

The Opposition Leader Scores the Government

Mr. A. B. Copp Calls Attention to Some Notable Omissions in Speech from the Throne--No Reference to the Long Standing Fisheries Claim against the Dominion--The Valley Railway Contract and I.C.R. Operation--A Wasteful Crown Land Policy--Premier Flemming's Lame Defence of the Administration--Speeches of the Mover and Seconder

The address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Legislature yesterday was moved by Mr. Baxter of St. John, and seconded by Mr. Guptill of Charlotte. As was to be expected, both speakers lauded the Flemming government and elaborated at some length on the more important paragraphs contained in the speech from the throne.

Mr. A. B. Copp, the new leader of the opposition, delivered a vigorous address, and was followed with the closest attention by the large gathering. He roundly scored the administration on its record of extravagance and broken promises and exposed its humbugging policy in connection with the Valley Railway.

Premier Flemming, who followed, made a speech that would have done him credit upon the hustings in a campaign. He did not scruple to take all the credit for anything that has been done to further the construction of the Valley Railway, glossing over the strenuous effort put forth by Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell to ensure a through line from St. John to Grand Falls.

He made an important admission, however, when he said that the route had only been approved by the minister of railways from a point near St. John to Andover, and further that he was not sure whether the subsidy contract between the federal government and the Gould Company has been signed or not.

It seems to be quite certain that the agreement with the federal government calls for operation by the Intercolonial from St. John to Grand Falls, and that the contract between the company and government calls for completion of the road between Centreville and Woodstock by the fall of 1913, while the southern sections are not to be completed for two years later.

No explanation was forthcoming why the Centreville--Andover section and that to Grand Falls with connection with the Transcontinental could not also be completed before 1913.

Premier Flemming had his usual slap at the Central Railway and the old government's agricultural policy with regard to orchards, though he did not answer Mr. Copp's statement that the very apple exhibitions that were such a credit to the province and were making New Brunswick fruit famous and attracting attention to this province as a suitable place for fruit production, were only made possible by the enterprise and progressiveness of the agricultural department of the former government, and the interest they had developed in the raising of apples by establishment of illustration orchards.

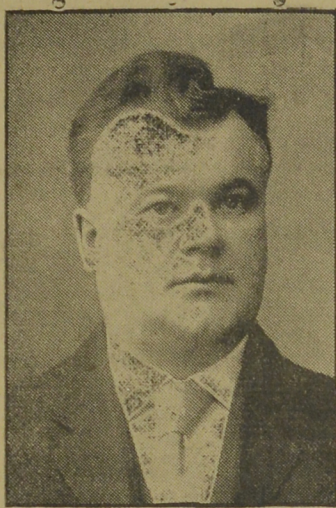
MR. BAXTER

Mr. Baxter in moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne said that he felt it was unnecessary for him to say anything regarding the first paragraph in the speech from the throne which was a message of greeting from the gentleman who, for the first time visited this Chamber as the representative of His Most Gracious Majesty in this Province. He was sure that the whole province would join in a feeling of pride that this honor comes to a man who had had such a long and honorable career in the public life of this country.

The paragraph regarding the Coronation struck a note which would be responded to throughout the Empire. Before he held his present high position King George V. had visited this province and, at that time had endeared himself in the hearts of the people.

In the speech reference was made to the fact that Agriculture had been prosperous in this province during the last year and at last it seemed as if the people had stopped looking out to alleged golden places of the west and the United States and were now looking inward. There is no place where the sun shines any brighter and no place where there is any more room for development or people better fitted to carry on that development than in this province.

There was a feeling that political lines should be dropped in the working of any scheme whereby this province could make a gain in the number



MR. A. B. COPP, Leader of the Opposition.

secured of those coming out from England. He did not believe that this province should become an asylum for those leaving the countries of continental Europe. What we wanted was our own people and not aliens who would have to be taught the language and the ways of the country. The intimation in the speech from the throne that legislation would be introduced to provide for the recreation of lands was particularly pleasing to him as it was put forward just at this time when there had been brought to his notice an abandoned village in St. John Co. This village had been deserted when the lumber business in that district had stopped and now there were houses, a school house and a church all going into decay and fertile farms being allowed to grow up in brush, while there were thousands in the old country looking for an opportunity to make homes for themselves in just such a place. He believed that the adoption of such a policy as outlined in the speech from the throne would

bring about a great deal in the up building of this province.

Regarding this government's railway policy the people of the province must be pleased. The building of railways is a business proposition and as such it was dealt with by this government and despite all that had been said in the past the St. John Valley Railway is now an assured fact, due not only to the efforts and perseverance of the present Premier of this province and his government, but also to the work of the men well known to them all and now holding a position of honor and responsibility at Ottawa.

The people of the province would all be gratified that the government had been able to make a proposition whereby this road would be taken over and operated by one of the great railway corporations of the world.

MR. GUPTILL

said that in rising to second the address in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, which has been so ably and so eloquently moved by the gentleman representing the City and County of St. John, who preceded him, he desired to take advantage of a time-honored custom and ask that consideration from the members of the House, which they have so generously accorded in the past to new members in the performance of the duty which devolved on him.

