

AS SEEN IN FREDERICTON.

What a Correspondent Has to Say About the Government and Opposition.

FREDERICTON, March 21.—One week from the opening. Still the government holds the fort. Still the heathen rage, while the righteous are discomfited. Still the mad March winds frisk and frolic in wanton sport o'er buried hopes. And still the tumb wherein the "dust and ashes of execration" were to settle thickly on the premier's prostrate form is empty, and advertised "to let."

The sensation of the week was the stumpage resolution which Premier Blair moved on Tuesday. The move was a surprising one. Not a man outside the government camp knew that the premier was loaded for bear when he rose quietly from his seat with the motion in his hand on Saturday morning last. For two days before, the attorney-general had sat mute beneath the storm of inquiries that were hailed upon him from the opposition benches. But when he gave the answer, it seemed to be sufficiently early and decisive to suit the most fastidious taste. Nor is there now any doubt that the government has at least a working majority, past predictions to the contrary, notwithstanding.

So far, it cannot be denied that the duty of leading the opposition has been discharged by Mr. Hanington with tact and judgment. His remarks on the address in reply to his honor's speech were moderate in tone, and characterized (as friend Wilson would say) by fairness and reason. His speech on the stumpage question was an able one, and it is doubtful if there ever was a time when he stood higher in the general estimation of the House than now.

I note that Mr. Gregory continues to display a painful degree of prevalence. Now pacing the corridors with panther tread, now in the telegraph office dashing off a despatch, now standing outside the rail beckoning to Dr. Atkinson or Dr. Stockton, now rushing about from one hotel to another—really it would seem as if Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Pickett are not going to be missed so much from the House after all. The fear that they should not have a worthy successor is beginning to be dispelled. Whether such light comedy roles as these are suited to George's sombre mind and weighty frame, however, is questionable. The belief that a period of comparative repose on Mr. Gregory's part is called for, seems to be quite general on both sides of the House.

Mr. Phinney's position in the House is a peculiar one. It had been claimed by the Blair party that he would give the government an independent support, but on the question of stumpage, he showed himself dead "agin the government." While wishing a reduction, he did not believe in the attorney general's way of doing things. Mr. Phinney is one of the most honorable members of the House—almost too conscientious perhaps for a politician—and no man in it is more personally popular.

The caucus the Government held the other night makes it possible to pretty accurately gauge the strength of the two parties in the House. Twenty-three members were present, two others being absent by reason of illness. They all swore by the Koran, it is said. I think the parties may be placed as follows:

Government—Murray, Labllois, Ryan, Poirier, Tweedie, Burchill, Robinson, O'Brien, LeBlanc, Pugsley, Taylor, White, Mitchell, Hibbard, Douglas, Russell, Palmer, Hetherington, Harrison, Blair, Wilson, Bellamy, Anderson, Ketchum, Baird, Theriault.—26.

Opposition—Hanington, Stevens, Powell, Turner, Lewis, Stockton, Alward, Shaw, Smith, McKeown, Rourke, Perley, Atkinson.—13.

Independent—Phinney, Melanson.—2.

One of the most unassuming members of the House is Dr. Taylor. Unlike the other political physicians in the Assembly the doctor is a peaceful man. He is straight Government, first, last and all the time, and by reason of his personal popularity adds much to the strength of the ticket in Kings. In the Assembly he seldom speaks at any length, but is a close observer and appreciative listener of the oratory of others. In committee the doctor shows himself to be possessed of plenty of good horse sense, as well as excellent information of the subjects under consideration.

When Mr. Tweedie was in Opposition he expressed himself freely towards the dudes in the Crown Land office who wore canes. The dudes are there yet, but the canes have disappeared since Lemuel took charge.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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HAMPTON.

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MAR. 19.—Mrs. Brady, of Titusville, has been visiting her friends here for the past week.

Miss Lottie Barnes, who has been quite ill at her home, Brookside, is slowly recovering.

Mr. Thomas W. Lee, Rothesay, and Mr. Robert J. Gilbert, of Dorchester, were among the visitors in town last week.

