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THE SESSION'S WORK.

The legislative session which closed at Fredericton on Wednesday last, was short, being exactly of five weeks' duration, but was marked by legislation of such an important and progressive character that it is well to make a brief review of it.

First of all is the act providing for the development of the coal areas in Queens and Sunbury. These areas are estimated to contain 200,000,000 chaldrons of coal. Many attempts have been made to develop them in the past, but so far without success. The government, recognizing that the construction of a railway from the present terminus of the Central railway at Chipman, through the rich coal deposits in Newcastle and vicinity, was the only sure means of bringing about the desired result, has obtained the authority of the legislature to grant such aid as will ensure the immediate extension of the railway, and the installation of a mining plant, capable of mining 500 tons per day. This plan will make certain the rapid development of the coal areas and would, doubtless, ensure a reasonable output of coal. The government, however, did not stop here. Recognizing the necessity for a market, the legislature has, at the instance of the government, provided that railway companies shall pay to the provincial exchequer a yearly tax not exceeding three per cent. of their gross earnings; but if they use New Brunswick coal, the government may grant an abatement of the tax. When it is borne in mind that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company alone uses about 50,000 tons of coal a year on its eastern division, and having in view the abatement of tax to the amount of from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per annum which will be allowed that company if it uses New Brunswick coal, it will be seen what an important factor the C. P. R. Company will be in the development of our New Brunswick coal fields.

Inside of a year there will be a railway in operation between Norton and Fredericton, and the rich coal fields of Queens and Sunbury, which, in the past, have been comparatively dormant, will be the scenes of industrial life and activity, which will mean much to the province.

The liberal aid granted by the legislature toward the erection of a large coal storage warehouse in St. John, and of five smaller ones in central portions of the province, will, we know, ensure the erection of a warehouse of very large capacity at this port, and, we trust, of smaller warehouses in various sections of the province in the near future.

These warehouses must prove of the greatest possible benefit to all who are interested in the marketing, in prime condition, of the

perishable products of the farm and the sea.

The District Courts act will meet with popular approval. The effect will be to give to the people a cheap and easy, and, after a time, an experienced tribunal to determine cases, in which, owing to the small amount involved, it is not practicable or desirable to resort to the Supreme or County Courts.

The government realizing the danger to the Provincial Exchequer of a general subsidy act, has decided to take up each road on its own merits. In accordance with this idea, three roads only, but each having strong claims, were assisted. The road from Shediac to Cape Tormentine will give much needed accommodation to a thickly populated and very fertile section of country.

The road from Foreston, on the C. P. R., in Carleton County, eastward, is intended to reach the headwaters of the Miramichi, and it is said will give a great stimulus to lumbering and milling operations in the district which it will traverse.

The line from a point on the St. Francis branch of the Temiscouata Railway to the Quebec boundary will form part of a new line of railway from Quebec to the valley of the St. John river at Edmundston, and ultimately of a through trunk line from the west to the seaports of the maritime provinces. In connection with this line, it is expected that the Saint John Valley Railway Company, incorporated during the session just closed, will play an important part. The government attached two important conditions to the grant of aid to the Quebec and New Brunswick line, first that before granting the subsidy, satisfactory evidence should be granted to the governor in council that the company has completed arrangements to build its whole line, and secondly that the government might stipulate for the use of New Brunswick coal on the company's entire system. This provision will still further stimulate the output of coal from New Brunswick mines, and we understand the stipulation is acceptable to the company, it being understood, of course, that the coal can be furnished, of good quality, and at a reasonable cost.

As a result of the legislation promoted by the government, we may reasonably look forward to a considerable amount of activity in railway building and coal mining in the immediate future.

The concessions which the legislature has empowered the government to grant to the company promoted by Col. Calhoun, will, it is hoped, lead to important mining operations in Albert county. About \$30,000 has already been expended in development work, with the result that the company was in a position to assure the government that if the concessions asked for were granted, it would expend at least half a million dollars in putting in a plant, sinking shafts, opening tunnels, and building a railway to the mines. While these operations will cost the province nothing, if the expectations of the company are realized, many thousands of dollars in royalties will come into the provincial exchequer.

Apart from the legislation outlined above, many other useful and important bills of a public and private character were passed. The various committees gave careful attention to their work, and although no time was wasted, there was no undue haste, and all measures were carefully considered. From start to finish it was noticeable that members of the government and private members as well, were assiduous in their attention to their legislative duties.

The debates were marked by the best of feeling.

The premier led the house with marked ability, and the dignified manner in which the various important questions were discussed by members on both sides shows that the best traditions of the New Brunswick legislature are still being observed and acted upon.—St. John Telegraph.

A MESS OF POTTAGE.

After spending the best years of his life in assisting the liberal party to a successful assertion of its principles, and incidentally giving financial aid in the same direction both in his own and other electoral contests, we find Mr. H. H. Cook trying to revenge fancied wrongs by an attack on the integrity of the very leaders for whom he had spent and been spent. Such a curious spectacle is sufficiently interesting to cause an enquiry into the reasons which induced Mr. Cook to forget old friendships and principles, and throw himself into the arms of his old time foes even to the extent of blindly signing the sworn statements his enemies prepared for him. Revenge was his object and as almost always happens, revenge without a real injury. The fancied wrong which Mr. Cook magnified in his broodings into a real grievance, was his failure to receive an appointment to the Senate. Now, the people of Canada have fortunately not reached the point where it is assumed that party patriotism must of necessity and absolute right be rewarded by office at the expense of the country. Naturally enough each political party in appointing men to any positions within their gift give the preference to friends, with the result that Judges, Senators and other appointees are chosen from the ranks of the dominant party. But withal there is a sense of fitness demanded in these appointments, and if we are to form an opinion from the Senate investigation of Mr. Cook's charges, it would be that one result at least was apparent, namely, the absolute unfitness of Mr. Cook to represent Canada in its Upper Chamber. The members of the government seem to have felt that Mr. Cook's qualifications and Mr. Cook's ambitions were not in keeping—hence the rupture. If Mr. Cook had desired to be made Chief Justice or one of the Cabinet the result would have been the same, for no doubt Mr. Cook is quite convinced of his peculiar capabilities to fill any one of these high and honorable positions. Most men are in their own eyes, but they look through different colored glasses from their fellow citizens. That was the hind and front of the government's offending, that Cook was not made a Senator.

