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What a Change

The humility assumed by the government in the words put in the mouth of the Governor General in that clause of the speech from the throne dealing with the financial stringency, is quite a change from the audacious claims on other occasions when the prosperity of the country was credited to the direct influences of Liberal rule.

Up to the present the progress and development has been world wide but the King's speech at Ottawa never recognised outside influence on the conditions in this country. Now, however, when the country is, for a time at least up against a very serious state of affairs, the government takes every precaution they can to stand from under and they blame the world-wide conditions for the financial stringency here.

Sir Wilfrid is quite humble now, and is not retorting that "Providence is on the side of the government," which would be tantamount to admitting that "Adversity is now pursuing them."

No Responsibility

While we regret that Premier Scott has found it necessary to leave the province again through the whole of another winter owing to ill health, it is extremely inconvenient from the standpoint of the public interests that Mr. Scott has to be away from home at a time when the question of the extension of the Manitoba boundaries will come before the Dominion parliament.

In view of the fact that the speech from the throne intimates that the policy of the government coincides with the announcement referred to, Saskatchewan's interests in the boundary extension will be wholly neglected with Premier Scott absent in Europe.

under the circumstances, but it looks very much as if holding ministerial office were a matter of drawing salary and getting travelling expenses.

Tariff Touches

The government's Regina organ becomes quite bold at times on the tariff question, but we would ask that journal to explain to its readers why after the pre-election pledges of the Laurier party they left the tariff of 20 per cent. on agricultural implements and binders unchanged, when Mr. Fielding brought down his "reformed tariff" of 1897?

The Courier

The management of the Saskatchewan Courier, the new German paper, have been good enough to favor us with a circular copy of the address to their readers translated into English, together with their first editorial comment. There is no doubt that there is a good field in this province for such a local paper, and besides being strictly a "courier," it is possible for this paper to become a strong factor in further harmonizing the German element to the highest standard of Canadian citizenship.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Scott's personal organ has referred to the meeting of the Premier and Archbishop Langevin at Government House Saturday when R. Rimmer was sworn in as a district court judge. The organ has reverted to the published letter of His Grace in connection with the provincial elections, and affects to again deny the authenticity of the document sent out by the Archbishop on that occasion.

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Mr. Calder is out of his department doing political work in his constituency. It is apparent that there is no road improvement going on now and there is a lot of time for him to arrange with the people before spring to implement his broken promises as to certain improvements.

The last issue of the Saskatchewan Gazette announces that H. E. Richards is to be pro tempore deputy registrar of the supreme court. Can this be the same H. E. Richards who has been working at the court house and who so conveniently was given holidays during the recent bye-elections in Prince Albert and who used his influence with a certain class among whom he used to reside to get them to vote for the attorney general who has now rewarded his services?

The Gazette also announces that one Charlie V. Truscott of Prince Albert, is now deputy to the registrar of the court at that place. We make bold to ask whether this is the same Charlie Truscott who sought and took the applications for naturalization which we heard so much about, a short time ago, Stephen Sabo being one which got his papers and because he would not then vote coercion, his vote was appealed to the judge? Is it the same Charlie Truscott who was poll clerk on election day and who at the court of revision swore that he made a false entry in the poll book?

While the Dominion government is extending the boundaries of Manitoba they will also extend those of Ontario and Quebec. The two old provinces will of course demand their lands as will Manitoba and the Liberal press of the province will back up that demand. We get in Saskatchewan a paltry pittance in lieu of our public domain, and while the Provincial Rights party ask for our heritage the coercion organs are putting up a fight for the gratters to retain the public lands.

The Weyburn Herald says that since the suspension of the Grain Act in that town there has been 90,000 bushels of wheat shipped during the last two weeks.

The Dominion government has good reason to be alarmed at the reception given R. L. Borden during his recent tour. The first bye-election in Nova Scotia since Mr. Borden announced his Halifax platform has reversed the Liberal majority of the last election and returned a Conservative member. The "solid Nova Scotia" is a thing of the past.

Press Comments

Mr. Frank W. Russell, of Winnipeg, has accepted nomination for the Winnipeg Public School board. Mr. Russell has lived about twenty years in Winnipeg and has given a great deal of his attention to educational affairs, so that under ordinary circumstances his candidature would create no comment. But, Mr. Russell is not only a devout Roman Catholic, but he is also a leader among the younger Roman Catholic laymen in matters of faith and education. He has been president of the Catholic Truth Society and has sacrificed time and money in the support of the church day schools. At the same time while supporting these schools, he has had

exceptional educational advantages, he is through his work as a railroad engineer, acquired a variety of experience which recommends him alike to men of thought as well as to those who may in contradiction be described as men of action. He speaks with an air of earnestness that carries conviction, and being ready in utterance he commands at-

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