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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

The fact that there is no opposition in the present legislature makes it smooth sailing for the government. The provincial secretary delivered his budget yesterday and no criticism was offered by any member of the house, which immediately adopted a motion to go into supply. This is not a healthy condition of affairs, but the people of the province have said that it suits them and they should know what they want. The statement submitted by Hon. Mr. McLeod shows that with increased revenue there is increased expenditure and a steady increase in the provincial debt. He was able to say, however, that the increase in debt last year was smaller than usual, although next year there will again be a very large increase. With regard to the expenditure, there will of course be no critical examination of the items, since there is no opposition, and since the members generally, supporting the government and desiring favors at its hands, will be quite willing to accept the reports as submitted. Effective criticism can of course best be made on the floor of the house by representatives who are familiar with the conditions in the constituencies, and who should be in a position to say whether the government had been prudent or reckless in its methods of expenditure. When there is no opposition and no criticism, the condition of affairs is not such as to guarantee either prudence or economy; but that unfortunately is the condition of affairs in New Brunswick today. It is perfectly obvious that a government which is not watched by an alert opposition will find it more difficult to resist the importunities of its supporters, some of whom are probably less concerned about the welfare of the province at large than about some deal in which they or their friends are personally interested. However well meaning the members of a government may be under such conditions as prevail in New Brunswick at present, the odds are in favor of extravagance.

A GENEROUS TRIBUTE

It was a gracious and a graceful tribute which was paid by the Women's Canadian Club and the citizens generally last evening to the venerable poet, Mr. H. L. Spencer, who has lived for fifty years in this city, and who at the age of more than four score years finds himself subject to the infirmities of extreme old age. Mr. E. Atherton Smith is personally to be congratulated upon the success of last night's brilliant entertainment, which was so well organized under her leadership, and which as a literary, musical and artistic event was one of the most successful ever produced in this city. The friends who expressed to her in floral tributes their appreciation of her spirit of helpful sympathy gave expression also to the feeling of the citizens. The venerable poet and former journalist will be greatly cheered by last night's tribute. It may not be generally known that Mr. Spencer was one of those who were left penniless by the great fire in 1877, his place of business being utterly destroyed. He who knew personally such men as Ralph Waldo Emerson, and others of the great coterie of literary men in New England half a century ago, has himself added something worthy to the literature of his time and though he lingers after most of his contemporaries have passed from the stage of action he is not forgotten. And that, in the rush of modern life, is something for which we may all be grateful.

THE NAVAL QUESTION

The fact that the Borden government had a majority of only thirty on the second reading of the naval bill ought to make it clear that to press this measure without any provision for the establishment of a Canadian naval policy will be to create a division in Canada which must be deplored by those who really care for imperial unity. It has been made perfectly clear that the course which the government has adopted in regard to the naval question is not in accord with the principles of autonomy for which Canada struggles in the past, and in accordance with which her policy has been directed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the powerful speech which he delivered in parliament yesterday, stated the issue squarely and challenged the government to submit the issue to the people. His declaration that Canadians should have the right to control their own affairs as a nation within the Empire will be endorsed by every thoughtful citizen. The Borden policy of tribute is distasteful to the majority of Canadians. He may be able to force this measure through, with the aid of a majority which was not given to him on this issue, but in so doing he will be forcing Canadians to take a step backward, and he will in his desire to please the Nationalists of Quebec arouse a feeling which will not be helpful to the cause of unity either in Canada or in the Empire. This country should have a naval policy of its own, and should protect its own shores and trade routes, build its own ships and man them. That is not only a self-respecting Canadian policy, but it is a policy which upholds the autonomy of Canada, and thereby strengthens the ties which bind Canada to the Empire. The policy of centralization is repugnant to the Canadian people. They have been steadily getting away from it from the days of the Family Compact. They are competent to conduct their own affairs; and, if Mr. Borden attempts to

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHTH.

The Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, celebrates his seventy-third birthday today. Born in Limerick, Ireland, he came to Canada as a boy and was ordained a priest in 1864. For twenty-two years he was stationed as parish priest at Paris, Ont. In 1887 he was raised to the bishopric of Peterboro, being transferred to Hamilton two years later.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, of Labrador fame, was also born on February 28, 1810, was born at Tara, Ont., on February 28, 1885. He is an honor graduate of the University of Toronto, following which he became principal of the Lethbridge school. He took up the study of law and was called to the bar in 1900, since when he has practiced his profession in Lethbridge. He has sat in the provincial legislature, but was defeated in an attempt to enter the House of Commons.

