway act and the Central Railway commission of enquiry, are all matters of great interest.

It is rumored that a bill in amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act will make better provision for the relief of families of workmen killed or injured while in the employ of others, and will be a distinct advance on present legislation for the benefit of workmen.

With regard to agriculture and immigration, the policy of the late government was one of drift. Mr. Hazen will, it is understood, inaugurate a definite policy along these lines. Just how much may be accomplished in this first session it is, of course, impossible to say, but the people will be disposed to give the new government a reasonable time so long as it manifests a progressive spirit and a determination to do its work well.

FISH AND GAME

That was a valuable suggestion made by Mr. A. Kelly Evans last evening, when he proposed that the provincial government secure control of the fishery at the mouth of several streams in order to be able to prevent netting, and then clear those streams of obstructions and restore the stream when so stocked, and charging moderate license fees to resident and non-resident anglers for the privilege of fishing.

There are, doubtless, streams entering into the Bay of Fundy and others into the Gulf which could again be made good salmon rivers. To ensure the continuance of that condition it would be necessary, not only to keep the stream clear of obstruction, but to be able to prevent netting at the mouth of the river when the spawning salmon sought to go up in the early summer. Once the streams were well stocked, they could be guarded, just as streams are in Maine and elsewhere, and made a great source of attraction for visitors, who would spend much money in the province during the open season.

Mr. Evans is no mere theorist. He comes with the facts and figures which prove the enormous value of fish and game when properly exploited and conserved. Maine is a near-by instance which must appeal to New Brunswick people. In 1897 the game and fish resources of that state were greatly depleted. The state government inaugurated the policy of propagation and protection, with the result that some 250,000 sportsmen come into the state every year, and spend an amount estimated at \$25,000,000 of money, which represents the resources of other states and practically is clear gain to the state of Maine. This money, as Mr. Evans pointed out, is of the greatest economic value, since to get it the Maine people do not deplete their natural resources.

What Maine has done New Brunswick may do. This province has woods and streams and lakes. It has the moose, caribou and deer, and may have the salmon and trout in far greater abundance than at present. The fishing season is longer than that for hunting, and attracts a very much larger number of people. Mr. Evans declares that if the provincial government were able to advertise salmon fishing at ten or fifteen dollars per rod, and give the assurance of good plain hotel accommodation at moderate cost, thousands of men in Canadian and American cities, to whom salmon fishing is now merely a dreamed of luxury, the sport of the millionaire, would flock to New Brunswick to enjoy the sport. Mr. Evans points out that the revenue from licenses would provide ample funds for hatcheries, for a proper system of guardianship, and for all that is necessary to develop and perpetuate this great source of national wealth.

Another point to which Mr. Evans referred in a conversation with the Times, is the incidental benefit derived from the visits of well-to-do sportsmen to the province. Some of them are practically certain to be attracted by industrial opportunities to make investments in the province. This has been the experience of Maine.

Take it for all in all, the address of Mr. Evans was an inspiration. It should not only result in the addition of a large membership to the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association, but it should set the government thinking and lead to concerted action not only to better protect, but to further develop the fish and game resources of the province.

The remarks of Mr. J. Gregory Fraser on the subject of forest growth and protection were both interesting and valuable, and his suggestion that the press of the province during May and June should keep before the people a warning of the danger to the forest from careless fires was both timely and proper.

The following comment from the Ottawa Citizen will be strongly endorsed by public sentiment everywhere:—"Three months' imprisonment seems like a day on the wrist for a railway telegrapher who gets drunk on duty and jeopardizes the lives of possibly a hundred people. In the punishment of such cases it is apt to be overlooked that for one case in which both detection and prosecution occur there may be a considerable number of others which are not detected, or if detected, are not prosecuted. So difficult are convictions, as in the case of counterfeiting, that when a case is made out the example should be as salutary as to practically put a stop to the offence. If a man manufactures bogus money he gets ten or fifteen years in the penitentiary; if a railway telegrapher, who has plenty of time to get drunk off duty, gets drunk on duty and risks the lives of trainmen and passengers, he gets three months. This is placing a low estimate on the value of human life."

Australia is eagerly bidding for immigrants. A recent cable from Melbourne says:—"Australia is doing everything she can to encourage immigration from Britain. Hon. T. Burt, premier of Victoria, has offered an immense tract, 2,000,000 acres in extent, which he has developed for the purpose, for settlement by British immigrants. Premier Deakin expects that a majority of the premiers of other states will make equally encouraging offers." It would be a good thing for Canada, but not for Australia, if many of the wastrels coming this way should divert their course to the island commonwealth.

Regarding the ultimate triumph of Mr. Chamberlain's policy of preference, Mr. Alfred Mosley, C. M. G., who is now in Canada has no doubt. In an address to the Canadian Club at Ottawa on Saturday, he said: "We in England are slow at grasping new ideas, but a great change has taken place, especially in the minds of British workmen during the last few months, and we feel that a desire for fiscal reform will sweep the elections in the near future."

