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Legislative Session.

The fourth session of the thirty-seventh General Assembly of Prince Edward Island, was opened with the usual ceremonies, on Wednesday last. The military guard of honor constituted of members of the Heavy Brigade, ordered for garrison duty at Halifax. They presented a fine appearance. A salute of fifteen guns was fired from the Park Battery, as the Lieutenant Governor drove from Government House to the Provincial Building. Within the Legislature Chamber everything was in admirable order. Being St. Patrick's Day a pot of Shamrock's was placed on the desk of each member. The Union Jack was abundantly in evidence. The seats of Dr. S. R. Jenkins and Professor McPhail were vacant and their desks were decorated with bunting, enfolding a large card with the words "On his Country's service." The Chamber was thronged with visitors, His Honour, Lieutenant Governor Rogers, having entered the Chamber and taken his seat in the Speakers chair, opened the session with the following SPEECH

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:— I welcome you on your return to your legislative duties in this the fourth session of the thirty-seventh General Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Since last we met the war cloud which had long been hovering over us has burst with terrible violence, involving every part of the British Empire in a gigantic struggle in which the lives, freedom and property of all our people are at stake.

It is some mitigation of the horrors of this vast war that it was undertaken by Great Britain to uphold the honor of treaty obligations, to protect the weak against the strong, and that all sections of our great Empire, putting aside all matters of internal difference, have, in a spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm unequalled in the world's history, undertaken to share with the Mother Country the burdens and responsibilities of this war.

I am confident that I voice the sentiments of this Legislature in saying that Canada's prompt and effective co-operation is heartily approved by all our loyal people.

My Government has had much satisfaction in co-operation with Provincial Committees in a gift to Britain and her allies in this war, of one hundred thousand bushels of oats contributed by our farmers and loyal citizens of this Island. One cargo has already gone to the front, and the balance is held for transportation at the opening of navigation.

The noble stand taken by the Belgians in defence of their country and the havoc wrought upon them by the barbarous conduct of their invaders, has called forth the admiration and sympathy of our people to an unprecedented degree.

The contribution in clothing and food to the Belgian Relief Fund forwarded by the Committee is not surpassed by any community of equal numbers elsewhere, and the generosity of our people is not yet exhausted.

Not only from their home Province, but from every part of Canada our sons have volunteered for this war and do their willful duty in upholding the flag of the

Empire. My Government has assumed the responsibility of contributing to the Patriotic Fund in the aid of the dependents of volunteers going to the front, to the Army Field Service Fund and other War Relief Funds, confident that their action will meet with your hearty approval.

As the educational conditions existing in any community are a measure of the progress and advancement of that community, you will be pleased to know that during the past year there has been a rapid and continuous improvement in the schools of this Province. This improvement shows itself not only in a greatly increased enrolment and a larger daily attendance, but chiefly in a higher quality of instruction and in a growing public interest in the work of the schools. The greater consideration shown to teachers during the past few years, the very substantial increases made in their salaries, the better training which they now receive, the thorough supervision of schools made possible by the appointment of a sufficient number of competent inspectors, and the change in curriculum, which, without depriving anyone of advantages heretofore enjoyed, seeks to place the emphasis in school work on the proper training of boys and girls for life in their own communities, have all contributed towards the present hopeful educational outlook.

The School Supply Department established during the year, has already more than justified its existence by making all needed school equipment readily available even in the remotest districts to all trustees, teachers and pupils and by the important reductions brought about in the cost of school books and supplies. During the past year Agriculture has prospered. The Field Crops have been uniformly excellent and Live Stock conditions have continued to improve. The organization of the Poultry Industry has been prosecuted with energy by the Federal Department of Agriculture, and plans are being developed which will place this branch of Agricultural Industry on a more permanent and profitable basis.

Progress has also been made in the organization of Agricultural Education. The financial assistance received from "The Agricultural Instruction Act" made possible the adoption of a more comprehensive system of education than formerly existed. The curriculum of the public schools has been enriched by the addition of Nature Study, School Gardening and Home Projects and provision has been made for the training of teachers in these and kindred subjects.

The women's Institute movement has made satisfactory progress and promises to exert a highly beneficial influence on rural conditions. The plan of improvement includes the formation of Agricultural Centres in King's and Prince Counties. A suitable building has been purchased in Summerside for Prince County and fitted for this purpose. It will be equipped for the Household Science and will contain an Agricultural Library and public reading room. Equal advantages will be provided for King's County.

Exhibitions and Fairs have received increased financial aid and Agriculture in general is in a very flourishing condition. I am pleased to inform you that my Government has under consideration the establishment of a provincial laboratory, equipped with modern appliances for ascertaining and testing disease in human beings and animals, and that special efforts will be made to further safeguard the health of our people.

The financial disturbances resulting from the war have considerably lessened speculative movements in fur farming and

oyster culture, but there is good reason to believe that these industries will ultimately be benefited by the more conservative methods and better organization now coming into operation.

