

SPEECH PROMISES BUSY SESSION

HAZEN ADMINISTRATION MAKES RECORD FOR ABLE AND HONEST GOVERNMENT

I. C. R. STATION AT SYDNEY BURNED

Reference to Unprecedented Agricultural Development Likely Feature of Message From Throne.

Provision for Jordan Memorial Sanitarium Forecast, as Well as Report on Valley Railway

M. DELCASSE IN CABINET

Former Minister Of Foreign Affairs Comes Back As Head Of Marine Department—Ministry Complete.

Paris, March 1.—The new French cabinet, so far as it is at present constituted, is made up as follows:—Premier and Minister of Interior, Antoine Monis.

The death of King Edward, "the peacemaker" is likely to produce a feeling paragraph in which allusion will be made to the loyalty of the people of New Brunswick and congratulations expressed to King George V. who will bring to the discharge of his duties a wider and more personal knowledge of Greater Britain than was possessed by any previous sovereign.

FREE PRESS PRINTS TWO EDITORIALS

One Attacks Opponents of Reciprocity in General Way, While Second Lauds Mr. Sifton For Independent Act.

Winnipeg, Mar. 1.—On the same page with a column editorial entitled "Playing With Fire," in which the Free Press assails the masses, those who oppose reciprocity today, there appears a half column editorial lauding the independent spirit displayed by Hon. Clifford Sifton in his speech, The Hon. Sifton's paper.

SHAKING-UP FOR ST. JOHN PASSENGERS

Wakefield, Mass., March 1.—Passengers on the morning express from St. John, N. B., for Boston were shaken up today when two coaches of the train jumped the track near the Wakefield Junction station on the western division of the Boston and Maine Railroad shortly after 10.30 a. m. today. No one was hurt.

LORIMER UPHOLD

Washington, March 1.—The Senate today by a vote of 46 to 40, sustained William Lorimer's title to the seat for the State of Illinois, defeating the resolution of Senator Beveridge, which had declared him not legally elected a member of the Senate.

EXPULSION OF JEWS.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Thus far 2,000 Jews have been expelled from Tchernigov. Further expulsions are contemplated.

that the justice of the contention advanced on behalf of the Maritime Provinces will be conceded. In any event the House is likely to be offered a resolution dealing with this important question.

The large increase in the territorial revenue last year and the fact that the revenue from this source will be as large again this year is not likely to escape attention. Satisfaction will no doubt be expressed at the proposed further reduction in the price of school readers, and regret at the fact that the fisheries claims against the Dominion government are still unsettled, though settlement cannot be delayed much longer.

The legislative programme includes a bill to amend and consolidate the Public Health Act, the Public Utilities Act, an Act with regard to the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co., and to authorize cities and towns to pass by-laws for the early closing of shops, besides other matters.

Although little of the legislation mentioned is of a contentious character, the programme announced is more extended than usual.

Faces Legislature with Splendid Record of Carefully Collected Revenue and More Expenditure—Disastrous Conditions of Province Under Roberson Government Already Retrieved.

Greatly Increased Grants to Important Public Services, Including Public Works, Education and Agriculture -- Dishonest Methods Exposed by Comparison with Record of Hon. Mr. Grimmer.

The Hazen government meets the Legislature of New Brunswick for the fourth time since the general elections of 1908 to-morrow with the best record of any government since confederation. All sorts of gloomy predictions regarding Mr. Hazen and his colleagues were made by those who were in the ranks of the defeated, but they have not been fulfilled. Instead of the failure so confidently looked for, instead of the weakening they expected, Mr. Hazen passed three sessions of the Legislature with a record for things accomplished that was a surprise even to his supporters, and confounding to those who opposed him.

Every dollar of the money expended on bridges by the Hazen Government came from current revenue. But what a reflection on the management of the old Government it is that more than half the bridges had been allowed to become impassable for want of repairs which their successors had to make good. So far as is now known every bridge in the province is now or soon will be in good repair and such large expenditures were not necessary in the past few years will no longer be necessary and there will be more money for other useful works.

Wharves Were Disgraced. What was true of the condition in which the old Government left the wharves of the country was also true of the wharves under the control of the old Government they expended \$14,959.75 in wharf repairs and construction. During the administration they spent \$50,100.73 for repairs and construction of wharves. It was soon ascertained that the wharves were in bad condition as the bridges and that many of them were unserviceable. In the three years of the Hazen Government the expenditures on account of wharves exceeded those of the old Government by \$35,150, because of the neglect of Mr. LaBilloy.

