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False Pretense.

Ever since Premier Mathieson and his fellow-delegates visited Ottawa to press our claims against Canada, and especially after it became known that the Federal Government were about to increase our annual subsidy from Ottawa, to the extent of \$100,000, Mr. J. J. Hughes, Opposition member for King's County, has been very energetic in his advocacy of our rights; and now, that the matter of the grant of \$100,000 increase is actually before Parliament himself and the Liberal press in this Province are giving him thanks for having secured this boon. Of course Mr. Hughes is a political yachtsman, looking out for wind and glad to have it come, no matter from what direction. He deems this occasion quite opportune to raise a puff for his political sails. He is quite aware, of course, that he and the political party to which he belongs, by their neglect and public mismanagement, reduced our Province to the verge of financial bankruptcy, and that in the advent of the Conservatives to power here and at Ottawa lay our only hope of fiscal regeneration. He cannot but be conscious to himself that when formerly he was a member of the Commons and his party were in power, he failed to secure for his native Province such financial assistance as might have prevented the deplorable straits to which we were reduced. But in the face of all these considerations, Mr. Hughes scruples not to take to himself the credit of improving our financial relations with the Federal Government. Was there ever a more glaring case of false pretense! In 1907 the Laurier Government was in power, and Mr. Hughes occupied a seat in the House of Commons as a supporter of that Government. When the question of readjustment of the Provincial subsidies was brought up for discussion, Mr. Lefurgey, of Summerside, a member of the Opposition, moved an amendment, increasing by \$28,000 annually, the amount of specific subsidy to be granted to this Province under the readjustment. At that time, when Mr. Hughes' political friends in power here, had reduced the financial affairs of our Province to the most deplorable condition; when huge annual deficits followed one another in regular succession, the annual addition of \$28,000 would have been a great boon to us. The placing in the depleted exchequer of Prince Edward Island of \$28,000 would have been hailed as the most fortunate of occurrences. Every reasonable man, no matter what his politics, would have rejoiced at such a pleasing consummation. Here was an opportunity for Mr. Hughes to prove that the love of his Province was above his love of his party. But all were doomed to disappointment. Mr. Hughes failed to raise his voice in behalf of his suffering Province. He preferred to have his name recorded in the division on the same side as his political leader, rather than on behalf of his home Christian and a faithful son of more of Laurier than of his native Province; therefore he voted with him and against down trodden Prince Edward Island. In view of all these circumstances it is vain for Mr. Hughes to seek now, by false pretense, to pose as the friend of this Province.

Senator A. A. McDonald.

Hon. Senator Andrew Archibald McDonald, the last survivor but one of the Fathers of Confederation, died at his apartments in the Hotel Cecil, Ottawa, on Thursday last, 21st inst., in the 84th year of his age. Deceased was the eldest son of Hugh McDonald, and was born at Brudenell Point on February 14th, 1829. His father had been, at one time or another, a member of the Legislative Assembly, Collector of Customs and High Sheriff of the Province. The deceased Senator entered mercantile life when fifteen years of age, in his cousin's store at Georgetown. In a short time he was taken in as a partner, and on the death of his cousin in 1851 he bought the interest of the deceased partner and established the firm of A. A. McDonald & Brothers, taking into partnership his brothers, Archibald J. and Austin C. He was elected to the House of Assembly in 1853, and to the Legislative Council in 1863. In 1873 he came to live at Charlottetown, on being appointed Postmaster General of the Province. After the Province entered Confederation he continued Postmaster up to 1884, when he was appointed Lieut. Governor of the Province, holding office for five years. In 1891 he was called to the Senate and continued a Senator until his death, as above recorded. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Owen, daughter of the late Hon. Thomas Owen, senior, formerly Postmaster General of this Province. She predeceased him by several years. He leaves to mourn four sons, Aeneas A., Archibald Percy, and A. Douglas. Another son, Reginald Hugh, died some years ago. The deceased Senator was a delegate to the Conference that met at Charlottetown in 1864 to discuss the question of uniting the Maritime Provinces, and also a member of the famous Quebec Conference of the same year which laid the foundations of Confederation. He was thus one of the Fathers of Confederation. One by one these nation builders passed away, until there were left only Senator McDonald and Sir Charles Tupper. Now, by the death of Senator McDonald, Sir Charles Tupper remains the sole survivor of the Fathers of Confederation. In every sense of the word, and in all the high and honorable positions he occupied, the deceased Senator was a model Christian gentleman; the soul of honor, honesty and integrity. As a man of the world his example is well worthy of imitation, and of him it may be said that he wore the white flower of a blameless life. His mortal remains reached here by special boat and special train on Sunday afternoon, and were borne to the Cathedral, where solemn funeral obsequies were held, Rev. Dr. McLellan officiating. The Rev. Dr. pronounced a most fitting eulogy on the departed Senator. He took his text from the 103rd Psalm, 23rd verse: "Man goeth to his work and to his labor until the evening." The Rev. preacher briefly reviewed the life of the illustrious dead, and pointed out how he had, in the positions he occupied during life, been an ideal man. Honors or official position had not caused him to neglect his duties as a Christian and a faithful son of holy mother church. He had been foremost in all good works in St. Dunstan's parish. He had for years been chairman of the Cathedral building committee, and was the first treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul conference. In consigning his mortal remains to

