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TURKEY AND PROHIBITION.

The government of Turkey after an unsuccessful attempt to enforce prohibition of the manufacture of liquor has given it up as a hopeless task and has repealed all prohibitory laws, according to a press dispatch from Ankara. If a monarchy such as Turkey has found it impossible to enforce prohibition laws with all the brute force that it uses in enforcing its laws, it is all the more credit to the governments of the Provinces of Canada and the States of the Southern Republic in their praiseworthy attempts to enforce the law. Despite numerous obstacles the government of New Brunswick, headed by Premier Veniot, has made a most earnest endeavor to enforce prohibitory laws and can only hope to gain success by the aid of co-operation on the part of the general public, which in most cases proves sadly lacking.

USEFUL SERVICE.

Fred Stone, actor and Christian, made a speech the other day in New York in the campaign to raise money for a new church on Broadway. He says he has been criticised for remaining an actor now that he has become religious. Stone makes a good answer. He says: "I have been content to be a passive sort of a Christian, but I believe everybody has a mission to perform, and I believe the actor's mission is to help the public forget its worries."

The world wouldn't run very well if we all insisted on being missionaries and ministers and decesses. All work is worthy that deliver service in an honest cause. Work to do your part, work to produce something useful, work at doing a thing as well as you know how to do it—and you are a success. You will have run your part in the Great Relay Race. Whatever your line you have within yourself the power to dedicate yourself to useful service. Have you the inclination?

Fredericton loses a good and useful citizen in the death of Mr. William S. Tompkins, who passed away at his home this morning after a brief illness. The late Mr. Tompkins carried on successful farming operations in the upper section of the county for many years, but for some time past had been the sales agent for a large agricultural implement concern. He was a man of great energy and public spirit, who had an abiding faith in New Brunswick and never let slip an opportunity to give it a boost. He took an active interest in public affairs and being a forcible and earnest speaker his services on the stump were in great demand at election times. His death is a distinct loss to the community and will be sincerely deplored by his fellow citizens.

Many old friends in this city and throughout the province will learn with great regret of the death of ex-Warden John McKeen at Keswick Ridge last night. Mr. McKeen in his younger days carried on extensive lumbering operations with great success and was regarded as the wealthiest man in his section of the county. He was for years an outstanding figure in municipal politics, and for one term filled the office of Warden. He was a Conservative in politics and in the old days took an active part in political contests. He was a man of kindly and sympathetic disposition and enjoyed the esteem of all classes of people. His death at an advanced age terminates a somewhat picturesque career.

The speech of Attorney General Byrne in the Legislature last evening was one that did him credit. He touched upon many matters of importance, including hydro development and strongly urged the Federal government to take over the Valley Railway. Among the suggestions which he threw out as a means of increasing the revenue, was that of a tax of two cents per gallon be imposed on gasoline. He also suggested that the amusement tax be increased by one cent for the benefit of the different hospitals of the province.

Mr. Tracey of Carleton, who is one of the most intelligent and thoughtful

of the Farmer members of the Legislature spoke on the budget yesterday. While he did not praise the government his criticism was in the main of a constructive nature and was given an attentive hearing. He spoke appreciatingly of the proposal now before Parliament to provide for the construction of a branch railway to connect the Valley Road with the new England systems.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines, contributed an interesting speech to the budget debate in the Legislature yesterday and easily sustained his reputation as one of the most gifted men in the public life of the Maritime Provinces. His speech yesterday was a masterly effort and was one which should be carefully perused by every man who has the welfare of the province at heart.

Mr. Morrissey, one of the independent members for Northumberland, spoke on the budget in the Legislature last evening. While he indulged in some criticism concerning the Department of Lands and Mines in connection with settlement lots granted in his own county, he commended the work of the other departments, particularly that of the Department of Health.

The opposition members of the Legislature seem to have talked themselves out in the budget debate in the legislature, and the indications are that the flow of oratory on the government side will cease this afternoon or evening.

Mr. Hayes, of St. John, was one of the speakers in the budget debate in the Legislature last evening. As usual he spoke well and gave a clear expression of his views on matters of public interest.

CAMPBELLTON BILL MET WITH OPPOSITION

Committee Room, March 9, 1924. The Municipalities Committee met this morning with Mr. Doucet in the chair and considered amendments to the bill relating to Permanent Sidewalks and Pavements in the Parish of Lancaster. The bill was allowed to stand.

The bill to authorize the Town of Campbellton to make temporary loans and to issue Debentures was considered.

H. A. Carr.

Town Solicitor H. A. Carr proposed certain amendments and was heard in support of the bill. He explained that an auxiliary to the town lighting system was needed. Other possible sources of electric power failing an arrangement was made with the Lower St. Lawrence Power Company with development at Metis, Que. An expert had advised accepting this offer. The alternative proposal was to install an oil engine. The Town Council wanted to make the arrangement with the Lower St. Lawrence Power Company, and for that reason promoted this legislation.

He also explained that legislation was needed to borrow to meet over draft. A plebiscite was not considered satisfactory.

