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AN OPPOSITION PROPOSAL

Mr. Michaud of Madawaska, who is frequently referred to as "the brains of the opposition," led off in the debate on the budget in the Legislature yesterday afternoon. He was in good form and spoke well, but did little more than repeat the old story of the opposition with some variations, designed to give the public the impression that the members to the Speaker's left are not unheedful of the spirit of the times. The member for Madawaska, who though still young in years is one of the veterans of the House, spoke fluently as he usually does, and endeavored to convey the impression that he was in dead earnest. The fact that he was for several years a member of a government, bowled out of office in 1925, because of its failure to measure up to public requirements, somewhat militiated against his utterances and while they were listened to with respectful attention, they failed to impress his fellow members to any marked degree, and we are inclined to think will not carry any great weight with the people of the province.

Mr. Michaud in the course of his speech pledged his party to co-operate with the government on certain conditions with a view of bringing about reforms in the body politic. On the well recognized principle that it is always advisable to look a gift-horse in the mouth it is unlikely that the government will take his proposals seriously. Mr. Michaud in a burst of generosity submitted a list of eleven points, as a basis on which the opposition are wililng to co-operate in the administration of the affairs of state. As a sample brick he would abolish patronage, which if carried out would of course accrue to the advantage of the opposition. He would have no increase in the capital debt, and their would be no additional taxation for five years. He does not promise to bring about the millenium but it would come if all his proposals were put into effect. He would not increase the public debt, but would provide work of some kind for every able bodied man by undertaking necessary public works in which labor mostly enters and would inaugurate a broad and intensive back to the land campaign. Where the money would come from for all this was not stated.

Mr. Michaud's proposals sound nice but the government will be justified in accepting them with a large sized grain of salt. All governments these days have their own troubles and are not keen to add to their burdens, which would surely be the case in this province should an attempt be made to carry out the fantastic program outlined by Mr. Michaud. Still Premier Richards and his colleagues would be quite justified in showing their appreciation of Mr. Michaud's keen sense of humor, even if they have no intention of permitting him to "pass the buck."

That the energetic member for Madawaska possesses a real sense of humor is attested by the generally credited report that he is soon to bid adieu to provincial politics and offer as the Liberal candidate for the vacant Federal seat in Restigouche-Madawaska. In view of this probability the government as an act of benevolence would be quite justified in allowing his "eleven point" declaration of principles to be put into practice by the administration which Leader Dysart expects to form on some date in the far distant future.

As was to be expected Mr. Michaud concluded his speech by moving an amendment, which expresses a lot of regrets but means nothing. A similar amendment from the same source on a former occasion was bowled out by the House and this one stands to meet the same fate.

Latin America, jealous of the far east, is trying to focus upon itself the attention of the busy and distracted League of Nations.

AN HONOR WELL DONE

In commenting on a pleasing incident in the New Brunswick Legislature last week, when Hon. Dr. Taylor was honored on the completion of twenty-five years of continuous service as member the St. Croix Courier says:

"The New Brunswick Legislature paid a unique tribute to Charlotte County's Minister of Health and Labor last Friday when they made him a present of 25 roses in commemoration of his quarter of a century of unsullied service to the people of this County and Province as a member at Fredericton. The fact that the leaders of both parties joined in eulogizing the man and his works is in itself indicative of the esteem and respect which he has earned among the members, regardless of political leaning. Here in his own constituency he holds an even more intimate place in the hearts of the people among whom he has lived and moved for this long period of time. The people could have no better representative in the House, the Province no more capable a Minister of Health. It is the earnest wish of his people that Dr. Taylor may long be spared to continue his unselfish service and kindly ministrations."

An effort is being made through the medium of newspaper advertisements to have the Federal Radio Commission lift the ban on the speeches of Judge Rutherford, "anti-social agitator." It is scarcely likely that the response to this appeal will pustify the expenditure on newspaper advertising. The Radio Commission did the right thing in ordering Judge Rutherford to keep off the air, and the government should supplement its action by prohibiting the use of the mails to a Rutherford publication called "The Golden Age." Blasphemous atacks on members of the Christian ministry feature every issue of this publication.

In the province of Quebec it has long been the custom to appoint an English speaking member as custodion of the provincial finances. This rule is adhered to by both political parties. In New Brunswick during the past seven years the portfolio of Provincial Secretary-Treasurer has been administered by a French speaking minister, and during that period the duties of chief financial critic have been discharged by one of that race. On the important question of finance our Acadian fellow citizens certainly have their say.

Charlottetown Guardian:—Considerable weight is now given to the claim that America was named after Richard Americke, a sheriff of Bristol, England, and not after the Italian Amerigo Vesjucci, who it is said, was an obscure person, purveyor of beef or ships' chandler. It is claimed that John Cabot, who discovered North America in 1497, gave the name to the continent he had discovered of his friend Richard Amerike and this claim is supported by no less an authority than Edward Scott, a keeper of manuscripts at the British Museum.