mother earth, Canada mourned one of the Fathers of Confederation, Prince Edward Island one of its most illustrious sons, and St. Dunstan's congregation one of its most faithful members. The Libera was then sung and the absolution was given. The procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery on St. Peter's road. The cortege was one of the largest, in our city for some time, and the solemn obsequies were witnessed by an immense throng of people.—R. I. P.

In connection with the announcement made in our last issue, regarding the increase of \$100,000 to our annual subsidy from Ottawa, we have pleasure in presenting to our readers the following resolution moved in the House of Commons, on Thursday last, 21st inst., by Hon. W. T. White, Finance Minister: "Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize, in addition to the sums now authorized by law, the payment of an annual grant to the Province of Prince Edward Island of one hundred thousand dollars, one half of which shall become payable on the first day of July and one half on the first day of January in every year, beginning with the first day of July one thousand nine hundred and twelve." This establishes beyond peradventure that the additional subsidy of \$100,000 is to be paid annually for all time to come. Welcome as is this substantial addition to our annual subsidy; much as it is needed to replenish, in some degree, our depleted exchequer, and thankful as we are to the Federal authorities for their promptitude in granting it, let it be understood that we regard it as only the first instalment of what is coming to us, and of what we hope to receive before very long. As to the head under which this payment is made, or any particulars regarding this or future grants we shall not now say anything; we shall await announcements from the Finance Minister and from Premier Mathieson in the Legislature during the session opening today.

Elsewhere in this issue is published the speech with which the Legislative session was opened today. All must admit that it is a business-like document, and introduces several questions of the greatest possible importance to the people of this Province. The settlement of the Oyster fishery question; the Car Ferry; assistance from the Federal treasury for our roads and bridges and for agricultural education, and above all, the splendid increase to our Dominion subsidy already secured—all these are matters vital to our very existence as a Province. Then there is the anticipated improvement in our education and the question of immigration, important beyond measure. This is certainly the most encouraging and cheerful speech read in our Legislature for many a year.

The Italian barque Geese, which sailed from Pensacola Florida, Jan. 24th for Santos was burned at sea. The crew were rescued by the British steamer Orvia, which left Liverpool on March 7th for Callao.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter, Eggs, Pork, Hay, etc.

SPEECH

Of His Honour Lieut. Governor Rogers at the Opening of the Legislative Session this 27th of March, 1913.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the performance of your duties at this the First Session of the Thirty seventh Central Assembly of this Province.

Since the last meeting of this Legislature, the Coronation of Their Most Gracious Majesties King George V. and His Royal Consort Queen Mary, has been celebrated in solemn and imposing ceremony at Westminster, and we join in the general rejoicing on their safe return from India, where their presence at the Durbar had given to their Indian subjects the first opportunity of expressing in person their loyalty and attachment to the Crown. His Majesty the King has conferred upon Canada the distinguished honor of appointing to the Governorship His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The people of this Province join with the rest of Canada in extending to him a royal welcome, not only as the son of our late revered Sovereign Queen Victoria, but as a distinguished soldier and statesman who has rendered eminent service in many parts of the Empire.

Our farmers have reason for thankfulness for a fairly bountiful harvest; and though in certain sections, owing to heat and absence of rain, the crops were below the average, yet the high prices obtained for the surplus will in some measure compensate for the shortage in quantity. The fishermen also have had a successful season, the prices obtained being the highest for many years.

The raising in captivity of black and silver foxes, which for many years has been carried on in this Province, has lately developed into an industry which promises, if excessive speculation is guarded against, to take an important place in the development of the resources of this Island.

The census of Canada shows that during the past twenty years the population of this Island has been declining, until, during the past year, it has fallen below that of forty years ago; but I am rejoiced to say that, owing to the more favourable conditions which have recently been brought about, there is every reason to hope that the ruinous exodus of our people will discontinue and a new era of prosperity begin for this Island.

