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THE HOUSE DISSOLVED

The Legislature of New Brunswick elected on March 3rd, 1908, has been dissolved by the Lieutenant Governor and a new election ordered. Nominations will take place on June 13th and polling one week later or June 20th.

The anxiety of the Flemming government as far as possible to escape public discussion of their conduct is attested by the fact that they have fixed the date of polling barely within the time limit prescribed by law. The campaign will be short and it should be sharp and decisive.

It cannot be said that the Liberal forces have been taken by surprise by the announcement of dissolution. They knew that it was coming and have for weeks been quietly preparing for it. The party is strong and aggressive throughout the province and ready to join issue with the incompetent, pledge breaking administration which has been misruling for a little more than four years. They have in Mr. A. B. Copp, a forceful, talented and popular leader, who, though a young man, has had long experience in public life, and who if entrusted with the confidence of the people can be counted upon to give the province a good, sound, honest, progressive and business like administration of affairs.

The Hazen-Flemming government went into power pledged to economy. How have they kept that promise? By adding upwards of a million dollars to the public debt, by adding nearly half a million annually to the controllable expenditure and by increasing the interest charges. They promised to inaugurate a policy that would give the people good roads. They carried out the promise by doubling the taxation and creating an army of useless officials to spend the people's hard earned money. As a result of their mistaken policy the roads are actually in a worse condition today than they were previous to 1908. The government solemnly promised that under their administration all public works would be put up to public competition. Instead of carrying out the promise they have employed the days work system, with the result that "various persons" have been permitted to plunder the public treasury.

There never was a government in this history of New Brunswick that appealed to the people with such a disgraceful record of extravagance, incompetency, and broken pledges as has characterized the Flemming administration. They have forfeited all claim to public confidence, and they have well earned the crushing defeat which awaits them at the polls on the 20th of next month. It is time for a change.

FLEMMING THE WOBBLER

Premier Flemming is the champion wobbler in the local political arena. He never does anything until public opinion forces his hand, and so far as consistency is concerned he apparently does not know the meaning of the word. He was the principal speaker at the ceremony in connection with the turning of the first sod of the Valley Railway at Woodstock on Wednesday last and is reported by the St. John Standard to have said:

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE (THE VALLEY) ROAD WILL GET A SHARE OF THE WESTERN TRAFFIC. Someone may say there is no room for more railways, but instead there is no room for jealousies between rival companies, FOR THERE IS ENOUGH TRAFFIC AND TO SPARE FOR ALL THE RAILWAYS THAT CAN BE CONSTRUCTED. IT IS A QUESTION OF GETTING THE RAILWAYS FOR THE TRAFFIC."

"Beginning at St. John the railway will make connection with a Transcontinental railway near Grand Falls. The I.C.R. will have an arrangement to handle traffic of the great Canadian Northern Railway east of Montreal and Quebec and the construction of the Valley Railway will bring the I.C.R. to the seaboard by a shorter route than by any other line."

Now contrast the above with the views expressed by the Premier on

May 26th 1911, just a year ago. In a letter addressed to Hon. Dr. Pugsley on that date, he expressed himself as being opposed to I.C.R. operation and opposed to the extension of the road to Grand Falls. Here is one of the arguments he used:

"Were the railway extended from St. John to Grand Falls, I do not think that the Grand Trunk Pacific would switch their traffic from their own steel to the seaboard. I WOULD GREATLY FEAR THE LINE IF SO CONSTRUCTED WOULD NEVER BE THE CONVEYOR OF ANY LARGE AMOUNT OF OCEAN BOUND TRAFFIC."

One year ago the Premier was of the opinion that the road if constructed to Grand Falls "would never be the purveyor of any large amount of ocean bound traffic." Today we find him declaring that "there is no doubt that the road will get a share of the western traffic" and "that there is enough traffic and to spare for all the railways that can be constructed." What a consistent man is Premier Flemming.

Montreal Herald:—It was reported to Le Devoir that after the licking his party got in the Quebec district, Hon. L. P. Pelletier felt he had to tender his resignation from the Ottawa cabinet, that he did write to Mr. Borden throwing up the sponge, and that on second thought he decided it wouldn't do any good to resign so wrote Mr. Borden to consider the resignation unwritten. The temptation to comment on a statement like that is naturally strong, but it is so good as a story that comment would spoil it.

Transcript — Premier Flemming talked at Sackville about tearing up stumps and getting farms ready to rent to the immigrants, but he had no policy of practical encouragement to the native farmer. He had no help for the native farmer. The latter should thank his stars, however, that on polling day he will have the opportunity to help himself, by voting the helpless government out and putting one in which is pledged to help the native farmer as well as the imported one.

Ottawa Free Press:—The first trip of Hon. Frank Cochrane over the completed section of the National Transcontinental Railway in Quebec and New Brunswick has resulted in declarations by the party of expressions of gratification at the manner in which the road has been constructed. It is beginning to look as if the best vindication of the Laurier railway policy will come from the men who criticized and misrepresented it.