We fancy from the evidence that Mr. Cook is a brooder, a man who turns his grievances and disappointments over and over as a choice morsel is turned over and over by the cud loving bovine, until they seem bigger than all else. It is easy for a man of such temperament to fancy wrongs and to hurry himself into discreditable action in his passion for revenge. Mr. Cook was undoubtedly made the tool of the government's opponents who have in their attempt to wreck the government, succeeded in making Mr. Cook thoroughly contemptible and ridiculous in the eyes of the people of Canada. Poor Cook! He gets laughed at and despised as a net result of his revenge proceedings, and even the parties who encouraged him in this action are fain to shake their sides in merriment at Cook's forlorn condition. He surely is a pitiable figure. He started out to play the avenger in a tragedy, he has succeeded in representing the

clown in the pantomime. His attempts to wreck the government have utterly failed and their only result has been to separate him from the sympathy and consideration of his old time political associates. He has, like many another renegade, sold his political birthright for a mess of pottage.

BY THE WAY.

Mr. W. F. Humphrey, M. P. P., for Westmoreland, figured in one of the absurd scenes of the last session of the House of Assembly. He undertook to bait Attorney General Pugsley on the matter of the latter's salary. When the Attorney General arose to reply, Mr. Humphrey's discretion got the better of his courage and he fled.

Another absurdity was presented by Mr. J. D. Hazen, the leader of the opposition. He had early in the session made a lengthy declamation eulogizing the Supreme Court Judges for their stupid and ignorant judgment in the matter of the Rothesay non-resident list. When the question of referring to them the commission to be allowed the Attorney General for collecting the tax on estates, Mr. Hazen decided the New Brunswick judges were neither efficient nor worthy of confidence.

The census enumerators are getting more accustomed to the work of numbering the people. They have been at work 10 days and should finish in another fortnight.

How the tory organs love to gloat over the exodus from Canada to the United States, most of which is now fancied. In the days when the exodus was all too real, a liberal paper was termed disloyal for noting the fact of the emigration to the republic.

The St. John Telegraph is improving every day. On Saturday it appeared in 16 page form, that issue being a credit not only to the paper management but to the city of St. John.

Mr. Geo. E. Foster has returned to the lecture platform. Speaking in Toronto he advocated the government taking control of the manufacture and sale of liquor along the lines of the Gothenburg system. This avowed change of principle on the part of this pronounced prohibitionist is being excused on various grounds. Most people will see in it another "moment of weakness," which it will take a lifetime to repair.

April showers are now the order of the day.

Premier Tweedie has disappointed all his adverse critics in his able handling of the session just closed. He is a credit to the north shore.

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Moncton Transcript: At the residence of Mr. J. S. Rayworth, of the Customs Department, on Good Friday, the death of Sarah, relict of John C. Bent, who for many years resided at Jacquet River, took place. The deceased lady who was eighty-two years of age, has resided for many years with her son-in-law, Mr. Rayworth. She was in good health Friday and around the house as usual, but after tea was taken with a sudden attack of heart failure. Medical assistance was sent for and restoratives applied but she did not rally and died about eight o'clock. She leaves only one daughter, Mrs. Rayworth. The deceased was a Miss Barnes, born at Woodpoint, Sackville. The funeral took place from Mr. Rayworth's residence at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the Rural Cemetery.

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ST. NICHOLAS RIVER NOTES.
APRIL 8.—I hope that North Pole Nat and Goggles will soon recover from their fit of insanity. In the meantime I will try and write some of the latest happenings of the day.

The weather of the past has been very disagreeable and the roads are almost impassable.

Mr. R. B. Masterton spent Easter at home.

Miss Bessie Mundle arrived home from Boston Saturday, having spent the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. Smith.

Mr. John McNulty is slowly recovering from an attack of la grippe.

As the snow has been very plentiful this winter and mud hauling has been a failure, it has given some of the old people of this vicinity a chance to do a great deal of gossiping. We hope that in future they will set a better example to the young people than they have done in the past.

APRIL 8.—Mr. John McNulty, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is convalescent.

Mr. Geo. Wilson, who is residing in Moncton, paid a flying visit to this place.

R. B. Masterton, of the Dalhousie High school, is spending the Easter holidays with his parents.

The Richibucto drama, "Hazel Kirke," will be postponed until a later date. This is a play worth seeing, especially as it will be played by amateurs that are talented as professionals. The roads will be fairly passable and as our plays are always attended by Richibucto folks, we should have St. Nicholas River well represented on the eventful night.

N. P. Nat has left the country, so I advise his friends not to lose any sleep over his inability to turn handspins and twist his face into a hundred different shapes. These performances are all right on the stage, but on the unsteady deck of a schooner it would be a very undignified performance for a gallant captain. Verily odium parit.

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Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Griggs—Women seldom marry their ideals.

Briggs—No, they have sense enough not to do anything of that sort.—Boston Transcript.

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Word was received last week at Sackville of the death of Fred W. Sprague, Calgary. The deceased was thirty years of age and formerly taught in the M. Academy at Sackville, and last year attended Harvard. He was a son of I. Sprague. The remains were buried Hampton, N. B.

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