A GLANCE AT THE LOCAL NEWS OF FREDERICTON 27 YEARS AGO

(FROM THE DAILY HERALD FILES SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1907)

House Prorogued

After one of the most important sessions in the history of the Province lasting eight weeks and two days, the fifth session of the fourth Legislative assembly was formally prorogued by Ltd. Governor Tweedie at 9 o'clock this morning. Less than a score of members and only a few spectators witnessed the ceremony. His Honor was accompanied by private secretary R. S. Barker, Sheriff Sterling and Coroner Weaver. The list of Acts passed during the session was read over by assistant clerk Dibblee and given the Royal assent. Before separating the members sang Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

The Valley Railway

A Woodstock despatch says:— F. B. Carvel, M.P. spent Saturday in Toronto interviewing the firm of McKenzie and Mann with references to the proposed Saint John Valley Railway. He has succeeded in completing arrangements for a personal inspection of the route early in June either by Mr. Mann who has a most lively interest in the project or if that be impossible by one of the chief engineers of the staff. Mr. Carvell has made arrangements to have all the Dominion subsidies renewed during the present sessioi of Parliament.

College Y.M.C. A.

Bishop Richardson will address the college Y.M.C.A. tomorrow afternoon. The Bishop has kept in close touch with the problems of college men and has an established reputation as a speaker.

Encaenial Orator

Rev. Frank Baird of Sussex has been invited to deliver the annupal address on behalf of the alumni Society at the University of New Brunswick Encaenia. The late Dr. A. A. Stockton was to have been the orator but his death caused a vacancy and Mr. Baird was selected. His subject will be "Literature as a National Asset."

Assessment Bill

In the Legislature last evening George W. Allen, M.P.P. for York had the Fredericton Assessment Bill recommitted to allow an amendment to be made to facilitate the bringing into force of the act this year. The Bill was amended by extending the time for giving the necessary notice to a perio dof 30 days.

A Backward Spring

The backward spring is likely to be very helpful to the lumbering industry by bettering the conditions for stream driving. There is still nearly six feet of snow in the woods of the Tobique and Miramichi and on account of the continued cold weather the ice in the rivers and lakes show signs of breaking up. A prominent lumberman said this morning that he thought the month of May would be well advanced before anything would be done in the way of stream driving.

A Generous Gift

A very pleasing incident took place at the Barker House at noon today when H. B. Rainsford was made the recipient of a purse containing the sum of $150. The idea of making the gift originated with Lt. Governor Tweedie while he was making a call upon some members of the Legislature who are staying at the Barker House. The amount was collected in less than twenty minutes, the Governor heading the list with $25. Premier Pugsley donated a similar amount and Mr. Hazen went down for $20. The Lt. Governor made the presentation and Mr. Rainsford made an appropriate reply.

Ald. J. S. Scott Praised

W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P. is in receipt of the following letter from Hon. Senator Proctor of Vermont which needs no explanation:—

Washington, D.C.
April 10, 1907.

Dear Mr. Whitehead:—

You sent down a pretty shrewd, level headed chap to represent you in regard to the Consular Agency. Everything was entirely new to him, of course, but he managed it with the skill of a veteran. His frank, honest, good sense stood out so plainly that he seemed to have his way everywhere.

I am very glad your matter came out so satisfactory and was very sorry that I was under the weather, so as not to be able to help. I think there will be no trouble about keeping it as a matter of neighborly friendship and comity rather than one of business.

W. T. Whitehead, M.P.P
Fredericton, N. B.

Yours Very Truly,
REDFIELD PROCTOR

(A few days previously Ald Scott wired that his mission to the American Capital had been entirely successful. Not only was the consulate retained in this city but some years later it was raised to a vice-consulate and a citizen of the United States was placed in charge.)

The Highway Act

In the Legislature last evening Chief Commissioner LaBillois made an announcement in regard to the Fredericton Highway Bridge. He said it would cost $225,000 to complete the structure and it was proposed to replace the spans as they become unsafe. Tenders for two new steel spans will be called for at once and it is proposed to have them completed by the spring of 1908.

Progressive Act.

Those who now wish to send messages at any time during the night or on Sunday, may do so by telephoning 301-41 and their needs will be promptly attended to as the C.P.R. has installed telegraph instruments in Manager J. W. Smiths house for the convenience of their patrons.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Everett and their children of Saint John are here the guests of Mr. Everett's mother Charlotte Street.

Patrick O'Rourke the efficient and popular telegraph operator who has been in charge of the Western Union office at the House during the session leaves for his home in Saint John this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Clarke and their son Master Aubrey Clarke are here from Montreal visiting Mrs. Clarke's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbetts.

Miss Bessie Morrison, youngest daughter of Stewart L. Morrison is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

NOVA SCOTIA BOASTS THE OLDEST TWINS

Truro, N. S., April 11—Mrs. Job Dratt of Pleasant Valley and Mrs. Brenton of Brentwood, 92 are not claiming the title of the Maritime Provinces oldest twins but they can't let those youngsters Henry Albert Graves of Halifax and Mrs. Enos Simms of Liverpool, 83, get away with anything.

Mr. Graves and Mrs. Simms, born in Chester, N. S., were referred to as "the oldest twins in the Maritimes" and "active and hearty".

But Mrs. Dartt and Mrs. Brenton are nearly ten years older and they are active and hearty, both up and doing and attending to their household duties. They were born in Brentwood and have lived within a few miles of each other in Colchester County all their lives.

File No Claims

Their many friends in the country would even go so far as to say they were the oldest twins in the Dominion, but Mrs. Dratt and Mrs. Brenton are not filing any claims. A few weeks ago they might have, but startling news has been published since then. The papers say the first ten people to receive old age pensions in Nova Scotia under the system inaugurated this spring are over the century mark.

Mrs. Florence Collins of Scottsville, Inverness County, for instance, is 108. She got the first pension. The next, 105, and the third to Mrs. Mary Ann Cummings, Fort Hawkesbury, Inverness, 103, and so down the list. And the danger of claiming a title is that one of these centenarians might have a twin.

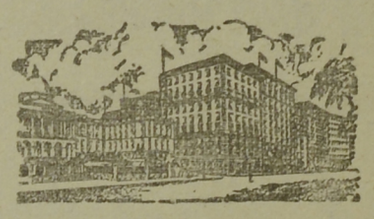
Omaha, Neb., April 13—Sam Dresher, one of Omaha's leading dry cleaners, is peeved. Sam, who enjoys a reputation as a practical joker, purchased several acres of land near the city for a picnic ground for him and his friends.

Someone placed "Nudist Camp" signs all around the property and the property and the resulting confusion gave Dresher a mild case of the jitters as he ruminated,"— and me a dry cleaner—nudists, phooey."

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