Some important legislation will be submitted for your consideration. The accounts of Revenue and Expenditure for the past year and the reports of the various departments of the Government, together with the estimates for the current year will be laid before you.

You will learn with pleasure that a further reduction in the debt of the Province was made during the past year.

To these and all other matters that may be submitted to you I invite your earnest attention.

I now invoke upon your labors the blessing of Divine Providence in the confident assurance that the result of your deliberations will greatly benefit our people.

After his Honours departure Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and read again the opening speech. The usual committees were then appointed and the other routine business peculiar to opening day was disposed of. The House then adjourned to the following afternoon.

The House met at 3.20 p.m. Thursday. After the usual routine, Mr. John S. Martin moved the address in reply to the Lieutenant's Governor's speech at the opening of the session. He reviewed the different paragraphs of the speech at some length. He roused enthusiasm by his reference to his colleague, Major McPhail's patriotic action in volunteering for the front, to fight for the Empire, and also when he made the statement that he believed, the debt of the Province had been reduced nearly \$100,000 during the short time the present Government had been in power.

The address was seconded by Mr. Feehan. He commenced by pointing out that, so far as this city and community are concerned everything goes on as usual. In the business houses, the banks and every department of trade, commerce and finance we find the usual operations going on. All this notwithstanding that our country is at war. This was striking evidence of the safety we enjoy under the aegis of the great British navy. He then passed in review the patriotic manner in which all parts of the Empire sprang to the defence of the motherland. In no part of this Dominion has more enthusiasm manifested itself in this respect than in our own Province of Prince Edward Island. After reviewing the execrable conduct of Germany towards Belgium, he read an extract showing the hatred of Germany against England. At the outbreak of the war Germany had in the field at once, an immense army of almost 5,000,000. No other country at any period of history has been able to put forth such a tremendous army without notice. He highly praised the contributions of Canada, and especially of Prince Edward Island, to the relief of the persecuted Belgians. When the Belgians were holding back the Germans they were fighting our battle; they were fighting for the British Empire. He praised the people of this Province for their generosity in contributing to the Army Field Service Fund. It was pleasing, he said to know that a further reduction has been made in the debt of the Province. This manner of financing is in striking contrast to the financial operations of the Liberal Government which held office in this

Province for upwards of twenty years. A like contrast prevails in all parts of the administration of the respective Governments. The addition of \$100,000 to our annual subsidy from the Federal Treasury was an accomplishment of the greatest possible advantage to our Province. The arrangement of the financial subsidy for agricultural purposes was also a master stroke that we owe to the present Government. Improvements in our educational affairs, in agriculture and other departments have all been effected by the present Government. In our schools now, the pupils are taught more about our home and home subjects. This is quite proper. The more we know about our home, the more we are of our home and the more we are inclined to remain at home. He said that while in general he praised the Government, he admitted he had, on some matters taken issue with the administration. This he did at the request of some of his former constituents.

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The Forty Hours Devotion opened in the Cathedral yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The Solemn Mass of Exposition was celebrated by Rev. J. J. McDonald, assisted by Revs. Pius McDonald and Frank McQuaid as co-celebrants and Sub-deacon, and Rev. Dr. McLehman master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop, was present in the Sanctuary. Rev. J. J. Chasson, D. D. was celebrant of the Solemn Mass. "Pro Peace," this morning. The other officers of the Mass were the same as on yesterday.

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Mortgage Sale.

There will be sold by Public Auction at the Court House at Georgetown in King's County, on Monday the 22nd day of March A. D. 1915 at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m., ALL that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being on Township Number Fifty-six in King's County aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the North side of the White Road at the South west angle of a farm lot in possession of John McLaren, thence according to the Magnetic Meridian of the year 1764 running North one hundred and fifteen chains and fifty-nine links east, thence south to said Road, thence following the course of the said Road west four chains and fifty-nine links to the place commencing, containing fifty acres of land a little more or less, being the land described in a Deed of Conveyance from the Commissioner of Public Lands to the said John McLaren bearing date the 19th day of March A. D. 1869. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 10th day of February A. D. 1906 and made between John McLaren of Lower Mortgage in King's County in Prince Edward Island, Farmer, of the one part and George A. Poole of the same place, Merchant, of the other part, and which said Mortgage was assigned to the said John McLaren, by a certain Indenture of Assignment dated the 25th day of January A. D. 1907, default having been made in payment of the principal money and interest due thereon. If further particulars apply at the office of Matthew MacDonald & Stewart Solicitors, Georgetown. Dated this 18th day February A. D. 1915.