After the very complete and exhaustive manner in which the hon. gentleman, the mover of the address, has dealt with the different subjects contained in His Honor's speech, he felt that it would be unnecessary for him to dwell at length on the various matters contained therein.

He was glad to note in the speech from the throne the pleasing reference to the coronation of Their Gracious Majesties, King George and Queen Mary, and to their safe return from the important and extended visit that they made to India.

It is this feeling of loyalty and affection which serves as the connecting link between the world-wide portions of the Empire of Britain, and he was

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ARTILLERY BAND SCORED BIG SUCCESS IN CONCERT

Large Audience Including Lieut. Governor and Staff Attended Performance at the Opera House Last Night

The audience which attended the concert given at the Opera House last night by the band of the 3rd Regt., Canadian Artillery, "Heavy Brigade," of St. John heard a program of band-music which was well selected and which was varied by a number of pleasing vocal selections. Bandmaster McNichol of the Artillery Band chose for the program music which included such difficult selections as the Bandistentreiche Overture by von Suppe and the overture to William Tell and which closed with the old-time march "Punjab" which to many Frederictonians brought back memories of the Infantry School Corps band of twenty years ago and which was played last night by the visitors in a manner which made an encore necessary. As a conductor, Bandmaster McNichol made a marked impression on the audience showing excellent control of his band and a keen comprehension of the music played.

From the opening of the program with the Canadian National Anthem, "O Canada," until its close with "God Save the King," the audience was delighted. The 3rd Artillery Band as one of the oldest musical organizations of the province has earned an enviable reputation both within the Dominion and also in the United States and ably sustained it

last night. The spirit with which the various marches and Moszkowski's Spanish Dances were played was particularly admired last evening and the band had to respond to several encores.

Miss Margaret Pearson with her rich contralto voice was warmly received by the audience as was also Mr. A. C. Munro, the tenor who took part in the concert. Miss Pearson's first song was, "Where the River Shannon Flows" which was so well received that she was compelled to respond to an encore singing, "Believe Me If All those Endearing Young Charms." "I'll Go With You to the"

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FIVE KILLED IN C.P.R. WRECK

Ottawa, Ont. Mar. 8.—Five killed, several injured in wreck this morning on Canadian Pacific Railway Pontiac line west of Hull.

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Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World is a guest at the Queen.

ASQUITH IS HOPEFUL

Thinks that a Settlement of Strike may soon be Brought About

Many Men are Thrown out of Employment and Distress is Becoming Acute

(Canadian Press)

London, Mar. 8.—Speaking to a friend in the House of Commons last night Prime Minister Asquith declared himself more hopeful of ending the coal strike. A statement issued by the miners federation attacks the press for alleged misrepresentations of its attitude. It is evident that the miners are beginning to feel the pressure of the other trades union bodies which are suffering in consequence of unemployment and the depletion of their funds, owing they say to the miners' obstinacy.

Even the radical newspapers criticize the miners, while the Conservative journals, which at the outset were very guarded, now demand drastic action by the government to end the strike. The public alarm has been increased by the discovery of a syndicate movement to prevent a general railway strike and the attorney general's opinion is being taken regarding the possibility of prosecuting the promoters for conspiracy. The messages from all parts of the country today tell the same story of factories mills, engineering works and ship yards closed down of idle docks of steamers held up, of hundreds of thousands of people thrown out of employment, of rising prices for everything, and in a word great and increasing distress, particularly in the north of England and in Scotland.

In the poorer districts of Glasgow, distress is already becoming acute which will be increased by the action yesterday of several engineering works and ship yards in discharging the bulk of their hands. Three thousand men were discharged from one establishment on the Teeside. At Sunderland, Hull and other big ports, steamers are lying idle in dozens. The steady slackening of work in London is shown by the falling off in the number of passenger's in the workmen's train, in the tubes the company running fewer cars. The Cardiff Coal Exchange is closed for want of business, but the hotels and the places of amusement in South Wales are doing record business owing to the colliers' holiday but the general trade is utterly paralyzed. A syndicate of coal merchants and clerks have tons of Welsh steam coal on the Cardiff docks, which it bought at \$5 a ton and for which it refused \$9 yesterday.

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TO FORCE MANITOBA BILL THROUGH PARLIAMENT

Borden Government Fleeing from the Wrath to Come--Anxious to Get Rid of Measure Before Bourassa Indignation Meeting is Held--Amendment by Dr. Pugsley Voted Down--Sir Richard Cartwright's Criticism of the Tariff Commission

Ottawa, March. 7.—In a feverish effort to shut the door on the Manitoba school question before the big storm of protests breaks from the various disappointed elements in even greater force, the government tonight passed round the word that silence from the ministerial benches was more discreet than talk, and members were told to prepare for an all night sitting with a view to putting the bill through before daylight.

