

# NEW BRUNSWICK HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS DESPITE DISTURBING CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE WAR

### Mr. Gov. Wood in Speech From Throne Shows Envious Position This Province Occupies — Work of Year Reviewed and Eloquent Reference to the War and what New Brunswick is Doing to Help Mother Country — B. F. Smith, M.L.A., Moves, and Arthur Culligan, M.L.A., Seconds Address in Reply — Their Speeches Among Most Eloquent Heard in the House in Years.

At the opening of the Provincial Legislature today Mr. Gov. Wood, in his speech from the throne, made eloquent reference to the war and the part New Brunswick is playing in helping the Empire. The speech also showed the enviable position the province enjoys in spite of the crisis.

His Honor's speech was as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you on the occasion of the third session of the present legislative term, I am happy to be able to tell you that since the last meeting of the Legislature the business of the Province has been carried on with most satisfactory results, and it is a matter for congratulation that nowhere has the Dominion had less disturbance of conditions than in this province. A bountiful harvest has been vouchsafed to us. Prices received by the farmers have been fully up to the average and in many cases have exceeded those of previous years. Contrary to the very general belief which prevailed at the opening of the season, marketing operations have been vigorously carried on, and returns to date indicate that the timber cut will approach in volume that of the preceding year. It is to be sincerely hoped that the men who are engaged in this important branch of the industrial life of the province will realize the active market and the good prices which are now confidently anticipated. The depression which has been experienced in other parts of the Dominion has also been felt in certain sections of Canada, but, on the other hand, the stimulation afforded by prevailing overseas conditions has brought to many manufacturers a considerable increase of business. The employment furnished by the construction of public works for which generous financial provision has been made, has materially aided in the maintenance of satisfactory conditions which have happily prevailed throughout the greater part of the province. The business of our merchants has been well maintained, payments generally have been satisfactory, and our people have every reason to be thankful for the prosperity which has attended them with little interruption during the entire year.

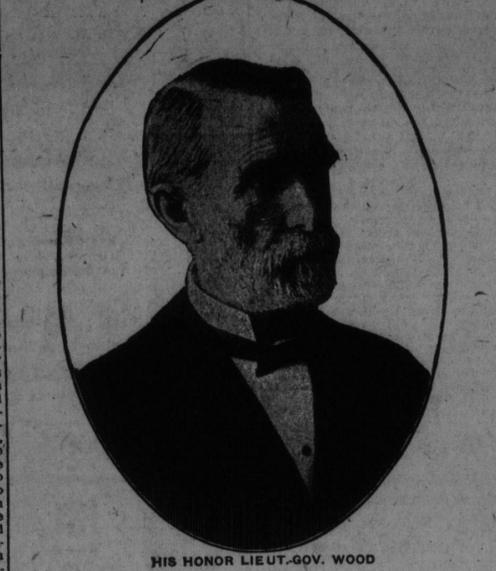
In common with every section of the Empire, New Brunswick has been deeply moved by the world war in which Great Britain is involved. At the most immediately my government communicated with the Imperial authorities, offering every assistance, of which the province was capable, to maintain the integrity of the Empire and to uphold the strength of its arms. As soon as the form of contribution could be determined to the satisfaction of those in Great Britain who had the matter in charge, a cargo of one of New Brunswick's most important products was despatched for the relief of the suffering and distress in the British Isles. From the numerous grateful acknowledgments which have been received from those who have participated in the distribution, my government has every reason to believe that no more suitable gift could have been made, while the excellent condition in which the shipment arrived and was distributed is not only a credit to those who had the matter in charge, but furnishes assurance that when the occasion arises this province will be looked for as a large contributor to the relief of the great food supply demanded at all times by the British market.

Coincident with the preparation of the relief shipment to Great Britain, the call for men for the assistance of the Empire, whose heroic defence of her territory was made not only for the homes and liberties of her people, but for the principles involved in the great struggle which has become today maintaining on the Continent of Europe. My government gladly and promptly responded by making a contribution of provincial products to our own nationality—a contribution which I am satisfied will receive your approval and the approval of the people of the province generally.