I am also pleased to inform you that during recess a Delegation from my Government waited upon the Government of Canada and succeeded in obtaining an increase in the subsidy to this Province which will enable this Government to carry on with more efficiency the public services and put an end to the deficits which for the last quarter of a century have continued without interruption.

For many years efforts have been made in vain by the Government of this Province to effect a settlement with the Dominion Government in respect to the barren areas around the coast and in the bays and rivers of this Island suitable for oyster culture. I am happy now to inform you that my Government has succeeded in completing such arrangements as will give to this Province the sole power of leasing such areas and receiving the rents thereof for the public use. It would be hard to over-estimate the advantages which will accrue to this Province from the development of this great fishery

which otherwise would soon have been destroyed.

This Province has long groaned under the burden of triple freight rates and defective communication with the railway system of the Mainland, involving the frequent handling of goods in transit. It is therefore with the utmost confidence and satisfaction that I have to inform you that my Government has received the assurances of the Federal Government that a remedy for all these grievances will be provided by a Car Ferry to be established between this Island and the Mainland and the gauge of the Island Railway widened to the standard gauge.

The condition of the highways has long been unsatisfactory; and it is therefore most gratifying to learn that the Dominion Government will aid the Local Government in improving and reconstructing the roads and bridges of this Province.

The increasing demand for farm products, and the advanced prices received, have stimulated our farmers to greater effort, resulting in a demand for more Agricultural Education and better organization. To this end, and to meet the request of the Federal Department for closer co-operation, plans will be submitted for your consideration. In this connection it is pleasing to be able to state that my Government has the assurance that liberal financial aid will be given by the Dominion Government to the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

The special grant arranged for with the Federal Department for Seed Fairs and Fields of Standing Grain Competitions, in lieu of the assistance formerly given, is proving satisfactory and will tend to their more extended usefulness. The educational meetings held in connection with the Seed Fairs are deservedly popular and are doing much to improve the general methods of Agriculture; and the exhibition of handicrafts is calling attention to the importance of home manufacture and household occupations.

There is nothing of greater importance to this Province than Education. If we are to hold our own among the Provinces of Canada, it is necessary to look well to the efficiency of our schools to take care that our young people, more especially those of them who intend to remain in the Province, shall receive the training necessary to fit them for their life's work. You will be asked to consider means whereby the deterioration at present apparent in the work of our schools may be stopped, and a movement towards greater efficiency promoted.

Active measures will be taken to secure desirable immigrants; and I am pleased to inform you that the Dominion Government has agreed to co-operate with my Government for this purpose.

Measures will be introduced to provide for amendments to the Public Schools Act, improvement of the Public Road System, Vote by Ballot and Consolidation of the Statutes of this Province.

The Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before you, and the estimates of the income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted. I am assured that you will find that the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I now invoke upon your labours the blessing of Divine Providence, in the firm conviction that your efforts will result in great benefit to our Province and people.

Ocean Limited Early On Route.

SUMMER TIME CHANGE OF INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY JUNE 30.

The summer change of time on the International Railway will go into effect on June 30th when the famous Ocean Limited will be placed on the route between Montreal, St. John, N. B. and Halifax N. S. with connections for and from the Sydney, and Prince Edward Island, in anticipation of an early rush of summer travel. The time schedule is expected to be practically the same as last year which means that the "Limited" will leave Montreal at 7:30 p. m. reaching Lewis at midnight, and giving through passengers the opportunity of seeing the famed Matapedia Valley during the earlier hours of the morning and a view of the Restigouche River and the blue waters of the Baie des Chaleurs. The beautiful Valley of Westworth, N. B. will be seen in the more mellowing light of early evening, and the train will reach Truro at 8:00 o'clock connecting with the through night express for the Stineys and arriving at Halifax at 10:00 p. m.

The Maritime Express under the summer schedule will leave Montreal at 8:15 a. m. and through passengers will have the day-light portage through Quebec, and a view of the majestic St. Lawrence as it widens in its course to the sea. Making connection at Moncton with morning express for St. John the Maritime continuing eastward will reach Halifax at 12:30.

The Ocean Limited will leave Halifax westbound at 8:00 a. m. and the Maritime Express will leave as usual at 10:10 thus there will be a through week day service by two trains equal to the best on the continent.—E.

MOORE & McLEOD. The Great Annual Sale of White Goods IS NOW GOING ON. The greatest array of Dainty Undermuslins, Table Linens, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Towels, Towellings, White Cottons, ever shown under this roof, is now awaiting you at our Great Annual White Goods Sale.

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