

The Fredericton Exhibition Opened by Premier Baxter

Large Crowd Attended Ceremony at the Amusement Hall—The Premier Touches on the Unemployment Problem and Urges a Back to the Land Movement—Hon. L. P. D. Tilley and President Cain the Other Speakers.

In the presence of an audience, which filled the amusement hall to capacity, Premier Baxter on Saturday evening, following a spirited address, declared the Fredericton Exhibition, open for the amusement and instruction of the public. President Joseph A. Cain and Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, were the other speakers. A short musical program consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Annie Sypher, selections by the Devon quartette and York Regiment Band was carried out and much enjoyed.

Premier Baxter in the course of his speech referred to the unemployment problem and the deplorable condition of the log lumber industry. In regard to the latter, he intimated that forces were at work calculated to give some relief and would need the hearty co-operation of all the people.

President Cain presided over the gathering and seated on the platform with him were John A. Campbell, ex-M. L. A., honorary president, directors of the Fredericton Limited, also Premier Baxter, Hon. D. A. Stewart, Hon. C. D. Richards, Hon. L. P. D. Tilley and His Worship Mayor Clark.

President Cain

Joseph A. Cain, president of the Fredericton Exhibition, Limited in a neat speech extended a cordial welcome to the gathering and declared that the hearty co-operation of the public was absolutely necessary in order to make the exhibition a success. He stated that the Fredericton Exhibition was the third oldest in the world, having first been held in the year 1852. Quoting statistics he showed that the company now owned property valued at \$100,000, which it had accumulated from revenue. Last year it had paid out the sum of \$10,000 in prizes, whereas the federal and provincial grants combined had not exceeded \$6,000. He was hopeful that the time would come when the provincial government would finance the exhibition, so that the public could be admitted free of charge.

President Cain paid a well deserved tribute to John A. Campbell, the honorary president, now in his 94th year, whom he was pleased to see on the platform. Mr. Campbell, he said had long taken a keen interest in exhibitions, and was probably the only man now alive who had attended the first one held in Fredericton in 1852. Tribute was also paid by the president to the late Alonzo Staples, a director of the organization, who had died during the year. In closing he made reference to the wonderful display of women's work, the finest to be seen this side of Toronto, and announced that on Monday school children would be admitted free. The president's address was eagerly listened to and heartily applauded.

Mayor Clark

His Worship Mayor Clark, who was next introduced, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors on behalf of the citizens of Fredericton. He was glad to note the increased attendance of American citizens at our exhibitions, and he was sure that all were pleased to have them. It was his intention, he went on, to visit Boston on Monday to attend the tercentenary celebration of the founding of that city. Such celebrations, in his opinion served a very useful purpose in the promotion of international good will. He was glad to see so many present at the opening of the exhibition and hoped that it would be a splendid success.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K.C., of St. John, President of the Executive Council, was introduced as the next speaker. At the outset he expressed surprise that the exhibition had been able to

secure the attendance of four members of the provincial government, but the chairman's reference to finances furnished a possible explanation. Referring to the assistance given to exhibitions by the present administration he said that in 1926 the total grant was only \$6000, while last year it was \$29,000, so it would be seen that they had not done badly. He went on to say that he regarded the farmers as one of New Brunswick's greatest assets, and they were deserving of every encouragement. He said that he did not approve of the method employed at Ottawa in compiling statistics relating to live stock kept on the farms of the province. They were based on a census taken ten years ago and were little more than guess work. In his opinion much more accurate information could be obtained were the Federal government to turn over the money expended in gathering statistics to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and have it make an inventory every year. He hoped that his suggestion would get as far as Ottawa and be acted upon.

