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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1931

PREMIER BAXTER

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier and Attorney General of New Brunswick, yesterday quietly observed his sixty-third birthday, and received many messages of congratulation on the event. The Premier, like all of the human race, is growing old at the rate of twelve months a year, but his love and zeal for his native province and his capacity for hard and useful work show not the slightest sign of diminishment. A somewhat hasty perusal of the records shows that the position of Premier Baxter is unique in many respects. In the first place it is doubtful if any man in the history of the province, not at least since Confederation, has held the office of first minister at the age of sixty-three years. The late Hon. A. G. Blair, one of the most illustrious of Premier Baxter's predecessors, was Premier and Attorney General for thirteen years, but resigned at the age of fifty-two to accept a portfolio in the Federal cabinet. The four Premiers following Confederation were Hon. A. R. Wetmore, Hon. George E. King, Hon. John J. Fraser, and Hon. D. L. Hanington, who held office in the order named. They all gave up provincial politics when in the prime of life and were appointed to the Supreme Court bench. Mr. King was ultimately transferred to the Supreme Court of Canada. Coming down to more modern times we find that Hon. William Pugsley, after three years of service as Attorney General, resigned at the age of fifty-seven to enter the Federal cabinet, and eventually became Lieutenant Governor of the province. Hon. L. J. Tweedie held the office of Premier for six years and six months, but did not perform the onerous duties of chief law officer of the crown during his term of office. When several years younger than Premier Baxter he resigned to become Lieutenant Governor of the Province. Hon. J. P. Bryne, Attorney-General for seven years, was well under the three score mark when he was appointed to the Supreme Court bench. Sir J. D. Hazen, who was Premier for three years and six months, retired from provincial politics at the age of fifty-one years, served for six years in the Federal cabinet, and is now Chief Justice of the province.

Perhaps it might not be out of place to state here that from Confederation down to the year 1913 the province had a Solicitor General, whose duty was to assist the Attorney General in the discharge of his duties, prepare criminal cases and conduct prosecutions. In 1918 a law was enacted creating the office of Deputy Attorney General, but the duties of this official are largely confined to office work and the collection of succession duties. This means that the Attorney General must act as the law giver of the government, supervise all legislation, to say nothing of the thousand and one things which fall to his lot as head of the administration. In the days of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, and those who preceded him in office, the annual revenue was between \$400,000 and \$700,000, and today it is \$6,500,000, which means that Premier Baxter in his capacity of general superintendent, now has a far greater burden of responsibility resting upon his shoulders than ever caused loss of sleep to those who preceded him in office.

We have already stated that the position of Premier Baxter is somewhat unique. He is the only Premier this province ever had who can write the letters "P.C." after his name, which means that he is one of His Majesty's Privy Counsellors, having been sworn when he accepted the portfolio of Customs in the Federal cabinet in 1921. He is also the only man who has twice been appointed Attorney General in succession to other incumbents of a different political party. He has filled this important

office altogether for seven years and nine months, a record surpassed since Confederation by only one other, Hon. A. G. Blair, who held the office continuously for thirteen years and four months. Premier Baxter is also the only man (Leader Dysart excepted) who was twice selected to lead the opposition to the government in this province, first in 1921 and again in 1921, after he had been elected to the Federal parliament as a cabinet minister. If it is necessary to add anything it might be pointed out that Premier Baxter is one of the few outstanding public men in the Dominion, who has been called upon to represent both in the Provincial and Federal Parliaments the constituency in which he was born and has spent his whole life. And furthermore in the election of June last both the city and county of Saint John gave him and his candidates the most emphatic endorsement ever accorded to candidates for the Legislative Assembly of the province.

Many great services apart from his regular duties, has Premier Baxter rendered the people of his native province, and for doing this he has made no charge upon the public treasury. While a member of the Federal Parliament he set on foot the agitation for Maritime rights, which resulted in the appointment of the Duncan Royal Commission, and which secured for the province an annual increase of \$600,000 in revenue, and for the Maritimes a twenty per cent reduction in freight rates on eastbound freight from Diamond Junction, Quebec. He obtained from the Canadian National Railways the sum of \$119,000 a year in taxes. He sold to the Federal Government the Saint John Valley Railway for the sum of \$6,000,000, thus relieving the provincial treasury of an annual interest charge of \$250,000. He had the great water power at Grand Falls developed without cost to the people, and in connection with this development induced the International Paper Company to construct at Dalhousie the largest paper mill in Eastern Canada. He also prevailed upon the Fraser Companies, Limited to erect at Athol, Restigouche County, a large sulphite mill which is now in operation. In addition to all these things the Premier with the assistance of his colleagues has doubled the revenue of the province in five years, without adding to the taxation of the people. And furthermore he has given to the province good, sound, honest, economical, progressive and business like government, and placed it permanently on the map. In view of what this brainy, far sighted, gifted and public spirited man has accomplished for good old New Brunswick we are inclined to think that all classes of citizens will heartily unite in wishing him many happy returns of the day and in expressing the hope that the province will have the benefit of his valuable services in some public capacity for many years to come.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The easiest thing the Thermometer does these mornings is register below zero.

Knock the wind out of a cheap politician and you have a flat tire.

There are no two ways of reforming a human being. From the inside out is the only way.

"No End to Speed," says a headline. Then what must we call the scene of the crash?