The Bourassa indignation meeting is announced for Saturday and the more the details of the bill are ventilated the less satisfactory does the compromise appear to the divergent interests of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. The government is frightened of further delay.

When the House resumed this evening discussion of the bill in committee was confined exclusively to the Liberal side. Hon. Dr. Pugsley's amendment to withhold the operation of the act until a conference of provincial premiers had approved the financial terms granted to Manitoba, was debated at considerable length. Mr. Turgeon and Hon. Mr. Emerson led the protest from the standpoint of the maritime provinces, while Dr. Mulloy as a Manitoba Liberal, pointed out that Premier Roblin's previous declarations that the Conservative government would grant better territorial terms than Sir Wilfrid was prepared to give had been belied by the facts.

Incidentally the Manitoba member

also noted, that in his opinion, the additional annual cash subsidy of half a million for the province would not compensate it for the transfer of 8,000,000 acres of swamp lands to the federal domain.

Dr. Pugsley's amendment was defeated in committee by a majority of 39.

An amendment by Hugh Guthrie against the payment of \$2,000,000 arrears to Manitoba was taken up and the house settled down to an all-night sitting.

IN THE SENATE.

Ottawa, March 7.—The senate today discussed at considerable length the bill creating a tariff commission. In moving its second reading, Hon. Mr. Loughheed stated there had been so much said in the other House about the bill that his explanation would be brief. The bill proposed to authorize the government to create a board of competent men to obtain information on the tariff.

As to the need for a tariff there could be no possible doubt. Canada was developing and required public works which involved the expenditure of large sums of money and which most conveniently was obtained through the customs houses. So there might be differences of opinion as to revenue tariff or protective tariff, but both parties were committed to the maintenance of a tariff of some sort.

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CHATHAM MAN DEAD IN VANCOUVER

(Special to The Mail.)
Chatham, March 8.—A telegram received from Vancouver announces the sudden death of Mr. James Anderson a well known Chatham man who went west two years ago. He was for many years identified with the Masonic order. He is survived by one son James, and two daughters, Maud and Constance all of Vancouver.

Mr. Robert McNaughton of Black River died yesterday, aged 71.

Mr. Ralph Harding and Miss Zeborah Smith, daughter of Mr. David Smith were united in marriage last evening by Rev. R. G. Pelton. They will reside at Leekport, N. S.

LETTER FROM EX-COUN. TIMMINS

(Upper Springfield, York Co. March 7th, 1912)
To the Editor of the Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir—Owing to some malicious statements that were being made concerning expenditures of road money by former superintendent of roads, Mr. L. W. Nason, who is now running for councillor in the Parish of Queensbury (such statements being made for the purpose of injuring him among the voters), I wrote to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, asking him to kindly confirm or deny the rumors that Mr. Nason's accounts were not in proper shape, and I received the following reply which I ask you to kindly publish so that the people of the Parish of Queensbury may see for themselves that there is nothing in the falsehoods that are being circulated against Mr. Nason, and that his accounts are in first class order.

Yours truly,
J. F. TIMMINS.

The letter from the Board of Works is as follows:
March 5th, 1912.
John F. Timmins, Esq.
Upper Springfield, York Co.

Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant re accounts of Mr. L. W. Nason, formerly Superintendent of Roads for the Parish of Queensbury, I may say that I have carefully looked into Mr. Nason's accounts and find them to be correct.

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CHIEF CLARKE SAILS FOR OLD COUNTRY

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, Mar. 8.—Chief of Police Clark sailed today for Liverpool on the Empress of Britain and will bring back Frederick Atherton, formerly purser on the Empress of Ireland, who is being held there on a charge of defrauding the C. P. R. and Dominion Express Company out of a large sum of money.

LATE MRS. REBECCA PARSONS

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca Parsons took place this afternoon at 2.30 from her late residence, Queen Street, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Kierstead and special music was rendered by a quartette from the Brunswick Street Baptist Church composed of Messrs. Harrison and Cooper and Mesdames F. A. Good and F. B. Smith. Six deacons of that church, De. C. C. Jones, Wm. Cooper, John T. Clark, R. B. Wallace, Havelock Coy and J. W. Spurdens, acted as pallbearers. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

HELD SPECIAL TRAIN

The special train by which the band and firing party from the 3rd New Brunswick Regt., Canadian Artillery, and the St. Andrew's Curlers returned to St. John, left last night at about 11.50. Several officers of the Artillery who were at the Queen Hotel had difficulty in engaging a coach to take them to the train and the latter was held until they arrived.

PERSONAL

Among the members of the local legislature registered at Windsor Hall this session are:—Hon. C. H. LaBilloy, W. L. Allain, M. P. P., Col. John Sheridan, M. P. P., Dr. Bourque, M. P. P., C. M. Legere, M. P. P., Wm. Currie, M. P. P., Hon. Donald Morrison, Ex-M. P. P., Mr. H. Williston and Mr. E. A. McCurdy of Newcastle are at Windsor Hall.

Dr. Byrne, Mayor of Chatham is here to attend the immigration conference and is stopping at the Queen.