Montreal Gazette:—The legal committee of the Ontario Legislature is considering a bill to compel pedestrians to carry lights while walking on the highways at night. If the idea is put into practice it should be provided that the walkers' head light or tail lights should be prominent enough to show motorists that human beings and not fireflies are glimmering along.

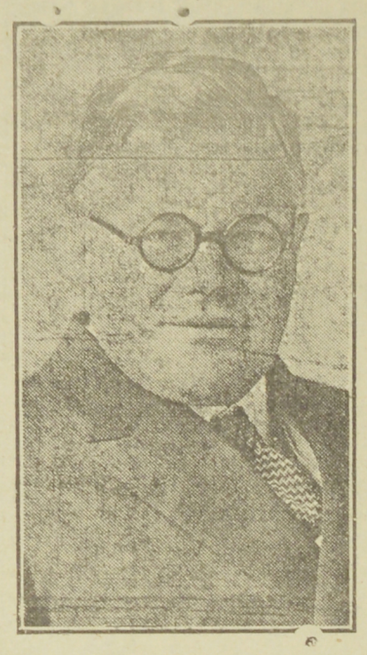
Premier Bennett in discussing the railway bill in the House of Commons yesterday, intimated that the question of amalgamating the C. P. R. and C. N. R., may be decided at a plebiscite to be taken at the next federal election. This should afford a satisfactory method of settling the perplexing problem.

According to a statement contained in the Public Works report, New Brunswick now has 11,822 miles of highway. There are 1,425 miles of main trunk, 3,211 miles of secondary and 7187 miles of branch roads. The total mileage under patrol is 3,643.

A snap shot of President Roosevelt, taken at his inaugural now going the rounds of the newspapers, makes him look like the central figure in an old time shaving soap advertisement.

After a jewel robbery Hollywood publicity seekers certainly aren't de-press-agents, when putting a value on the film queen's rocks.

GOING TO ENGLAND



Otto Schierbeck, chief forester of Nova Scotia, who is going to England to assist in stimulating English lumber business.

BETTING ON THE NUMBER OF SEEDS IN AN ORANGE

A group of men were discussing gamblers and gambling. The questions arose, which country produces the most inveterate gamblers.?

"Well," said a former police lieutenant, "in my opinion I believe that the Chinese are the most confirmed gamblers. The average Celestial would rather gamble than eat. To illustrate, let me tell you of an incident which happened some years ago.

"One night when I was on desk duty in a lower East Side precinct, four Chinese were arrested, charged with gambling. After I booked them they were taken back to the detention prison.

"During the next two hours the station-house attendant made several trips out of the station house. Each time he returned he had a large paper bag in his arms. Becoming curious, I asked 'What's in the bag?' He replied 'Oranges. If those Chinamen keep it up that fruit dealer will have to get a new stock.'

"I said, 'They must like oranges.'

"He replied, 'They're not eating them. They're betting on the number of seeds in an orange.'"

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The new national theme song in the United States seems to be, Brothers, could you cash a cheque?

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Children like to be scared; for this reason, they enjoy ghost stories.

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After all, the most 'popular" singers are those whose every word you can hear.

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The way to enjoy living is to keep going; no matter how you feel, you're interested.

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There is no accurate estimate of the number of people who hate to go to dinner parties—but go.

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"High thinking is largely high hat". By that argument, what kind of thinking are we to assume gose with the collegiate hatless vogue?

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Perhaps you may have forgotten that Dean Inge's name is pronounced Ing, as in groaning.

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Your friend is not the one who tells the truth about you, but conceals some of it. Bless his loyal heart!

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Hobbies are recommended; and thousands would choose one, if you'd only point out a cheap one. None seems to be.

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Japan's continuousu advances into Jehol are explained on the score of Chinese "provocations". China might say, "Excuse us for living."

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Indians on a western reservation are reported to be showing symptoms of uneasiness. Maybe someone has been telling them that the whites want to give the country back to them.

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A spanish dispatch reports that twenty two spectators were injured at a football gamme in Madrid. This, we fear, will serve to increase the public clamor against the brutality of the sport and in favor of a return to the old safe and sane Spanish national pastime.

About the only thing for which radio promoters haven't found a sponsor is a jig-saw puzzle game over the air.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

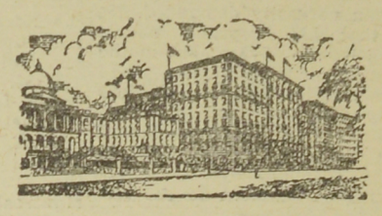
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