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OUR BOW.

With this issue of the QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE, we make our debut to the public, and will continue to issue the GAZETTE on Wednesday of each week. Our aim will be to give our readers a live weekly paper, that will find a place in every house in the county, and we hope to receive a fair share of patronage from outside constituencies. From a political standpoint, the GAZETTE will be strictly independent, and will in no way be controlled by any political party. It will be fearless, and out-spoken on all such matters as we consider will have a tendency to advance the interests of the province of New Brunswick, and Queens County in particular. The columns will at all times be open to correspondents representing the great political parties of Canada, for whose opinions, we are in no way responsible. We consider it better to adopt this platform, believing, that such a course is for the best interests of the County. To have a reliable paper, strictly neutral, and in no way committed to any particular party, with its columns at the disposal of the public for the discussion of all matters of public interest, thereby gives us an opportunity to devote our time to more general matters. As the GAZETTE is the first paper ever published in the County, the venture is at our own risk, and has cost us a considerable outlay to establish this business, and the great advantages which a live journal is capable of accomplishing; published in a county with whose interests we are identified, must be clear to the minds of all intelligent persons, and we have sufficient confidence in the foresight and intelligence of the people of Queens County to embark in an enterprise of this kind, believing that they will appreciate our efforts in their behalf, and that they will give the GAZETTE the co-operation and liberal support we will strive to merit. No pains, or expense will be spared to procure the latest foreign and local news, as competent correspondents have been appointed in all the principal centres, local reporters have been secured in all the different sections of the county in order that we may receive the latest news of all matters of interest to make the GAZETTE particularly interesting to the residents of the County. We will carefully guard the farming interests of the County, and devote a portion of our columns to matters containing the best information pertaining to the development of agricultural pursuits. We will at any time gladly receive correspondence on this important subject. That the counties of Queens and Sunbury (which we shall hereafter speak of as one county) from an agricultural standpoint, have no rival in the maritime provinces, that in some sections there is room for improvement and advancement no one will dispute, but, taking the county in a general way, the farmers are quite abreast of the times, and know a good thing when they see it, and are in no way slow to apply it to their advantage. The land on each side of the St. John river possesses, in addition to its extensive marshes, a fertility of soil not usually found in many parts of the Dominion, and from the nature of the soil and its geographical position, is especially adapted to fruit growing. This profitable industry, in previous years has not received the attention it should have. Recently large orchards have been planted and many farmers are making that branch a speciality, conducting it on a scientific scale which cannot fail to be highly remunerative, yielding larger returns than any other branch of farming. We have seen a sample of the fruit grown by Mr. Geo. W. Fox, Esq., near Gagetown, which quite equals anything of the kind produced in Annapolis Valley, and no doubt, the fruit growers of that section are destined to find their hardest competitors on the St. John river. There are also many other sections of the County possessing fine facilities for the pursuit of agriculture. We hope soon to have the pleasure of visiting these sections, and will then be in a better position to express our opinion in regard to them.

The undeveloped mineral wealth of Queen's County is extensive. The coal industry of Newcastle is simply in its infancy, and there is also evidence of the existence of gold, silver and manganese in large quantities. No doubt, the long felt want of railway facilities, (for virtually we have none with the exception of a short line extending from Chipman to Norton) is in a large measure responsible for the dormant state in which these industries continue to remain, but, if political promises are to be relied upon, the iron horse will soon be snorting through our County, which will then become an net

work of railways, this matter we will refer to, at greater length, in our future issues. The people of Queens County in this respect, are a long suffering people, and their patience has endured from generation to generation, just how long that virtue will continue, remains to be seen. The voice of the people regardless of party, express a demand for better railway accommodation and will not be content with political promises of either party only to be forgotten after the polls close on the day of the election.

The lumber interest of the County are of paramount importance, they, like other branches of business are suffering for the long promised want of railway construction. We have vast tracts of timber lands, and mills capable of turning out large quantities of lumber; but aside from the natural God-given shipping advantages, which only last for six calendar months in the year, they are entirely shut out from the market. Could they ship at all seasons of the year to all points, they could largely increase their output, and extend the operations to other branches of the trade.