The Hon. W. C. Semmon, justice of the Supreme Court of Alberta since 1910, was born at Tara, Ont., on February 28, 1885. He is an honor graduate of the University of Toronto, following which he became principal of the Lethbridge school. He took up the study of law and was called to the bar in 1900, since when he has practiced his profession in Lethbridge. He has sat in the provincial legislature, but was defeated in an attempt to enter the House of Commons.

LIGHTER VEIN
COULD AFFORD IT.
"My dear, my salary has been raised."
"Good. Now I can start in being extravagant."

CRUEL TO BE KIND.
"What makes you carry that horrible shriek machine for an automobile signal?"
"For humane reasons," replied Mr. Cloughing. "If I can paralyze a person with fear he will keep still and I can run to one side of him."

MODEL HUSBAND.
"Is he really a good husband to her?"
"Really—he has read the sporting page first—Puck."

FOR HOARSENESS.
Father was examining the mechanism of an auto "thumper" that was out of order.
"What are you going to do with it?" asked Benjamin, aged nine years.
"I think I'll try pouring a little oil in it," replied the father.
"Oil—nothing!" exclaimed Benjamin, "what that thing needs is cough syrup."
—Sourtown Telegram.

WHY WASTE WORDS?
"Hello, is that you, John?"
"Yes."
"Did you go to the store and order the thing I spoke about when you left home this morning?"
"Why, to tell you the truth, Maria—"
"Good-by,"—From the Chicago Tribune.

UNCONVENTIONALITIES.
"Squidley, some of your friends say you're not as big a fool as you look, but you are."
"If you'll glance at that dollar watch of yours, Mr. Lingerling, you will find it is a dollar watch."
"Yes, I saw what the papers say about you this morning, Ringo. They called you a sponge, a scoundrel, a cheat, a confidence game. Worse than that—they proved it on you."

UP AND DOWN.
"That would be great at home when the baby is peevish," remarked Mr. Youngblood, as he watched the ship's heaving deck.
"What's that?"
"That deck; a regular self-walking floor."—Exchange.

REVERSING THINGS.
Hewitt—What do you think of this autograph business?
Jewett—If it is carried to its logical conclusion it will result in woman putting her money in her husband's name.—Judge's Library.

AS ONE WHO KNOWS.
Fig—Does your grocer sell his apples by the barrel?
Fogg—Well, they come in barrels, but what he sells them by is the top layer.—Boston Transcript.

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In the annals of charity, however, it is doubtful if there is a more romantic story than that concerning the foundation of Morden's College near Greenwich, which has lately been advertising for "gentlemen" in reduced circumstances desirous of becoming inmates of the college home. The latter has accommodation for forty-nine inmates, who must be men of good character, either widowers or unmarried, and not under sixty years of age, who shall have been either merchants or manufacturers or have been engaged as principals in some

erected a college from designs by Sir Christopher Wren. The original college consisted of a chapel in the centre and apartments for twelve residents, who dined together in a common room. Since those days, however, it has been considerably altered, and, as already mentioned, there is now accommodation for forty-five inmates who not only are provided with separate sets of apartments, with furniture, if required, to the value of £25, together with attendance, coal, wood, and light, but have an allowance of £100 annually, with an extra £25 for personal laundry. In addition to the resident inmates, it might be mentioned that the trustees of the college pay to 125 out-pensioners sums of £20 each, and six pensions of £20 each annually to the widows of decayed merchants.

Altogether the founding of the college cost Sir John £10,000, and for a couple of centuries "poor, honest and discreet" merchants who have lost their estates by accidents, dangers, and perils of the sea, or by any other accidents, ways, or means, in their honest endeavor to get their living by way of merchandise," to quote the original wording of the deeds of the endowment, have been thus cared for by the magnificent bequest of the generous-hearted Sir John Morden.

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Infant mortality is enormously high and while the average native birth rate is unknown, yet the Chinese women are very prolific. In many instances the Chinese possesses several wives. Frequently I have observed old people engaged in heavy labor either in the fields or transporting freight and baggage in the Chinese cities. Eventually, with such a strong and vigorous heredity back of the first generation of Mongolians, and with the present advanced sanitary methods of modern science pushing in among the native people the Chinese race will become an increasingly wonderful, strong and vigorous nation.—Kansas City Star.