Doubtless Gandhi dressed up in a two pants suits would lose at least half his prestige.

Egg prices are getting down to where they were when men wore yellow stains on shirt fronts.

Professor Einstein says the stars do not twinkle. So that is something else that is all in your eye.

A fair distribution of closets in the home would be on a ratio of one for the man to three for the women.

"One Texas town had a fast day for the benefit of the poor." A much better method of relief, it seems, than giving a banquet for the overfed to talk over the situation.

GOOD PROGRAM ON THE AIR FOR WEDNESDAY

The radio program for Wednesday night as follows, Atlantic Standard time being used:

CFNB FREDERICTON
8.30—Weather Forecast, News Columbia Records.
12.30—Columbia Records
1.15—Stock Market Report.
6.30—Musical Program
7.00—Weather Forecast, Stock Market Report.

WLW, CINCINNATI
7.45—Literary Digest Topics.
8.00—Amos and Andy.
8.30—Phil Cook.
10.00—NBC Program.
WOR, NEWARK
9.00—WOR. Minstrels.
9.30—Larry and Duke Band.
10.00—Runkel Hour.
11.30—Moonbeams

WEAF, NEW YORK
7.45—Uncle Abe and David.
8.00—Rodeoheaver Sing.
8.15—Solence.
8.30—Boscul Program.
8.40—Black of the News.
9.00—Listerine Program.
9.15—Radiotron Varieties
9.30—Mobioli Concert.
10.00—Halsey Stewart.
11.30—Palm Olive Hour.
11.30—Coca Cola.
12.30—Orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK
7.00—Raising Junior.
7.30—Gloria Gay's Affairs.
7.45—Literary Digest.
8.00—Amos 'n Andy.
8.30—Phil Cook.
8.45—Entertainers.
9.00—Yeast Foamers.
9.30—Vibrant Melodies.

10.00—Wayside Inn
10.30—Camel Pleasure Hour.
11.00—Slumber Hour.
WGY, SCHENECTADY
9.00—General Electric Hour.
9.15—WEAF Program.
8.45—Special Program.

WABC, NEW YORK
6.45—Eddie Connors.
7.00—Going to Press.
8.15—Mountaineers.
8.30—Evangeline Adams.
10.30—Forty Fathom Trawlers.
10.00—Variety.
11.00—The Carribeans
12.30—Organ Recital and Chimes.

WTIC HARTFORD
8.15—Watch-Makers.
8.30—Hank Keene.
9.00—Bobby Jones Golfer.
9.15—Radiotron Varieties.
9.30—Mobioli Orchestra.
10.00—Jesse Crawford.
10.30—Palmolive Hour.
11.30—Top Notchers in Sport.
12.00—News.

CKAC MONTREAL
8.00—Authors' Association.
9.00—Bachelor Cigar Program.
9.30—Snow-white Revellers.
10.00—Royal Poet of the Organ.
11.00—Lucerne in Quebec.
11.30—Columbia Bureau.
12.00—Royal Canadians
12.30—News to the North.

Westinghouse Salute
Tribute to the canning industry will be paid in the Westinghouse Salute, to be broadcast over an NBC network Tuesday night, February 17, at 11 o'clock.

Musical Comedy Hit
"The Yama Yama Man," from the old musical comedy success "Three Twins," will be sung as a solo by Julia Sanderson during the Blackstone Plantation broadcast over an NBC network Tuesday, February 17, at 9 p. m.

Casino Shooting
How Polly and Paul become involved in the mysterious shooting of a woman gambler will be explained as the next Adventure of Polly Preston is broadcast by NBC, Tuesday night, February 17, at 8.45 o'clock.

Call Successful
The emergency call sent out by the Wilmot United church, which has been in financial difficulties resulted in contribution in cash on Sunday of \$1,743, it has been announced. The voluntary contribution on Sunday was part of the \$2,000 that was asked, and a special committee will now investigate into the financial situation of the church in the near future.

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Editor, The Mail,
Dear Sir:
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Of course I would not be unreasonable enough to expect that the ships would beusable except at low tide.
Yours truly,
COL. HOOPER.

Vikings Quartet

"Sleepy Town Express," "In a Window in a House in Caroline" and "The Little Things in Life" will be presented by the Vikings, a male quartet, during their broadcast over the NBC network, Tuesday, February 17, at 8.15 p. m.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender or Customs and Immigration Building, Forest City, N. B.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, March 10, 1931, for the construction of a Customs and Immigration Building at Forest City, N. B.

Plans and specifications can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, the Resident Architect, old Post Office Building, St. John, N. B., and at the Post Office, Forest City, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10% of the amount of the tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or bonds of the Canadian National Railway Company will also be accepted as security, or bonds and a cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

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N. DESJARDINS, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
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The administrator of the above deceased intestate having filed his accounts in this Court and asked to have the same passed and allowed and order for distribution made you are hereby cited to attend if you so desire at the passing of the same at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the County of York at my office in the City of Fredericton in the County of York on MONDAY, the 16th day of March, A. D. 1931, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon when the said accounts will be passed upon and order for distribution made.

Given under my hand this Seventh day of February, A. D. 1931.
(Sgd.) HARRIS G. FENETY,
Judge of Probate,
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(Sgd.) W. J. WEST,
Registrar of Probate,
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