H. A. Armstrong also was heard in support of the bill.

J. A. LeBlanc.

J. A. LeBlanc opposed the bill. He objected that no Town should have borrowing powers to the extent of half its annual assessment. The Town was carrying too great a burden of taxation as it was. As far as the hydro proposition was concerned there was no guarantee that the company could export current from the province of Quebec. The proposed price of \$37.50 was considered too great. Grand Falls current would be available at a comparatively early date and the existing plant could be repaired to bridge the gap.

The Opposition represented about one-fifth of the property valuation.

A. C. Belleisle.

A. C. Belleisle also opposed the bill. He said Mr. LeBlanc and himself were appearing in the best interests of the ratepayers of Campbellton. The Lower St. Lawrence Company he claimed could deliver at no lower rate than it could be delivered from development on the Upsalquitch which had been investigated by the town. The town plant, he said, was in better condition than it was a year ago. By getting a larger generator at a cost of \$5,000 a margin of 125 h. p. would be provided. It would be better to wait for Grand Falls current rather than contract with the Lower St. Lawrence Company for fifteen years.

The giving of borrowing powers he said would be practically for the purpose of protecting the Bank of Nova Scotia.

It was decided to take the bill into private consideration.

Other Bills. The committee considered the bill relating to the Collection of Taxes in the Town of Sackville and agreed to it.

The committee also considered the bill to authorize the Town of Woodstock to issue debentures and decided to consider it further.

YORK COUNTY'S OLDEST MASON PASSES AWAY

Ex-Warden John McKeen was Long Prominent in Municipal Politics.

Ex-Warden John McKeen, one of the oldest residents of York County and for many years a prominent figure in municipal politics, passed away at his home at Keswick Ridge last night after a lingering illness. The deceased was a native of the Parish of Bright and resided there the greater part of his life. When a young man he lumbered extensively in the county of Aroostook with such success that he was able to amass a snug competency.

He took an active part in the affairs of his parish and for twenty years represented it in the Municipal Council, serving as warden during the year 1894, after having been unanimously elected to that important office. Mr. Spencer Inch, now in Vancouver, B. C., was his colleague at the Council Board for a long period.

Mr. McKeen had for many years been a member of Hiram Lodge, Free Masons of this city and always manifested a keen interest in the welfare of the order. Two years ago, his brothers of the mystic order of this city and vicinity, on his invitation, held a picnic on his ground at Keswick Ridge which proved a very enjoyable event.

The deceased was eighty-eight years of age and is survived by a widow, formerly miss Julia Grant of Keswick Ridge. His nearest relatives include Herman and Hedley McKeen, nephews, of Keswick Ridge.

The deceased was a Conservative in politics and when his health permitted, took an active part in elections, both provincial and dominion. He was a man of sociable disposition with a wide acquaintance and wielded a potent influence.

The funeral will take place on Friday, with service at McKeen's Corner at two p. m. It will be under the auspices of Hiram Lodge of this city and Very Rev. Dean Neales will be the officiating clergyman.

ILLUMINATING SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES

(Continued from page five) been highly pleased with them. These courses unlike that of the hon. member in banking did not take a life time. The future policy might be for longer courses. If the hon. member were interested let him visit the school during a course. Board had been charged to students at actual cost of \$3.65 per week. He had thought of charging a fee as free instruction was not always valued very highly.

MR. BURLOCK said that all appreciated the activities of the Hon. Minister and any hypodermic injection which agriculture could receive would be appreciated as it was certainly needed. It was his opinion that the department was starting at the wrong end. It was not a question of production but of hunting up markets. It would be more profitable if the Hon. Minister would take almost his whole appropriation and devote it to that purpose. A market for potatoes had been developed in Cuba which had not been heard of a few years before.

HON. MR. VENIOT: New Brunswick potatoes were shipped there in 1914, and they were rotten when they got there.

MR. BURLOCK said he understood the reference. New Brunswick farmers could produce but what they lacked was the market.

MR. WETMORE said he had personal knowledge of the value of the short courses.

MR. RICHARDS asked concerning an agreement respecting tenure.

HON. MR. MERSEREAU said that there was a 25 years' lease at a nominal rental with renewal privilege. The bill was agreed to.

The Committee took up consideration of a bill to provide for the Consolidation of Statutes.

MR. RICHARDS said that the last consolidation had taken place in 1903 and anyone knowing conditions was aware of a necessity. Some provinces provided for consolidation every ten years. He was not going to oppose but he was doubtful if \$20,000 would be sufficient if printing was included.

HON. MR. BYRNE said he felt quite sure that amount would be enough. In 1903 the chief cost had been that of printing. Many of the volumes which were prepared then were still on hand and that indicated that the cost of printing could be greatly reduced by reducing the number of books.

The bill was agreed to.

The Committee also agreed to a bill respecting the St. John & Quebec Railway.

The House went into Committee with Mr. McManus in the chair and agreed to the amendments to the bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses and to the bill relating to Fire Protection in the Parish of Simonds.

HON. MR. VENIOT announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor would attend on Wednesday and give his assent to various bills, also that the Municipalities Committee would meet at 10.30 on Wednesday morning.

Adjourned at 11.44 p. m.

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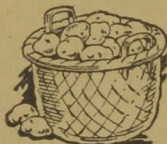
Both of Fredericton.

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