The water privileges of the county offer great inducements to manufacturers of all kinds, material and labor is cheap, the people are always ready to encourage, and in every way assist any enterprise which may wish to locate in the county; but until better shipping advantages are apparent to capitalists, industries in a large measure will fail to materialize. We hope at the next session of parliament our legislators will look seriously into the matter, and come to our rescue.

The people of Queens County are a reasonable and intelligent class of people, possessing as much enterprise and push as in any other section of the Dominion, and simply ask for such concessions as will place them on an equal footing with other counties.

LEGISLATIVE OF N. B.

His Honor's speech when opening the Legislature, was of ordinary length. His reference to the death of our late Lieut. Governor is in sympathy with the entire province. Both sides of the house will endorse his sentiments in referring to the reign of Queen Victoria and the loyalty of her subjects in this province. The proposed measure for the encouragement of dairying interests and the appropriation for importation of thorough bred stock of all kinds, must certainly be interesting to the farmers of the province, and will, no doubt, receive the co-operative support of both sides of the house. It is certainly, the duty of the government to use every means within their power, for the advancement of the agricultural interests of the province, and when such a measure as this is brought down in good faith, and carried out, is certainly the best efforts of catering in the part of the government. As to the length of the session we are not in a position to say, such, no doubt, depends upon the health of Premier Mitchell. The condition of his health is not so good as it should be in order to discharge the arduous duties as leader of the Assembly.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—The Legislature met at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon and the three new members were sworn in. All the members were present except Mr. Harrison of Sunbury, who is so ill that he will not likely attend this session.

The Governor arrived at three o'clock, accompanied by his aides, Col. Gordon and Col. Call; the coroner, sheriff, etc. A detachment of the R. R. C. I. was present and fired the usual salute. The galleries were crowded, many ladies being present. All the Supreme Court judges sat on the floor of the House.

The speech "from the throne" was as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

1. I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure of the past year to be laid before you, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the present current year up to the opening of this session.

2. Estimates of the probable income and expenditure of the current year will be laid before, and I think you will find that they have been prepared with due regard to economy and the necessities of the public service.

3. Bills in amendment of the laws relating to agriculture, of the laws relating to evidence, of the game laws, and other bills of importance will be laid before you.

4. I commit these to your careful consideration, together with other measures which may come before you, and leave you to your deliberations, trusting to your zeal in the public interest, and confident that your desire to further the general welfare will, under the guidance of Divine Providence, lead you to conclusions which will be in the best interests of the people generally.

It affords me great pleasure to meet you in parliament assembled for the discharge of your important legislative duties for the first time since I have entered upon the trust reposed in me as the representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this province.

The lamented death of my immediate predecessor in a foreign land, whither he had gone seeking the restoration of his health, was deeply felt by the whole people of his native province, to whose interests he had devoted so much of his life, and I am confident you will join with me in paying a just tribute of respect to his memory.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the fairly prosperous condition of the business of the province. Provi-

dence has given to our farmers average crops, and wherever farming has been pursued upon correct principles, results have been satisfactory. I am happy to be able to assure you that throughout the province generally there is a gradual improvement of methods in agriculture, and I trust the day is not far distant when our farmers will take their proper position among their brother workers in the different provinces of the Dominion. The rapid development of the dairy industry in the province within the past years and many recent changes and improvements in agricultural methods with which it is of the utmost importance that our farmers should keep fully abreast in order to hold their proper position in the Dominion has led my government to consider carefully the state of the law with regard to agriculture, with a view to bringing them up more fully to the requirements of the times. Measures will be submitted for your consideration which it is hoped will still further stimulate this most important industry.

Our lumberman, who compose so large a class of our population, have also had a prosperous year, and are looking to the future more hopefully than for some time past. The policy of my government in conserving as far as possible the forest lands of the province has had an excellent effect upon the lumbering business, and this will be felt more and more as years elapse and our timber lands become more valuable.

