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OUR VISITORS

Fredericton is today being honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Byng. It is their first official visit to the capital city of New Brunswick and it is a source of great satisfaction to have them see Fredericton in its glorious summer garb when everything is at its best. In conjunction with the provincial authorities a splendid program has been arranged for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors and we feel sure that they will greatly enjoy their visit and carry away with them pleasant memories.

Fredericton is pleased to welcome Lord Byng, not only as the representative of our beloved sovereign King George V. but also as the most distinguished soldier who ever filled the vice regal office in this Dominion. His wonderful record as a commanding officer during the great war, particularly during the memorable struggle at Vimy Ridge in which our gallant Canadian boys played a prominent part, has made his name a household word throughout the British Empire. His Excellency and his worthy consort during their brief stay in Canada, have endeared themselves to all classes of the population and we feel sure a very cordial welcome awaits them during their tour of the Maritime provinces which has been so happily begun.

A BLOW AT NEW BRUNSWICK

The Government's branch line program after resisting the Tory onslaught in the popular branch of parliament and passing that body by a two-thirds vote has been given the six months holst by the senate. It was rejected by a straight party vote and surprising as it may seem every Tory senator from New Brunswick, including "Tini" Macdonald, the Nova Scotia annexo, lined up against the bill at the crack of the party whip. Leader Meighen fought the bill in the House under various pretexts and being unable to block it he pulled the string and the Tory senators did the rest. The government's C.N.R. construction programme was of supreme importance to the City of Fredericton and County of York as it included a branch line from the Village of Meductic to the Maine border where connection was to be established with the New England railway system. The early construction of this line would have diverted much of the passenger and freight traffic between maritime points and New England to the Valley Railway and besides putting Fredericton on a through line would have greatly reduced or perhaps wiped out the annual deficits on a road in which the people of this province have seven million dollars of good money invested. The action of the Tory senators, taken with the connivance of Leader Meighen, and his parliamentary rump is a severe blow to New Brunswick. It simply means that the Meductic-Maine extension cannot be undertaken this year, and that the people of the province must continue to put their hands in their pockets and make up the deficit of a quarter million dollars on the operation of the Valley Railway. If the weak-kneed Tory senators from the maritime provinces who voted against the government railway extension proposals are not heartily ashamed of themselves it must be because they are lost to all sense of shame.

While the action of a partizan Tory majority in the senate will prevent anything from being done this year towards the construction of this much needed branch railway, it will be a source of satisfaction to the people of New Brunswick to know that the Lib-

eral Government at Ottawa now stands committed to the undertaking. The bill is sure to come up again next year and if the Tory senators persist in voting against it there will be nothing to do but wait patiently until such time as Providence reforms the Upper House.

A statement by Premier King in Parliament last week should be the means of setting at rest any anxiety among the farmers of the country in regard to the proposed embargo on pulpwood. Here is what Hansard reports the Premier as saying in reply to a question by a Quebec member: "It has been represented to the government that the legislation passed has created a doubt in the minds of some of the farmers whether they will be prevented from entering into contracts for the export of wood grown on their own farms. I wish to make it clear that any action the government may take under the legislation will provide that wood grown by farmers on their own property will be exempt from the provision prohibiting export."

In a speech in Parliament a few days ago on the proposed extension of the Valley Railway from Meductic to the Maine border, Mr. R. B. Hanson referred to the late Senator Temple as "the promoter and owner of the Canada Eastern Railway." The member for York-Sunbury is somewhat astray in his statement. The late Senator Temple was one of the promoters of the Fredericton bridge and persuaded a Tory government at Ottawa to put up the money for its construction, but he had nothing to do with the Canada Eastern Railway. That road was built by the late Mr. Alexander Gibson in conjunction with the late Hon. J. B. Snowball of Chatham. The railway bridge was built to connect with a proposed railway from Harvey to Salisbury, but opposition developed to the scheme and a Tory Senate killed it.

When the bill to provide for C. N. R. branch line construction was before parliament this week, Hon. Mr. Meighen moved: "That the said bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to Committee of the Whole with instructions to amend same to provide that the money or guarantees of money required for the purpose of the said bill must for each year appear in the estimates and be voted by parliament." The motion was defeated by a vote of 28 to 101. All five N. B. Tory members voted in the minority and Woodsworth and Irvine lined up with them.

The bill empowering the Federal government to stop the export of pulpwood by order-in-council was carried in Parliament on Tuesday by a vote of 96 to 57. Those voting in the majority included Messrs. Baxter, Hanson, Jones and Grimmer, Tory members from New Brunswick.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canada's veteran finance minister, has been created a member of the Imperial Privy Council, which gives him the title of Right Honorable. It is a well deserved honor for one of the greatest of Canadian statesmen.

Still it is doubtful whether a wet hen gets any madder than a wet bathing belle would.

Strawberries are now selling in Montreal at eight cents a box and the crop promises to be a heavy one.

The favorite sport in St. John is amalgamating the morning daily newspapers with the Telegraph.

Men who can't be induced to beat a rug 10 minutes will spend a day whipping a trout stream.

The city is raising a fine crop of hay in the Old Cemetery.

Fredericton tennis players had an off day yesterday.

Next Stop—Labor Day.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

Vacation Time

"When vacation time is here again" said a mother who has four children in the city schools. "I rejoice with my children that it has come, but I will rejoice more, on my own account when it is over. Vacation time is a strenuous time for the average mother. With picnics and lunches it is continuous cooking. Then the children are so hard on their clothes that it is continuous mending as well. I guess most mothers draw a breath of relief when vacation time is over."

Most of Us Feel that Way.

A Queen street business man says that on a hot day most of us feel like his small daughter. Mary was sitting listlessly in a small rocking chair under a tree the other day. She was so quiet her mother thought she was ill, and so called to her, "Dearie is there anything the matter; why are you so quiet?" Oh, I'm all right," said Mary, "if you'll just let me go doing nothing at all."

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It's too hot to think of anything except of being too hot.

It must be said of a majority of people who get divorces that they are good losers.

One cause of unrest is that so many people want to rest before they get tired.

Hunting for a place to keep cool is one way humanity has of keeping hot.

Time flies—The flapper of today if any will be the grandmother of tomorrow.

Liberty, which not everybody seems to understand, simply means do as you please but keep off the grass.

"Many people" remarked the Man on the Car "keep busy talking about the various brands of religion and get none."

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