The expenditures for roads, wharves and bridges made by the Hazen government in the last three years were \$723,000 more than by the old government. This is a large sum to pay out of current revenue, but it is a part of the legacy of debt left the Hazen administration by its predecessors. Add this to almost a million added to the bonded debt to pay the unauthorized expenditures of Mr. Roberson and his associates, and there is a charge of half a million on the revenues of the province which would not have been had its affairs been honestly and capably managed. Yet the men who are responsible for these conditions are proclaiming from the platforms of dozens of country school houses against the extravagance of Mr. Hazen and his colleagues. Fine people these, to criticize others. It is not their own dishonesty, but to say nothing of their untruth and dishonesty.

Important Services Aided. Mr. Roberson and his party claim that Mr. Hazen is extravagant because he has expended \$4,943.46 more for agricultural education than the old Government, according to Mr. Roberson, is extravagant because there is an increase of \$45,142.34 in the expenditure for education. The people of the province will not agree with Mr. Roberson. Mr. Hazen has certainly increased the expenditures for every important public service, but he has not added a dollar to the public debt in making these increases. It has all come from public current revenue.

Under Mr. Roberson the government of the province was constantly trotting from one bank to another to demand to pay any rate of discount demanded. While some of the debts represented by these notes were proper charges on the permanent debt, the larger part was for the Central Railway and for ever-increasing expenditures for public works and other expenses, which under the Hazen administration have been put out of the current revenue.

Under Mr. Hazen has increased the expenditures for public works, education and agriculture, he has reduced the controllable expenditure for contingencies. The contingencies of the departments and the legislature for the last three years of the old government amounted to \$49,559.77. For the first three years of the Hazen administration they amounted to \$43,955.56, a reduction of \$5,604.21. In the matter of the contingencies of the executive council alone this charge was reduced from \$4,831.35 to \$1,714.42 by the Hazen government. The executive charge of coach hire for the present has entirely disappeared. The travelling expenses of the government have been reduced about \$2,000.

Wherever it was desirable and in the interests of the province to practice economy, the Hazen government

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Farmers Discuss Dairying Bonus

One Member Declares That Request Made Upon Government was Absurd, while Professor Cummings Advises Against Idea--Complaint Made that Farmers are Not Represented in Legislature.

Fredericton, Mar. 1.—This evening's session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association convention was largely attended and of an interesting and profitable nature. The dairy committee through E. A. Schofield, presented their report and a general discussion on dairying took place.

The report of the dairy committee follows: We, the committee appointed at your last annual meeting to present the resolution on the bonusing of the dairy cow, to the minister of agriculture, beg leave to report as follows:

Immediately after the meeting in Fredericton in February last we called on Hon. Dr. Landry and were cordially received and after reading the resolution we were willing to go on the same, he informed us that he certainly held the opinion that something must be done for the dairy industry, and that if we would send him a copy of the resolution and appear with him before his colleagues in the House, he would be only too pleased to stand up and endorse every word we had said. We consented to do this if he would advise us when the opportunity would occur.

The matter then drifted along for some time without our hearing any further and though one or two dates were afterwards arranged, it seemed impossible to get together. Later on it was arranged to meet the minister personally at Amherst, Dec. 7th, which meeting was finally arranged and we might here say that the minister put himself at considerable trouble to stay over to meet us.

Regrettably, only part of the committee arrived but we had a full discussion of the matter, the gist of which was that it would be too late for the minister to secure any grant for this proposed idea for this year's estimates and though he himself, was strongly in favor of some practical aid to the industry, it was hard, indeed, for him to get the rest of his colleagues to agree.

He intimated, however, that if this association were willing to go on with some practical work of this nature, he also stated that if we were prepared to endorse the idea that the grants to the larger exhibition which are more or less of an industrial nature, and do not cater so much to the agricultural part, be cut off it would make a further sum of some \$10,000 available.

This idea of course, your committee could not recommend, as it needed if the farmers would do their work right. He did not believe in asking the government for money assistance. Every one could not pull from the government, then the farmers could work along the right lines and improve their own conditions.

Fred. Dixon of Sackville thought bonusing or some other good policy should be adopted to get at the men who were careless and would not try to improve their conditions. The principle of bonusing cows was as good as that of bonusing the steel or any other industry. The government in bonusing would only be giving the farmer his own.

President Hatheway thought bonusing seemed to be the only practical way to get at the matter.