The reign of our most gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, has exceeded in length that of any of her predecessors who have occupied the throne of England, or of Great Britain and Ireland. Her reign represents an era in the history of the empire marked by great development in arts and manufactures, in political liberty, in the improved moral and social condition of the whole people, in christian benevolence, and in the vast extension of the empire, and its increase in material wealth and power. In connection with these is the power for good which has always marked the public and private life of Her Majesty, and has made itself felt in every part of the empire. We may safely predict that her reign will be regarded as the brightest in the annals of our country, and I am confident that the loyal subjects of her most gracious majesty in New Brunswick will join during the year in celebrating the triumphs of this long and glorious epoch in the history of the empire.

While our province has during the past year been blessed with an abundant harvest and a large measure of general prosperity, a serious calamity has befallen our fellow subjects in India, where a famine of almost unprecedented severity has desolated a wide extent of territory and brought suffering and death to many thousands. The bond which unites all dependencies of the crown is, happily, such that disaster can befall no part of the empire, however remote, without exciting a responsive sympathy throughout the whole. Indeed a calamity so widespread and severe as is that which has cast its devastating blight over so large a portion of India cannot fail to evoke an active sympathy from all Christian people, without distinction of race or nationality. As was expected, therefore, much has been done to alleviate the acute distress and suffering which mark the progress of this great disaster; but unhappily, much yet remains to be done. I am satisfied that it is only necessary for me to point out to the people of this province how urgent is the call upon them from our suffering fellow subjects in India to ensure a ready and benevolent response.

The subject of cold storage has occupied much of the attention of my government during recess, and they have tried to arrange for the construction of such depots as will meet the requirements of the various sections of the province. Thus far their efforts have not met with the desired success, but it is hoped in the near future, as the great advantages of the system become better known and appreciated, parties will be found who, with fair encouragement, will undertake the work and carry it to completion.

At the last session of the Legislature an appropriation was made to provide for the importation of cattle, sheep and swine. My government, after giving the matter their careful consideration, did not, for various reasons, deem it expedient to make an importation of cattle during the then current year. A number of pure bred swine was imported and distributed in various sections of the province and I am pleased to inform you that this has met with general approval.

Public attention has been recently directed to the desirability of attracting the steady flow of tourist travel from our sister provinces and the neighboring republic towards our province. Aside from the unsurpassed natural scenery of our province and our inviting climate, the opportunities afforded to sportsmen must always be an incentive to such travel, and my government will further invite your favorable consideration to the greater perfection of our game laws with a view to the preservation of so important a source of wealth to our people.

Mrs. Gordon held an at home this afternoon in Mrs. McClellan's honor, and it was largely attended.

The Governor has a state dinner at the Queen Hotel this evening. All the cabinet but Mr. Mitchell will attend. There will be twenty-four guests.

The reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. Carpenter.

Isaac Wellington Carpenter, the new representative for Queens county, was born at Wickham, June 22nd, 1849. He is a son of Rev. Thomas W. Carpenter, and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Slipp. He received his education at the parish school and at the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton. On Feb. 28th, 1883, he married Ida E. Worden who died April 2nd, 1887. He was married again on June 8th, 1888, to Gertrude A. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was elected a councillor for the municipality of Queens for the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881, and warden for 1879. On the 21st of September, 1896, he was elected a representative of Queens county in the House of Assembly without opposition.

In provincial affairs Mr. Carpenter is a supporter of the government, and in Dominion politics, he is a Liberal. In religion he is a Free Christian Baptist. Charles J. Osman is the new member for Albert, the successor to Dr. Lewis, M. P. He is a native of England, 45 years

of age, and the manager of the Albert Manufacturing Company, which operates large plaster quarries in Albert county. Mr. Osman came to Canada in 1871, and has resided at Hillsborough for twenty years. His wife was Miss Laura E. Tompkins. He was for several years a member of the Albert Municipal Council, and in 1890 ran for the Legislature, but was defeated by seven votes. He is a supporter of the government and a Conservative in Dominion politics.

