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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."—Premier Asquith.

FRENCH TROOPS PRAISED.

General Sir Bryan McMahon, who commands the British forces in the Balkans, recently told a newspaper correspondent that the French soldiers were the best in the world. Proceeding, he said:

"Our British soldiers, too, have given the world reason for admiration, but we never pretended to set on foot an army really worth the name before the spring of 1916, as we had to create everything. Germany has finished her war, while ours is only beginning. And in my opinion no people will venture to execute criminal design as long as two such gendarmes as England and France are ready to defend the right."

Speaking of the Entente Allies, Gen. McMahon said that what was originally a union of reason, founded on interest, had now become a true marriage of inclination.

The gallant stand made by French troops against the German military machine at Verdun during the past fortnight bears out the good opinion of Sir Bryan McMahon.

Manitoba Free Press: "Bearing in mind the recent political history of British Columbia these occurrences have the appearance of miracles. Nothing quite like the Vancouver turnover, under similar circumstances, has ever been known before in Canada. The obvious interpretation of these portents is that the Bowser government is about to march through a slaughter house to an open grave, to quote a picturesque phrase from United States political literature. If the third cabinet minister offering for election, Mr. Flummerfelt, is beaten next Saturday in Victoria by Mr. Brewster, the Liberal, there will be no doubt about it."

The St. John Standard has made the discovery that the mail service in some sections of this province is not what it should be. If increased cost and a big addition to the number of officials mean anything, the mail service should be much more efficient than it was during the last year of Liberal rule. In connection with the mail service, it is passing strange that the Telegraph and Times, with about four times the circulation of the Standard, have no complaints to make. It rather looks as if the Standard's attacks had been inspired by Chief Whip Harry Woods, who has been carrying a promise of the post office inspector's job around in his pocket for two years.

Dr. Price, of Moncton, who is to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature should wander a little from the beaten path and give some details of the scandal hunting expedition to Ottawa which he made in company with Chief Whip Harry Woods. He might also make a statement on the financial standing of Concrete Constructions, Limited, the concern which in 1913 secured a fat contract with our business-like local government.

It must not be forgotten that the Valley Railway from Fredericton to Gagetown has a four-tenths grade. In constructing this section of the road the Transcontinental standard was followed. Now it is proposed by the local government to divert the road to Welsford, where it will connect with the C. P. R. This means that the road beyond Gagetown will have a much heavier grade than the section between Fredericton and Gagetown. More evidence that New Brunswick has a business-like provincial government.

Perhaps Acting Premier Murray in his speech in the Legislature to-morrow might tell what happened to that three million dollars promised him at Ottawa two years ago in aid of the Valley Railway bridges. No doubt Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P., who is on record as saying that the thanks of the people of New Brunswick are due to Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen for this splendid gift, might also have something to say on the subject.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's rapier seems to be as keen as it was in the old days when he was a member of a Conservative government at Ottawa. He certainly handed out a good one to the Bowser plunderbund.

As was to be expected, the Borden government has refused to grant Sir Wilfrid Laurier's request for an investigation into the operations of the Shell Committee.

It is rumored today that Mr. Pinder, M. P. P., may take a hand in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. He certainly possesses the material for a very interesting speech.

There being no opposition in the Legislature to fight with, the indications are that the members will spend a goodly portion of their time during the coming session fighting among themselves.

So far as can be learned, there is no burning desire on the part of the Legislative supporters of the provincial government for an early appeal to the people. A majority of them would no doubt prefer an extension of the term.

Premier Clarke has decided to prolong his stay at Clifton Springs and let the other fellows fight it out.

ON THE SIDE.

Gasoline also feels like thirty cents. Autoists ought to feel "set up" this year riding with such high-priced gas.

It's lent—we get the news from the calendar. Otherwise we might not notice it.

So one of our aldermen thinks the newspaper man really told the truth—unintentionally. Aw, have a heart!

When a man tells his wife he would never marry a second time, she is apt to wonder whether it's his devotion or cowardice.

Names like Bowser and Flummerfelt remind us of the old days of Bowser and Spoopendyke.

Pigeons and poets have begun to coo about the approach of spring, but the discreet citizen will await the cooling of the iceman.

It's about time for Kaiser Bill to be informing the Sultan that when he gave him that sword he expected him to use it on others than the Armenians.