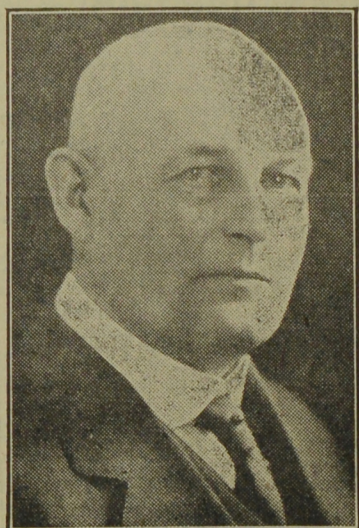
The speaker warmly congratulated the members of the executive on the success of their exhibition. The Fredericton exhibition was always a success because it had good men behind it. With reference to agriculture he said he thought that the farmers could always find a market for poultry, dairy products and live stock, and these branches should be given every encouragement. While the day was not yet in sight when the president's plan to make exhibitions free could be carried out, he could tell them that the present grant was fairly safe.

Premier Baxter

President Cain, in introducing Premier Baxter as the next speaker referred to him as one with experience in both federal and provincial politics and remarked that he was always sure of a warm welcome in Fredericton. At the Premier's suggestion, he said he had tried but without success to have a member of the Nova Scotia government open the exhibition, and he had later communicated with the Governor of Nova Scotia and the Governor of Maine, but they had been obliged to decline the invitation.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that opening a Fredericton exhibition was not a new job for him as he had acted on two previous occasions. It was as easy as opening an egg and he could add it contained a lot of good meat in a small space. Perhaps it might be well for them to take some stock with respect to things that had happened since the last exhibition. There were some clouds in the horizon but the outlook was not as bad as it might be. In common with the rest of the continent, and the whole world in fact, they were facing a serious condition of unemployment, although it was not as extreme in New Brunswick as elsewhere. It was a problem not alone for Federal and Provincial governments to solve, but for the whole citizenship of the country. Employment was the best remedy for unemployment and everything possible should be done to guard against unemployment by providing work at a decent wage, rather than some form of indiscriminate charity. He was satisfied that conditions would improve in Canada, before they would in some other countries. Canada was now embarking on a policy that he was satisfied would produce good results. His friend Tilley had referred to the importance of the agricultural industry, and it was his (Baxter's) opinion that the best relief for unemployment was to have people go back to the land and work it. He thought a man with a good piece of land in New Brunswick and the health to work it was safe. There was much, however, that could be done to help the man on the farm, and he believed that the future had bright prospects for him. In his opinion the

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Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., P.C., Premier of New Brunswick

farmer was entitled to as much consideration as the manufacturer and if protection was good for one it should be more than good for the other. If we preserve for the farmer the markets of Canada, we are building on a firm foundation and giving a stimulus to agriculture. He believed it would be a prudent act on the part of the government to spend more money for the development of agriculture.

The Lumber Industry

The Premier went on to say that the long lumber industry of the province was in a deplorable condition, but he said that there were forces at work to give it help that would require the co-operation of all the people.

Tourist Travel

Referring to the growth of tourist travel he said that New Brunswick was one of the great playgrounds of the continent, and this year something like 114,000 automobiles had come in for a stay of more than a day or two. Such an influx of visitors must mean the disbursement of considerable money. The province wanted tourists, but the people should help provide entertainment for them. It was hardly necessary for him to say that Fredericton had the very best class of sport right at its doors. Something better than tommycods can be caught in the river near this city—Atlantic Salmon and catching them is right good sport. The province has good roads, the hotels are getting better and the country more attractive. With thousands of visitors coming to the province each season there may be one who will see an opportunity for development and make good. All such factors work together in the interest of our economic life.

In concluding his address the Premier declared the exhibition open for the instruction and amusement of the people.

DASH OF WAR CHLORINE ADDS TO TASTE

Cincinnati, Sept. 12—Synthetic chewing gum, made by adding a dash of wartime chlorine to a new substance produced from benzene, is one of chemistry's latest marvels. The new chew, is described in a report made public by the American Chemical Society at its meeting which begun here today.

It substitutes for chicle and, like the natural product, is tasteless and odorless. Experiments with it are incomplete and not in the chemical stage for gum, it would have a medicinal effect.

The gum is an incidental discovery in a score of new commercial possibilities, some already in practice, all coming from this same new chemical diphenyl. These commercial uses are reported in a technical paper by Chester H. Penning of the commercial research department of Swann Research, Inc., of Anniston, Ala.

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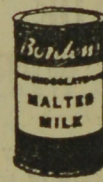
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