Mr. A. R. Gould was honored with an invitation to attend the sod turning ceremony at Woodstock last week but instead of accepting he went off with a party of friends on a fishing trip. Mr. Gould is evidently familiar with the story of the spider and the fly. At any rate he does not appear anxious to have any truck with those "annoying politicians."

Sir Rudolph Forget, a Tory M. P., was held by customs officers in New York last week and became very wrathful. He now declares that as a means of getting square with them he will in future work for Canadian ports. Has he been working against Canadian ports in the past?

The scrap between Premier Flemming and Hon. H. F. McLeod at Woodstock last week was easily the most talked of political event of the week.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 27

1703—St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia, founded by Peter the Great.

1736—Patrick Henry, Virginia statesman and orator, born. Died June 6, 1799.

1838—Earl of Durham arrived in Canada to assume the office of Governor-General.

1861—Slaves around Fortress Monroe entering the Federal lines were declared "contraband" by Gen. Benjamin F. Butler.

1892—Chicago's first elevated railway opened.

1900—Congo Free State annexed by Great Britain.

1905—Japanese destroyed the Russian fleet in the great battle of the Sea of Japan.

1911—Rev. Edmund F. Prendergast named to succeed Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia.

The French use soft smoky grays in satin or silk for coats to be worn with white or colors and with excellent effect. Grays in the taupe and smoke tones harmonize with almost any color and are becoming and as practical as black.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., May 25—The coming week will see the beginning of the end of the contests for the presidential nominations, so far as the election of delegates to the national conventions is concerned. Interest will center chiefly in the presidential preference primaries to be held in New Jersey Tuesday. The contest between Taft and Roosevelt is similar to the contrast already fought out in Massachusetts and Maryland, the other two eastern states in which general primaries have been held, and it is the general belief that the victor in New Jersey will win by a narrow margin. On the Democratic side it is a fight by Governor Woodrow Wilson to secure the solid endorsement of his home state against the strenuous efforts of his opponents to split the delegation.

Kentucky's 26 delegates to the Democrat national convention will be chosen in Louisville Wednesday. The State convention which will name the four delegates at large, will be preceded in the forenoon by the conventions of the eleven congressional districts. Speaker Clark is believed to have a good lead among the Democrats of the Blue Grass State and the only question appears to be whether the delegates shall be instructed for him or shall go to Baltimore without instructions.

Other events on the political calendar for the week will include the Democratic presidential preference in Rhode Island, the Democratic State convention at Butte to name Montana's eight delegates to Baltimore, the Democratic and Republican State conventions in Texas to ratify the results of the recent primaries, and the Arizona Republican convention to select six delegates to Chicago.

The annual convention of the National Association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, which will meet in Washington, and the fourth annual conference on city planning, in Boston, will be among the notable gatherings of the week. Meetings abroad of interest on this side of the Atlantic will be eighteenth International Congress of Americanists, which will assemble in London Monday, and the meeting in Milan of the first international technical congress.

TO TAKE UP KENTUCKY FEUD CASE

Jackson, Ky., May 27—The Callahan-Deaton feud, which resulted recently in the assassination of Ed Callahan, the former sheriff of Breathitt County, will be investigated by the Circuit Court which convened here today. Numerous members of both factions are here from the mountain districts and it is feared that any action of the court looking to the punishment of those responsible for the killing of Callahan may result in an immediate re-opening of the feud.

There is every indication that the short fanciful little coat in silk of one kind or another is to be an important item of the summer outfit this year. The Eton, the bolero and the host of models more or less related to these two old friends are already in evidence, the less closely related coats showing a leaning toward abbreviated mantle or dolman lines, in keeping with the ubiquitous taffetas and their bouillonnés, ruchings and quillings.

for the prevention of accidents and injury to laborers and for industrial hygiene. The United States will be represented at both gatherings.

The German squadron, consisting of the flagship Moltke and the cruisers Stettin and Bremen, is due to arrive off Cape Henry Thursday. The vessels will remain off the capes until the following Monday, when they will enter Hampton Roads.

The case of Henry W. A. Pagel the New York merchant indicted for criminally libeling Chairman Clayton and the members of the House Judiciary Committee, is set for trial Monday in the supreme court of the district of Columbia.

The second annual 500-mile international sweepstakes race, the biggest event of the year in the field of automobile racing will be decided Thursday over the Indianapolis motor speedway, with prizes offered which total \$50,000. The entries include twenty-seven speedy racing cars which will be manned by an equal number of famous racing pilots.

Also of interest to followers of sports and athletics will be the annual Eastern intercollegiate athletic championships, to be decided Saturday at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Western championships, which will take place the same day at Purdue University.

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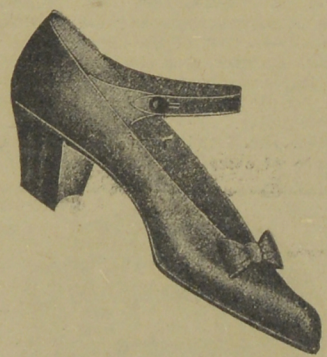
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