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"DA LEETLA BOY"

Da spreeng ees com' but Ol da joy
Eat ees too late!
He was so cold, my leetla boy,
He no could wait.
I no can count how many week,
How many day, dat he ees seek;
How many night I eet and hold
Da leetla hand dat was so cold.
He was so patient, Ol so sweet!
Eet hurts my throat for theenk of eet;
An' all he evra ask ees w'en
Ees gona com' da spreeng agen.
Wan day, wan bright sunny day
He ees, across da alleyway.
Da leetla girl dat's livin' dere
Ees raise her window for da air,
An' put outside a leetla pot
Ol w-at-you-call—forget-me-not.
So smalla flower, so leetla theeny!
But steell eet mak' hees hearta sing;
"Ol now, at las', ees com' da spreeng
Da leetla plant ees glad for know
Da sun ees com' for mak' eet grow.
So, too, I am grow warm and strong."
So, like dat he seeng hees song,
But, ah! da night com' down an' den
Da weenter ees sneak back agen,
An' cover up da leetla pot
Ol w-at-you-call—forget-me-not.
All night da leetla hand I hold
Ees grow so cold, so cold, so cold!
Da spreeng ees com', but Ol da joy
Eet ees too late!
He was so cold, my leetla boy,
He no could wait.
—By T. A. Daly, in the Papyrus.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

NOTHING IN THAT.

Sentimental Boarder—How true it is that "blessings brighten as they take their flight!"

Disputations Boarder—What of it? So does a skyrocket.

ESSENTIALS OF A CHAPERONE.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Tommy-Pop, what does the Bible mean by "having eyes they see not and having ears they hear not?"

Tommy's Pop—Chaperones, my son.

WANTED CORROBORATION.

(From Harper's Bazaar.)

The lady (to a haughty, retreating burglar)—Pardon me, but won't you please wait till my husband sees you? I told him there was some one in the house, and he said "Rubbish!"

POINTS OF VIEW.

(From the Chicago Daily News.)

Little Willie—Say, pa, what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?

Pa—An optimist sees only the doughnut my son, while the pessimist sees nothing but the hole therein.

FREQUENTLY COLLIDE.

"Do you ever meet Dr. Ryhold?"

"Often. He and I—er—are thrown together a good deal. We travel on the same suburban trolley line."

FOUND A NEW ONE.

New Yorker—Well, you've taken a trip in the subway. How do you like it?

Enthusiastic visitor (from Chicago)—It's absolutely unique. We haven't a small that comes anywhere near it.

APPETITE.

Investor—What's your idea, in waiting to buy that "roll line" if it doesn't compete with your system. It's merely a feeder.

Railway Magnate—Well, don't you suppose we want to do our own feeding?

HE WAS RIGHT.

"You are too fly," he said to her, in a straightforward fashion; And then, as if to prove his words, She flew into a passion.

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

What is Predicted for Canada Forty Years Hence.

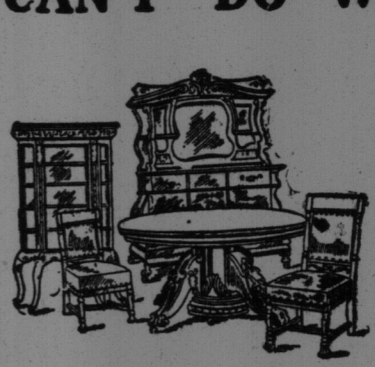
(Ottawa Journal)

A prophecy that in forty years more the population of Canada will be fifty million souls, was recently made by the Monetary Times. The result is arrived at by reckoning a 15 per cent. natural increase and immigration. As regards immigration, a basis for calculation is supplied by the official returns. In 1871 the year's arrivals numbered 27,772. In 1881 the total had increased to 47,891, and in 1891 to 82,162. A period of word-wide stress followed, lasting almost a decade, and the number reported in 1895 was 47,891, and in 1896 to 82,162. A period of world-increasing continually until in 1907, the arrivals reached the comparatively enormous total of 200,000 souls. In the same period of time, the immigration to the entire North American continent had reached, roughly speaking, a million and half yearly, most of which has been absorbed by the United States. In Canada every indication now goes to show that as the west develops, the Dominion's reasonable share of this vast volume of humanity must correspondingly increase. The experience of the Western States in the early period of their development, so far as the influx of population is concerned, are evidently to be repeated in our own west, unless we ourselves prevent it by our own act. If development proceeds as it should, the volume of immigration, it is claimed by our contemporary, will grow at a rate justifying the expectation in a few years of a million souls a year. Computations on this basis tend to show that the estimate of a population of fifty-five million souls in the Dominion forty years hence is likely to be rather under than over the figure.

Whether the realization of these anticipations would be for the greatest advantage of Canada, or not, depends very much on the use that is made of the human material brought into our midst. Our advantages may be turned to good account in opening up unlimited fields of employment for men and money; or they may be squandered, and legitimate development hindered for years, bringing the country eventually perhaps to the verge of ruin. National prosperity is to be had only by careful administration of our natural assets; by wise legislation with regard to our forests, our vast coal deposits and oil fields; by judicious but liberal outlays on all national works and undertakings truly intended to promote the welfare of the country; by putting down graft and corruption; and by combining, by chipping of the exploitations by aliens of Canada's most valuable resources for their own profit, building up their railways and steamship lines and cities, employing their labor and filling the pockets of their capitalists with untold millions of money, at Canada's expense, by common-sense methods generally in our government, and the most ordinary honesty on the part of those who are entrusted with the federal power.

The future lies in our own hands. If the people of Canada once make it known unmistakably that they have no further use for grafters and are determined to have honest, economical and efficient government, even if they are obliged to place a fresh cabinet in office at Ottawa every year or two, they will sooner or later get what they require. And then we may look forward to our fifty-five millions, or a hundred millions even, if needs be, without a tremor.

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