The magnificent manner in which all classes of our citizens responded to the call of Empire is a source of deepest gratification. From every section of the province the answer came and today many of our brave men stand close to the heart of the Empire ready for transfer to the firing line, where others but await the opportunity to go forward. Whether the war is indefinitely prolonged, or as we hope, brought to a speedy close, the unquestioned loyalty of our people will welcome any sacrifice, however great, which may become necessary in this, the hour of the Empire's need. It is for my government much pleasure and satisfaction to contribute to the expense of the recruiting campaign which was inaugurated by the military authorities to forward the work connected with the formation of the Second Canadian Contingent.

It is gratifying to note the greatly increased interest taken by our people in the science of agriculture. My government is pursuing an active policy of agricultural education, elementary work being done in the public schools and more advanced teaching being given at the agricultural schools at Woodstock and Sussex. It is hoped in the near future to have an agricultural school established in the northern part of the province.

The important subject of drainage



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has received considerable attention during the past year, the ditching machine purchased by my government and used for this work having demonstrated the profit and advantage to be derived from lands improved in this way.

A lime rock crusher has also been purchased recently and is now in operation. This will give our farmers an opportunity of securing this very valuable ingredient for the soil.

The past year has been very satisfactory to our dairymen, and it is pleasing to state that the quantity of butter manufactured in the province is greater than at any previous time—the amount reaching over 1,000,000 pounds.

Encouraging Raising of Livestock. Particular attention has been given during recess to the encouragement of livestock, and it is gratifying to note an increase in this branch of agricultural activity. During the year my government brought to the province five flocks of pure-bred sheep and placed them in different counties. It is the intention to continue this policy and bring additional flocks during the present year. It is hoped in this way to introduce sheep of a character that will tend to promote the important industry of sheep raising in the province.

My Government has recognized the importance of assisting the agriculturists to increase their crop production, and to this end have sought to encourage the growing of wheat in the province, some portions of which are admirably adapted for that grain. In order to secure the best results, it is necessary to have perfect seed, and I am glad to state that my Government has purchased 5,000 bushels of seed wheat which will be distributed over the province and sold to growers at actual cost.

Agriculture in New Brunswick occupies a high place at the present time, and the outlook for its growth and development is most encouraging. Throughout the year the public services of the province have been well maintained. The Department of Public Works has erected many permanent structures, including the magnificent bridges which now span the St. John River at the Reverend Falls, St. John, and at Grand Falls, and the Miramichi River at Newcastle. Furnishing the policy to furnish every possible convenience for that portion of the public to which the maintenance of the bridges of the province is indispensable, further work along this line will be carried on as rapidly as the results of the finances will warrant, and the requirements of the public demand.

During the year my Government insisted that the work on the St. John and Quebec Railway should be vigorously prosecuted, with the result that the section of the road between Centreville and Gagetown is now in operation under a temporary agreement with the Intercolonial Railway authorities. As is generally known, the outbreak of the war was followed by the withdrawal from circulation of large sums of money, and in common with other similar enterprises in the country, the St. John and Quebec Railway was affected. Owing, however, to the wise enactment of this Legislature at its last session, my Government was able to provide for a satisfactory carrying on of the work and to reach the result in construction which exists today, a result which must be gratifying to every resident of the province interested in this important project. My Government has reason to believe that at an early date the whole section of the road between Centreville and Gagetown will be taken over by the Federal authorities, under the agreement to that end heretofore entered into between the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government and the St. John and Quebec Railway Co.

During recess my government deemed it advisable to obtain loans aggregating one million four hundred

by the Premier that Mr. Flewelling should be seated.

Hon. Dr. Landry, as Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, then announced, in a manner which was read by the clerk, and Mr. Smith the member-elect for Carleton county, was then introduced by the Premier. Mr. Smith, in an eloquent and spirited address to his seat amidst the enthusiastic applause from the government benches.

Mr. Smith Moves Address in Reply to Speech From Throne

Mr. Smith in moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne said:

Mr. Speaker—It is not unnatural that I should be moved with feelings of gratitude for the enthusiastic manner in which I have been received in rising to my feet to address a few remarks to the House upon the various subjects touched upon in the speech which has just been delivered from the throne by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of this province.

Neither is it unnatural that I should express upon the discharge of this duty with considerable hesitation, when I look back over past years and note the gentlemen who have so ably and eloquently performed a like service in this Legislature.