Y.M.C.A. BRANCH FORMED AT PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL

The male students of the Normal School have formed a Young Men's Christian Association under the direction of Mr. E. H. Clarke, secretary of Student Y.M.C.A. for the dominion. At a meeting held on Tuesday, in the Normal School, the organization was completed, the following officers being elected:

Hon. Pres., Mr. A. S. McFarlane.
Pres., Hugh L. Morrison.
Vice-Pres., Trueman Copp.
Sec.-Treas., W. T. Ross Flemington
Chairman of Meetings, Harry O. Downey.

Chairman of Membership, Christie M. Belyea.

Great interest is being taken in this organization and it is expected that it will prove a great success.

Temperance Forces Active In Ontario

(Canadian Press)
Toronto, Ont., March 8—Preliminary to the great prohibition demonstration organized today by the committee of one hundred, when miles of petition will be presented to the legislature, by an immense procession, Massey Hall was crowded last night to a great temperance meeting. The chief speaker was Sir George Foster, who, in an eloquent speech, condemned the liquor traffic as the greatest waster of mankind and urged that in this great struggle anything which ended to impair efficiency should be abolished.

WRECKED SCHOONER WAS ON WAY TO ST. JOHN

(Canadian Press.)
Islewood, Maine, March 8—The three-masted schooner Edward Stewart, bound from New York for St. John, N.B., with coal, was wrecked on Little Cranberry Isle yesterday. Life savers rescued Captain Dobbing thought the vessel would be a total and his crew of six men. It was lost.

Mr. L. J. Lowe of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.

HOPES TO TAKE HIS SEAT THIS SESSION

Commodore Stewart, M. P. P., Wires That His Eyes Are Greatly Improved.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, M. P. P. for Northumberland, who is now in the Victoria Hospital, Montreal, today wired the following reply to a query concerning the condition of his health:

"Eyes are greatly improved, but am very weak. The doctor says I may go home soon but won't be able to take seat until late in session."

Mr. Stewart's many friends here will all be glad to learn that his health is improved and that there is a strong likelihood of his being able to take his seat in the House this session. There is plenty of work in the House for a fearless, independent member of the type of Mr. Stewart.

THE B. Y. P. U. HELD ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

The B.Y.P.U. of the Brunswick Street Baptist church last evening held a social in the vestry. About two hundred of the young people were present.

The following interesting and enjoyable program was carried out:

Selection, S. School Orchestra.
Words of Welcome, by the pastor, Rev. A. F. Newcomb.

Piano Duet, Miss Helen Kitchen and Ralph Kitchen.

Reading, selection from Drummond Miss Helen Mersereau.

Vocal Solo, Roger Cooper.

Reading, Miss Trites.

Solo, Private D. Richards of the 164th Battalion.

Violin Solo, Willard MacDonald.

Reading, Miss Charters.

Vocal Solo, Miss Brewer.

Cornet Solo, Dyson Wallace.

At the close of the program, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

The B.Y.P.U. is a very live factor in the work of the Brunswick Street church, not only are the social gatherings of the Union well attended, but week by week one hundred or more meet on Tuesday night for Bible study, under the leadership of the pastor, who at the present time is conducting a study of the Book of Acts.

ITALIAN STEAMER VICTIM OF PIRATES

Genoa, March 7.—Silvio Potenzani, commander of the Italian steamer Giavia, sunk by a submarine on March 1, in the Mediterranean, while on her way from Leghorn to Greek ports, with passengers and a cargo of cement, gives details of the destruction of his ship. The commanding officer of the submarine refused to tow the boats with the crew and passengers to the neighborhood of the coast of Milo, the nearest landing. On account of the heavy nature of the cargo no attempt was made to torpedo the vessel, the submarine employing two 3-inch guns which she carried. It required 45 shells to send the freighter to the bottom. The captain affirms that he stopped his vessel at the first warning shot from the submarine, but the latter continued to fire. The sea was calm and the boats were soon discovered by a British vessel an d taken to Milo, where they discovered 600 survivors of the French auxiliary cruiser La Provence II.

The submarine was frightened off when a British destroyer showed up in the distance.

NOTED CIRCUS CLOWN HAS PASSED AWAY

(Canadian Press)
New York, N.Y., March 8—Frank Oakley, who as "Slivers," a circus clown, made millions of people laugh throughout the country, was found dead, a suicide from asphyxiating gas in a theatrical boarding house here early today. "Slivers," who was forty-five years old, came by his nickname through his height and slenderness. His cleverness as a cartoonist earned him a circus job at the age of fourteen and for years he travelled with Barnum's circus. He later appeared in vaudeville. He was born in Sweden.

W. F. Humphrey, M. P. P., of Moncton, who was taken somewhat seriously ill about two weeks ago and confined to his home, is now convalescent.

Mr. C. A. Archer of Toronto, is in the city.

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