Dr. O. J. McCully, of Moncton, delivered the fifth lecture in the sidewalk fund course, in Smith's hall, on Tuesday evening to a good house, subject, "Old Clothes."

At the close a vote of thanks was moved by Rev. C. H. Paisley, and seconded by Rev. Wm. Tweedie.

Mrs. S. Hayward and Miss Jennie Raymond went to the city on Friday.

Miss Annie Cochran, of Passeskeag, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Noah M. Barnes, Linden Heights, has returned home.

Rev. Howard Sprague, of Marysville, spent a day or two in Hampton last week, visiting his parents at Sunny Slope.

Mrs. Noah M. Barnes, accompanied by her niece, Miss Maggie K. Barnes, left for Fredericton on Tuesday, to spend a few weeks visiting Mrs. Barnes's sister, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Mr. J. Howe Allen and family, who have resided at the village for the past few years, will return to the city in a few weeks, having taken a house in the West End. They have made many friends while here, who will regret to hear of their intended removal.

BATHURST.

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MARCH 19.—Miss Plant and Miss Peters, of St. John, are the guests of the latter's brother, Rev. G. J. D. Peters, at the Parsonage.

Hon. Judge Wilkinson is presiding and R. A. Lawlor, barrister, of Newcastle, is in attendance at the circuit court this week.

Hon. P. G. Ryan had recovered sufficiently from his late illness to leave on Thursday last for Fredericton. His many friends here are sorry to learn that he is not yet entirely convalescent.

Our curling rink on Thursday was the scene of match games between three rinks from Campbellton and three rinks from Bathurst. The games excited the keenest interest among the crowds of spectators. The Bathurst boys came out winners each time; but the Campbelltonians joined with hearty good will in the "three cheers for Bathurst" with which the reading of the score was received.

The music loving portion of the town are loud in their praises of the brass band, which under the leadership of Professor Harrington, has been discoursing sweet sounds every skating night for the past week.

NEWCASTLE.

MARCH 18.—Newcastle has been unexceptionally quiet this winter, socially speaking. Mr. Sinclair gave a party last Thursday week, but owing to the heavy easterly storm prevailing that evening many were unable to attend. Those who were fortunate enough to get there had a delightful evening, as they always do at the Bridge.

Mrs. Will Mitchell spent last week in Chatham, visiting friends there.

Miss Whitlock, of St. Andrews, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Street.

Having disposed of the Waverly to Mr. Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will move, about the first of April, into one of Mr. Wyse's houses, and will keep a few private boarders. I am just dying to know who are the young couple (to be married) who are going to board with Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Frank Maltby is home on a vacation and is quite an interesting acquisition to our army (?) of young gentlemen.

The young gentlemen are talking of a masquerade ball for Easter Monday. It would be a very enjoyable affair, I think, and something very rare in these parts.

"Bob" Armstrong, who is very popular, has been confined to the house for the past four weeks with an injured knee.

Mr. James Randle, who has been absent for three years on the Pacific coast, is home on a visit.

Mr. James O. Fish has returned from New York. LEX.

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Secretary H. H. McLean had previously

arrived by the train from St. John, and wore a genial smile while the citizens waited for the rest of the company to arrive. When the special drew up the first member of the company to appear was Mr. Frank Todd, of St. Stephen. He was followed by several of "the boys" who did not belong to the company, but had come along to keep him company, and by nobody else.

Yet the company was there to all intents and purposes, and every man was fully and legally represented. Messrs. McLean and Todd were two, and the proxies they had in their pockets were the rest.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Todd, on the proxy of Russell Sage, and Mr. McLean, as the proxy of Giles E. Taintor, seconded by the proxy of somebody else, moved that Mr. Todd take the chair. Mr. Todd, as the proxy of two other men, moved that Mr. McLean be secretary. The motions were carried

without a dissenting voice, and then the two members of the company present in person had a very harmonious meeting with all the other members present by the proxies in their possession. Mr. McLean would make the motions in the name of this stockholder or that, and Mr. Todd would formally put them. Then the two would vote for all they were worth, and all that the proxies they held were worth. Their voices were the only ones heard, and there was a complete absence of any attempt at common council oratory on the part of either of the speakers.

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