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THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY.

The session of New Brunswick House of Assembly which opens to-morrow, promises to be of short duration and it is not likely that the time of the members will be taken up with the display of oratorical fireworks on the part of Opposition members to the extent that has been the experience in the last few sessions.

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Premier Emmerson meets the House with the largest following the present Government has ever had, and coming from the people with the hearty stamp of popular approval, will be strong enough to carry through any legislation which he and his colleagues may consider in the best interests of New Brunswick.

ing in vogue in this Province is not the most satisfactory and economical, that he will be open for any improvement that he can devise in the method of tender for these structures. We in New Brunswick are willing to give the preference to our local bridge builders even if their structures be a trifle more costly, but neither the people nor the Administration have any desire to cater to any needless extravagance in the price paid to local contractors.

The contention of the Opposition in regard to the Provincial system of book-keeping is also a matter which will probably come up for consideration, and this too is not a matter to be settled arbitrarily. We believe that an Opposition has its proper functions in directing attention to what its members may consider existing faults in the legislation or departmental management and we only trust that in the new House the Opposition will prove more useful and less carping in its criticism.

The session will be watched with friendly interest by the bulk of our people anxious to get the weight and measure of many of the members now entering public life for the first time, and more anxious that the Government shall by the acts of the new House prove to the popular satisfaction the faith shown in its members on the 18th of February last.

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There has been in the past too much evidence on the part of otherwise sensible citizens of a determination to oppose the Premier's efforts towards good roads simply because they feared that some credit might accrue to the Administration from the greatly needed reform. We believe that the suggestion made, we understand, by Mr. Emmerson, some time ago for the abolition of the statute labor system is a good one, as it is generally admitted that this plan of road making has outlived its usefulness and is responsible for much of the delay in the

expected improvement in our roads. Better roads could be built for less money if a general tax were imposed and the Commissioner given the direction of the expenditure.

We trust that the Government may see its way clear to introduce some much needed legislation in the direction of a reform of the system of maintaining the roads of New Brunswick, and in the meantime every citizen should support the plea of the Good Roads Association of New Brunswick for an improvement which means an advantage to all.

ANOTHER PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

We print elsewhere the speech from the Throne delivered by His Excellency the Governor General on the opening of the fourth session of the eighth parliament of Canada. From this it will be seen that the Government give but a faint conception of what the important measures are which will form the basis of the deliberations of the two Houses during the present session. Mention is made of the great expansion of the country's trade and commerce, the consequent increase in the prosperity of our people and the marked improvement in the immigration of desirable class of permanent settlers which with the total cessation of the exodus of our population to the neighboring republic fairly outlines the benefits which have accrued to Canada from the advent to power of the far-seeing and progressive statesmen who for the past three years have controlled the destinies of the country.

Formal reference is made to the prohibition plebiscite and to the introduction of the domestic and imperial penny postage while the important announcement is made in reference to the Yukon that the government intend asking for authority to construct a telegraph line into that country. The only other measure outlined in the speech is that for the redistribution of the electoral districts, presumably with a view to undo the wrong committed by the gerrymander bill of the old administration.

No mention is made of the suggested measure for the reform of the Senate, but it is very probable that this and many other important bills be introduced by the government before the session closes.

We will endeavor each week to give a concise but comprehensive report of the deliberations of the House with a view to keeping our readers duly informed of the more important measures introduced and of the attitude of our legislators thereon.

THE NEW SENATOR.

The appointment of Mr. Peter McSweeney, of Moncton, to fill the vacancy in the Senate of Canada caused by the death of Senator Adams, of Northumberland, will be well received throughout the Province of New Brunswick and particularly in the North Shore counties where the appointee is best known. While the people of Kent would perhaps have preferred that the honor should have been bestowed on one of our Acadian citizens, it must be admitted that no more representative Cath-

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olic was mentioned for the vacancy than the gentleman upon whom it has been conferred. Mr. McSweeney has for the past thirty years been closely identified with the business interests of his county, successfully carrying on one of the leading dry goods establishments of his native town—Moncton. Besides being a successful and enterprising business man, the new senator has been a close student of public affairs, taking an active interest in all that made for the advancement of his town and county and of the country as a whole.

We in Kent heartily join in the congratulations being offered to Senator McSweeney and trust that he may be spared for many years for the enjoyment of his new honors, confident that he will be a worthy addition to the councils of Canada in the deliberation and settlement of matters of public interest.

SHAMROCK GUARDED.

LONDON, March 17.—A friend of Sir Thomas Lipton who saw the cup challenger Shamrock yesterday said that the frame work of the yacht has been completed, including the planking and plating. The vessel will probably not be ready for launching before the end of May.

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THE I. C. R. BLOCKADE.

TRAIN BURIED UNDER AN AVALANCHE OF SNOW. QUEBEC, March 20.—Yesterday afternoon as an I. C. R. freight train, consisting of an engine and several cars, was passing Hadlow, Levis, about the spot where the great avalanche of last year occurred, an immense snow-slide took place and completely buried it in. A force of 100 men was at once set to work to dig it out, and while they were so engaged a second and smaller avalanche occurred and buried twenty of the men.

Since yesterday at noon no trains have come into or left Levis and none may be able to do so before tonight. On this side the Quebec and Lake St. John and Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix railways are also blocked, the C. P. R. being the only line open. The storm is not over yet and is the worst of the season.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

BOY KILLED BY AN I. C. R. SHUNTER AT ST. JOHN. ST. JOHN, N. B., March 20.—On Saturday afternoon a lad named Riley, about ten years old, met instant death while he with a few companions was playing about the I. C. R. yard. A shunter with engineer Como in charge moved some flat cars from one of the sheds down the track. The boys were playing about these cars and when the shunter started to move them the boys jumped off. A minute or two later the trainmen found young Riley's body. The boy was evidently dead when found. No external marks or any severe injuries are visible on the body, and it is generally admitted that the lad in jumping from the cars was caught between the draw bars in some way and his young career ended.

CHILDREN CRY FOR CASTORIA.

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\$3,000,000 PLANT.

DOMINION STEEL AND IRON CO. WILL ERRECT WORKS IN CAPE BRETON. HALIFAX, March 18.—The new Dominion Steel and Iron Company have asked the government to remit the royalty for five years on all coal used in the manufacture of their product, promising if this is done, to erect a \$3,000,000 plant in Cape Breton, commencing work before August 1st. The government declined to grant the exemption as requested, but agreed to remit half the royalty for the longer period of eight years. This, Premier Murray says, would be more in the interest both of the country and of the company. A bill was introduced to this effect. Mr. Whitney's company proposed to manufacture steel and iron in competition not merely for the Canadian market, but for the United States and Europe. Cape Breton has agreed to give the company exemption from taxation for 30 years. There may be some opposition in the legislature to the granting of the special privileges proposed.

AGUNALDO FURIOUS. MANILA, March 20.—Aguinaldo is taking extreme measures to suppress signs calculated to cause a cessation hostilities. Twelve adherents of independence have been condemned to death because they wrote advising surrender to General Lagarda has visited Malolos for the purpose of advising Aguinaldo to quit. He attempted to convince Aguinaldo of the folly of persisting in the face of overwhelming odds. Aguinaldo grew furious and ordered Lagarda to be executed immediately. He was promptly decapitated.

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