Practical Instructions. O. W. Wetmore of Kings County was in favor of the government appointing a practical dairy instructor. He knew farmers who were making a success of dairying. He went so far as to suggest an inspector for each county. He was not wholly in favor of bonusing, but would like to see something done to improve conditions. Institutes were too scattered to reach all, but the inspector would make a farm to farm visit and instruct individual farmers.

Isaac Baird of Queens County thought that while the fruit and apple raisers could tell what they were making and were hopeful, the dairy people had nothing much to say. He would like to hear from those who were making a success in that line. He was of the opinion that the business was run on a narrow margin generally, at present, but there was profit in the business if proper methods were adopted. He suggested that instead of a bonus the government should ask for an importation of stock.

Farmers The Masters. I. F. Riley, of Westmorland County, said that conditions had changed very much in the last ten years so far as the farmer was concerned. He thought the farmers should have a larger representation in the Government. The farmers were the masters of governments and should demand what they wanted. He was a Liberal but when the old Government did not do what was right they were turned out and the same could be done with the present or any other Government if they did not do what the farmers demanded.

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\$60,000 Loss in Fire Which May Have Started from Lighted Cigarette.

Dominion Steel Company Recently Burned Out, Again Heavy Losers in Destruction of Papers.

Sydney, Mar. 1.—Sydney was visited by another disastrous fire this afternoon when the new I. C. R. station building was completely gutted and it is estimated that the loss will reach \$60,000. The Dominion Steel Company who suffered the loss of their general office by fire on January 25th last and had occupied temporary offices in the station, were again the heaviest losers in today's fire, their losses including many valuable papers besides office furniture, etc.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, although there are theories. So far as can be learned, there was no one in the upper offices when the place caught fire. The theory rumored around the scene today, was that the fire was caused by a lighted cigar or cigarette left in one of the offices. It is likely there will be an investigation into the cause.

The steel company are arranging for temporary offices in the Cape Breton Electric Company's general office building on the Esplanade.

No serious loss or inconvenience will be caused to the steel company. Practically everything was saved.

BILL MINER IN GEORGIA

Notorious Outlaw Who Escaped From New Westminster Jail Held At Westville On Train Robbery Charge.

Ottawa, Mar. 1.—Commissioner Sherwood, of the Dominion Police, today received official notification from the Pinkerton detective agency that the identity of the train robber under arrest at Gainesville, Georgia, had been established beyond doubt as that of Bill Miner, the outlaw, who escaped from New Westminster penitentiary while undergoing life sentence for holding up a C. P. R. express train.

Pending the outcome of a trial on the Gainesville charge the Canadian authorities will take no action, if convicted, he will have to serve out his sentence before being returned to New Westminster. If acquitted, he will immediately be claimed and brought back by the Dominion police.

STILES CREDITORS GET 35 PER CENT

Settlement Reached After Lengthy Conference Yesterday—Further Proceedings To Be Discontinued.

Albert, March 1.—A meeting of the creditors of Job Stiles held here today, was largely attended. John L. Peck, of Hillsboro, was present, and after a good deal of discussion, a compromise with the creditors was made. Mr. Peck, on behalf of Mr. Stiles agreeing to pay thirty-five cents on the dollar, and all legal expenses incurred up to date in the assignment proceedings. The further hearing of the disclosure proceedings, which was to take place tomorrow, will be discontinued.

The funeral of Mrs. Rachael Bray, widow of Gideon Bray, of Lower Cape, took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her late residence. A large number attended to pay their respects to the memory of the deceased lady. The deceased was about seventy-five years of age, and has been in failing health for several years. Rev. J. M. Love conducted the services.

Geo. Prescott, M. P. N., and Mrs. Prescott have gone to Fredericton where Mr. Prescott will attend to his duties in the Assembly.

Two boys arrived at the home of Mr. Melburn Stoves, the popular cook in Prescott's Mill boarding house on Monday, and caused the genial steward to put on a happy smile.

ADMIRAL CURZON-HOWE. Portsmouth, March 1.—Admiral Sir Assheton Gore Curzon-Howe, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, was stricken with paralysis this morning and died this evening.

ALBERT DELEGATES WELL ENTERTAINED

Messrs. Dickson and Prescott Extend Courtesy To Representatives Attending Former Parliament At Fredericton.

Fredericton, March 1.—Today Messrs. Dickson and Prescott, members of Albert County to the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association convention.

They were given a drive about the city and to Marysville and were also shown through the various provincial buildings in the city.

RUEF COMMITTED. San Francisco, March 1.—An order committing Abraham Ruef to San Quentin penitentiary, where he will serve a term of 14 years for the bribing of Supervisor John J. Pury, was made today by Superior Judge Lawlor.