We regret that for want of space in our columns, we cannot give a full report of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. In our future issue we will endeavor to give our readers the parliamentary proceedings as authentic as possible.

Queens County Financial Standing.

Queens County Council which convened on the 19th January last was congratulated by C. D. Dykeman the County Auditor, on the financial showing made during the year, and on the fact that the County of Queens now stands, not only absolutely free of debt, but has on hand for future payments, on school account \$3469.84 and for contingent fund \$763.92. He felt satisfied that the financial position of the county to-day stood better than at any previous period of its history. He found the books and accounts neatly and plainly kept and easy to be understood. He personally appreciated the energetic and economical manner in which the Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Babbitt continually discharged his duty, and he felt that the Council had reason to be proud in having their finances in the hands of one so judicious and careful, whose ambition seems to be to place Queens in the front rank of the municipalities of our province.

From the Auditor's report which is full and comprehensive, the following fact are gleaned.

Paid Parish Collectors as follows:

Brunswick	A. B. Clark	\$13.95
Cambridge	H. E. White	35.81
Canning	J. G. Sypher	8.61
Chipman	J. Denton	14.00
Gagetown	not yet settled.	
Hampstead	James Barnett	51.55
Johnston	G. J. Rathburn	28.49
Petersville	David Muir	33.22
Waterborough	Wm. Kirkpatrick	27.80
Wickham	M. Kelly	11.24
	W. A. Barton	10.14
	G. W. McDonald	13.26
		\$248.07

The different Parish Clerks were paid \$4.00 each, or in all \$40.00.

Paid Councillors mileage in all \$96.50

Assessors' fees as follows:

Brunswick	\$ 4.27
Cambridge	11.25
Canning	12.27
Chipman	13.02
Gagetown	15.12
Hampstead	12.59
Johnston	20.13
Petersville	14.16
Waterborough	10.95
Wickham	5.31
	\$119.67

Revisors fees paid, \$4.00 each, or in all \$120.00.

Paid for Printing	\$123.20
Paid Court Jury fees	79.39
Paid Division Registrar	22.57
	\$225.07

PAID LEGAL EXPENSES

A. W. Baird road expenses Hampstead	\$40.00
Queens vs Reid Sheriff and Deputy of Carleton Co.	31.50
Queens vs Reid, A. H. Clay	25.00
	\$96.50

PAID LUNATIC EXPENSES.

D. O. Branscombe taking C. Hawkhurst to asylum	\$15.70
J. A. Capwell, M. D. examination in re. McGaw	5.40
Pauper Insane Cambridge re. Nissey Currie	65.00
Pauper Insane Chipman re. John C. Fraser	65.00
Pauper Insane Petersville in re. Jennie Wallace	65.00
	216.10

COUNTY OFFICERS SALARY, POSTAGE, STATISTICAL.

Postage and Electoral Lists etc.	\$730.24
Miscellaneous Expenses	85.25
School fund showed a balance on hand at last audit of	\$3164.76
Receipts for year	3937.82
	\$7102.58

Paid County School drafts	\$3632.74
Total on hand	\$3469.84

There is due from the Parishes on School Fund.....\$421.99

There is due from the Parishes on Contingent Fund.....\$337.73

Paid Overseers Poor as follows:

Brunswick	\$ 40.00
Cambridge	165.00
Chipman	258.00
Gagetown	371.16
Hampstead	76.52
Johnston	25.00
Petersville	170.00
Waterborough	100.00
Total	\$1205.68

For the year on Contingent acct. The receipts over expenditure was.....\$357.16

The receipts over expenditure on School Fund	305.08
Not gain for the year	\$662.24

It will thus be seen a fair gain financially has been made on the year's work notwithstanding the complaint of the collectors that the season or year was the hardest for collecting they had ever experienced. Hard times was the general cry, yet the officers in the main, done nobly.

ADVERTISING.—The attention of our readers is called to our advertising columns, and note what the live business men of Fredericton have to say.

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