WILLIAM A. McLEARN, Assignee of Mortgage. 241 915

Mortgage Sale

There will be sold by Public Auction in front of the Court House Summerside, on Monday the 26th day of April next A. D. 1915 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon under a power of sale in a mortgage dated the 4th day of November A. D. 1899, made between Ewen E. McPhail of the one part and Hon. John Lafargey of the other part, all that tract of land at Summerside in Prince County, bounded as follows: Commencing on the North side of the Pond Road in the South East angle of land now or formerly owned by John Brown, thence along the Eastern boundary thereof to the shore of Dorey Basin, thence along the same westerly to the west boundary of land now or formerly owned by James Roscoe thence southerly along the same to the road aforesaid, thence easterly along the same to the place of commencement, containing approximately two acres of land more or less with the appurtenances. If further particulars apply at the law office of J. E. Wyatt, Summerside. Dated this 19th day of March A. D. 1915. March 24, 1915, -41

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday, the 9th April 1915, for the conveyance of the Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week. Over Rural Mail Route No. 1 from Wood Islands North P. E. Island, by the Postmaster General's pleasure. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Wood Islands North, Mount Vernon, Colebrook and at the office of the Post Office Inspector. JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, Feb. 24th 1915. March 3rd, 1915-31.

Dept. of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

SEALED TENDERS (to duplicate) for the supply of Coal and Fuel Wood required to heat the Military Buildings at Halifax, Canada, Amherst, N. S., Fredericton, Woodstock, Smeeth, Charlottetown, St. John, N. B.; Charlottetown, P. E. I., for the year ending March 31st, 1916, will be received up to Thursday, March 25th, next. Each tender is to be marked "Tender for Fuel," and addressed to the Director of Contracts, Militia Headquarters, Ottawa. Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the Director of Contracts, Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, or at the Office of the Officer Commanding 6th Division, Halifax, who will furnish all information required. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, on a Canadian chartered Bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, for five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender declines to sign a contract when called upon to do so. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. EUGENE FISKE, Surgeon General, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, March 5, 1915. (H. Q. 99 B-15). Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department—75360. March 17, 1915 B.

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Annual Meeting. LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION, QUEEN'S COUNTY. The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association for Queen's County will be held in the People's Theatre (Market Hall) Charlottetown on Friday the 26th day of March, 1915, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the afternoon. Arrangements have been made with the P. E. Island Railway to issue to fully accredited delegates return tickets at one first class fare on standard certificate plan. Certificates are to be vouchered at the meeting by the undersigned Secretary. Dated the 11th day of March, 1915. S. W. CRABBE, President L. C. Association. Eneas A. Macdonald, Secretary. March, 17, 1915-31.

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Local And Other

More than a dozen were loading war material New York on the 18th. Use of the Allies. Word reached Ottawa 22nd that Col. Farquhar commanding the Princess Pats regiment, was killed in No particulars were given.

Hon. Mr. McNeill, Commissioner of Public Works has thanks of the reporter for further improvements in Press Gallery. The floor has levelled up, thus making writing more easy and comfortable.

Sunday last, Passion Sunday was peace Sunday in a Catholic church of the outside of Europe. In Dunstan's Cathedral the regulations prescribed by the and promulgated by his Lord Bishop O'Leary were solemnly carried out in our issue. Between fourteen and fifteen hundred approaches Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. At the conclusion the 11 o'clock Mass the Blessed Sacrament was excommunicated with all solemnity and dulced. During the great numbers visited the and at 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30 "Peace Programme" was through for the children Notre Dame Academy, Joseph's Convent and the School. In the evening appropriate functions solemnly carried out by Lordship the Bishop, assisted Rev. Dr. McLehman, and Fathers McQuaid and He. The services concluded Solemn Pontifical Benediction.

We deeply regret to be obliged to chronicle today the death of Dr. Angus A. McLehman, which occurred in Montreal on Saturday last. His death was the result of an accident. He fell from a moving street car, on the 29th day evening previous and sustained injuries so severe as to cause his death. He had just returned to Montreal to visit his son, a student at McGill College, whose message was received by his wife and she crossed by Capes on Tuesday. The day his brother, Rev. A. J. McLehman, started for Montreal. Later intelligence intimated that an operation had been performed but not much hope was entered of his recovery. On Saturday the sad intelligence of his death was received. His wife and son, along with his brother, Father McLehman, were with when the end came. Deceased was fifty seven years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of Grand River but came to Summerside quite young. In due time he entered through Prince of Wales College and began teaching school first at St. Eleanor's afterwards at Summerside, subsequently he entered McGill College and was graduated 1889. He first practised his profession at Souris; but on death of his brother, Dr. J. McLehman, he removed to Summerside, where he had established a large practice. In addition his eminent success in his profession, Dr. McLehman had several years taken a prominent part in civic matters in Summerside and was twice elected President of the Board of Trade. He married, in 1890, Mary Dempsey, who with eight children five sons and three daughters survives him. He leaves, to mourn his sad death, brothers and one sister—brothers are Rev. A. P. McLehman already mentioned and John Lellan, of Gaspe, Quebec; sister is Mrs. John J. McLehman, of St. Andrew's, and To these so suddenly bereaved tender our profound sympathy. The body, accompanied by bereaved brother, wife and left Montreal for here Saturday night.

Fifty miners were killed as many more injured by a slide which swept away a brick houses at Brigantia, Howe Sound British Columbia the 22nd. From Algieras comes intelligence that four vessels with Spanish dock landed aboard were lost in furious raging in that vicinity.