It might be thought by some honorable members that I was not entitled to the same sympathy and indulgence as one who has had some legislative experience, and yet it is true, Mr. Speaker, that when an implement has been laid away and has become rusty, it is more difficult to work with than one which has been used. In fact, my embarrassment at this time can well be illustrated by that Bible story, where Saul, the son of Kish went out in search of his Master's asses. Having searched diligently for several days and being unable to locate them, he came in contact with the aged prophet Samuel, who, after taking him to his home and dining him royally, announced him with a flourish that he had been chosen by the hand of Providence to perform a very important duty in connection with the leasing of the Israelitish nation. When Saul had been taken into the presence of the large crowd that had assembled to make him king over that people, it is said that because of his modesty and bashfulness, he hid himself among the wagons and rubbish. I can appreciate very keenly, at this time, what must have been Saul's feelings, for this is the time when I feel I need the sympathy and indulgence of my hearers, and it is at the present.

Before I proceed upon the matter contained in His Honor's speech, I desire, Mr. Speaker, to make a few observations with reference to changes which have taken place in this House since your last convening. In one case it involved the retirement from the provincial field of politics of ex-Premier Fleming, a gentleman who has for many years taken a very prominent and leading part, and I am safe in saying that even his political opponents will do him the credit of having had much to do with the advancement of the province in recent years. Upon his retirement, the Honorable George J. Clarke was called to the Premiership of this province, and I desire, Mr. Speaker, through you, to extend to the Honorable Mr. Clarke my heartiest congratulations upon having been called to the leadership of a strong and united party. I am glad to say that I have the fullest confidence in his ability and integrity to successfully steer the ship of state in a manner that will make his name rank high among the great provincial leaders of New Brunswick, and that in the discharge of his duties the interests of the province will be advanced and safeguarded.

With the new leader came a reconstruction of the government, and it must have been amusing to many of the honorable members of this House, as it was to myself, to note the comments of the opposition newspapers throughout this province, who tried to make it appear that the new Premier was having a very difficult time to satisfy all those persons in this Assembly who were seeking cabinet recognition. My own name was mentioned in that connection and it is said that others were threatening all kinds of things if they were not taken into the government. I may say, Mr. Speaker, that so far as I was concerned, there was not the slightest truth in these reports, and I believe the same might truthfully apply with respect to the other so-called aspirants for cabinet rank. I believe that we were all equally delighted with the Premier's choice of the Honorable Mr. Baxter for the vacancy in the administration, and we have no doubt that his legal attainments eminently fit him for that high and important position which he has been called upon to administer.

Absent Through Illness I am sure that we all regret the absence of His Honor, Mr. Speaker Dixon, and our regret is all the more sincere when we know that his absence Cured Fifteen Years Ago of Piles and Eczema

By Using Dr. Chase's Ointment—Certifies That the Cure Was Permanent.

Some people have tried so many doctors and so many treatments in their search for cure for piles and eczema that they believe there is an actual cure.

The strong point about Dr. Chase's Ointment is that it not only brings relief promptly, but actual and lasting cure.

In 1897 Mr. H. B. Douro, of Douro street, Peterborough, Ont., writes as follows: "I was troubled for thirty years with itching piles and eczema. I could not sleep at night, and when I got warm the itching was terrible. Eczema covered my legs down to the knees, perfectly raw. I have tried

every preparation I could hear of. Dr. Chase's Ointment advertised, I procured a box, and this Ointment effected a complete cure. On Sept. 13, 1913, Mr. Ketcheson wrote as follows: "I received a letter from you to-day, saying that you found on file a statement made by me if Chase's Ointment a good name since it cured me, and shall tell you how I came to use it. I had suffered for many years from eczema and piles, and had tried doctors and everything I could hear of in vain. Reading about Dr. Chase's Ointment, I purchased it at once, and was soon completely cured. That was fifteen years ago, so there can be no doubt of the cure being a permanent one. I have met a great many people who have been cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment. Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

is due to a very serious illness. To you, the acting Speaker, is entrusted the duty of upholding the dignity of the high office of Speaker of this Assembly. In the discharge of your important duties, I have no doubt but that you will do credit to the great race to which you belong and to the province of which you are such an honored and esteemed citizen.

As I glance around this Assembly Chamber, I notice also the absence of one of our officials of this House, who has for many years in the past efficiently discharged the duties of Clerk, and while it is true that those duties have fallen into the hands of the acting gentleman, we all extend our sympathy to Mr. Rainsford and trust that Providence will soon fully restore him to health.

Another change will have suggested itself to the honorable members of this House, who have turned their eyes to the right of Mr. Speaker. I refer to the seat of York County's gallant young representative, Mr. Guthrie, who has gone to the front to assist in fighting the battles of the Empire in one of the greatest wars the world has ever known. It is fitting that we should summate all his services, and in recognition of his sense and desk, and I know I express the wish, the hope, yes, the prayer, of every member of this House that God will spare him to return to his home and to his constituency, to engage again in his legislative and other activities of citizenship.

The reference to the war brings before us a most important paragraph in His Honor's speech. No words in the world could so well express the feelings of the people of New Brunswick with respect to this terrible war, as those contained in the speech from the throne. While the war is indeed the greatest in the world's history, and while the loss of life has been most appalling, yet we as members of the Great British Empire know that the Mother Country did everything possible to avoid the clash of arms, and that England exhausted every effort for the peace of the world and we know that since the outbreak she has been engaged in a warfare on behalf of civilization, for the freedom of the smaller nations of the world. We know that England and her Allies are fighting in the cause of right and they must and will succeed.

Dominion's Healthy Response. How dear old England must be rejoiced at the manner in which her Overseas Dominions responded to the announcement that she had proclaimed war against Germany. Everyone who has studied the situation knows that Germany has been preparing for war for a generation. Everyone knows also that in this war Great Britain, because of the principles which were held in sacredness by her, had to join in a terrible struggle; it means the sacrifice of thousands of valuable lives and that the institutions of civilization are on trial.

If the British Empire had remained neutral her power and for the world would have been discounted; British integrity would have been as ashes in the mouths of the people of our far-flung Empire, and it would have been bitterness and gall to all mankind.

Thus we are confronted. We are brought face to face with our duties as Canadians, forming a part of that great Empire, and ask ourselves the question: What is our duty in this great conflict? If Canadian citizenship means anything it means that we should be trained and ready to fight for it. If our country is not worth

fighting for, it is not worth having. If our homes and loved ones are not worth defending, we are less than men.

Canadians United. We are justly proud, as Canadians, of our First and Second Contingents, who have so heartily answered to the call of duty. We are indeed proud of all those who have gone from Canada and who are going to the front, and while we will be delighted with the efforts and the success of all Canadian soldiers, we will be especially interested in those of our own gallant boys, who have left their homes and dear ones in New Brunswick to answer the call of duty.

This war will do much for the removal of class, race and religious prejudice throughout the world. What a spectacle it is to see English, Irish, Scotch and French, irrespective of all that alters they may kneel at home, standing side by side in the muddy trenches, fighting as brothers for a common cause, their blood mingling freely together, creating a bond, yet I trust a union that will cement the races of the Empire for generations to come, and that such a desirable consummation shall be noticeable in a marked degree throughout Canada and more particularly in our own fair province of New Brunswick.

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And while the farmers will be doing their duty in this matter (and I give full confidence that they will give practical evidence of their loyalty in this regard) it will be the duty of those in the towns and cities to keep the wheels of trade and commerce in full motion, and if possible to increase rather than diminish their output. Indeed, there is no reason why in this province there should be any noticeable falling off in trade because of the war, when their best effort is required, get discouraged, there is really no reason why business should not be as good, or even better, than in New Brunswick this year than for many years past. We might all take encouragement from the fact that, while for the past eighteen months there has been a depression almost world-wide, general business throughout the Maritime Provinces and especially in the Province of New Brunswick, has been much better than in any other parts of North America. I make this statement advisedly, Mr. Speaker, based upon the reports which have been handed to us through the managers of our financial institutions and those contained in the trade journals of this country. Why, then, should (Continued on page 6)

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This war will do much for the removal of class, race and religious prejudice throughout the world. What a spectacle it is to see English, Irish, Scotch and French, irrespective of all that alters they may kneel at home, standing side by side in the muddy trenches, fighting as brothers for a common cause, their blood mingling freely together, creating a bond, yet I trust a union that will cement the races of the Empire for generations to come, and that such a desirable consummation shall be noticeable in a marked degree throughout Canada and more particularly in our own fair province of New Brunswick.

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