

THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE WELL ATTENDED

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more men in the lumber woods and saw mills than there were at this time last year—it seems increased employment for many more in loading of cars and steamships. It is estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 men are employed or will be employed during this season in the lumbering operations, including the cutting, manufacturing and exporting of pulpwood.

There has also been a marked increase in the coal mining operations. My hon. friend, the second of this address, who is closely connected with this industry will probably give more definite details.

The fishing industry has also seen considerable improvement due to a great extent to the assistance given by the Provincial and Federal Government in the way of granting bonuses to fishermen. It is well known that last year in some Parishes of the Province practically the whole fishing population was on direct relief—this year those sections have been to a great extent self supporting.

The Government has also encouraged employment and industry by Bank Guarantees and by the reduction of stumpage and the export charge upon pulpwood. These are practices which in normal times might be condemned but in times like the present, they are not only beneficial but necessary.

Relief Camp

In further relief of the unemployment situation in the Province, the Provincial Government, in conjunction with the Federal Government, has established a Relief Camp for single employed men in Sunbury County. This is in line with an idea which is being carried out in practically every Province of Canada. The Government realizes that it is not only a great benefit to these young men, who otherwise would be idlers in our cities and towns in the country, but also has a good moral effect upon the people in general, as men who are without work become an easy prey to the many agitators that are to be found in this and every other country today. I have heard many compliments from different parts of the country with regard to the manner in which the National Defence has conducted these Camps, and when the time comes when these 500 young men, which I understand is the number employed, can be absorbed in other industry, it will be found that they are better morally, physically and mentally for the time that they have spent in the Sunbury Camp. This Camp, as pointed out in the Speech is for the purpose of developing a reforestation area, and also a Maritime area for artillery training ground, which will mean a great saving in the transportation of Maritime troops, which previously had been sent to Petawawa, in the Province of Ontario.

Hard Surface Roads

The Premier, and his colleagues, have also arranged for the laying of some hard surface roads in the Province of New Brunswick. This also will be money well spent and the development of a much needed asset in the Province. You will remember that a few years ago the Ministry of Public Works had in mind the laying of hard surface roads in the Province of New Brunswick, and it was only on account of the depression, and consequent lack of funds, that this plan had to be abandoned. This will also employ a large number of men and in that way relieve the unemployment situation.

Duncan Commission

We have during the past few years before and after the Duncan Report heard much of Maritime Rights in the Province of New Brunswick, but never until our present Premier took office have we had a clear understanding of what our rights are. The Premier employed the services of one of our outstanding Baristers of the Province of New Brunswick, namely, Mr. Teed, to make a thorough research of the rights of the Maritimes, both moral and legal. This report of Mr. Teed's has had wide circulation and is now well known to practically everyone. The findings of this report were to the effect that while we have no strong legal claims, which we might enforce against the Federal Government, yet we have very strong moral ones. It is these moral claims that the Premier of the Province is endeavoring, along with the Premiers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to have adjusted. It is also believed that the recommendations of the Duncan Commission have not been fully implemented, particularly in the matter of transportation, and in this connection the Premier has appointed from the Province of New Brunswick five members of a Maritime Transportation Commission to act jointly with the other Provinces concerned on a readjustment of the freight rates. The head of this Commission is Mr. J. D. Palmer of Fredericton who has had very wide experience in Railway matters, having been a Director of the Canadian National Railways, and under him are men who are very competent to deal with a question of this kind.

Co-Operative Marketing

The Government also realizes that if the Province of New Brunswick is to take advantage of the markets, both in other parts of Canada and Overseas, that more attention must be paid to the organization for this purpose. I think one of the reasons why we have not developed along this line in the past is because we have not paid as much attention to the quality and selection of the goods, which we are selling, as has been done in some other parts of the Dominion, and markets of the world. Under the Ottawa Conference agreement, Canada has a great access to the markets of England and other portions of the Empire. The English markets in particular has always demanded goods of the very best quality. British importers have repeatedly stated that the first essential, if Can-

ada is to gain and hold that part of the English market which she is entitled to under the agreement, is that she must give assurance, not only that she can supply the quantity, but that the quality of the goods must be of the best.

In the Province of New Brunswick, we are favorably located for supplying England, not only with large quantities of lumber, such as we are shipping at the present time, but also with many farm products, particularly bacon, as it is a well known fact that Canada today does not supply one-quarter of the quota of bacon which she is allowed under the British preference. This is a product, which it seems to me New Brunswick could very easily supply, both in quantity and quality by increasing production. As a matter of fact we in the Maritime Provinces are raising only 16 per cent of what we ourselves need.

Labor Disputes

In appointing a conciliation Board to settle disputes between employers and employees in the lumber industry, the Premier is again manifesting the great regard, which he has always had for the working men of this Province. It is unfortunate, as I understand, that some lumber operators in this Province, taking advantage of the great scarcity of employment, have been paying men a rate of wage which is a disgrace to a civilized country, and I am sure the people of this Province would endorse the strong stand, which it is the Premier's intention to take in this matter.

Election Act (Ladies)

We now come to the portion of the speech which should be of great interest to the ladies of this Province. I refer to the proposed amendment to the election Act which in effect permits ladies to sit in the Provincial Legislature. We all remember the controversy which waged for years as to whether woman should have the vote or not. By an amendment to the Election Act, this question was settled quite to the general satisfaction, and while perhaps the many beneficial results which were expected to follow have not been realized, we still recognize that the granting of this privilege was an act of common justice. We now go further, in fact we are carrying the idea to its logical conclusion and women are to be granted the right to sit in the House. While I cannot visualize such a scene as this Chamber filled with lady members, yet I hope that there may be found at least one Lady Astor or Agnes MacPhail in the Province but whether the ladies sit in the Legislative Halls of New Brunswick, Canada or any other part of the British Empire, they will always have the consolation of knowing that from the beginning of time the mothers of men have been the chief influence in directing the progress of the world, and that the saying is as true today as it was many years ago when it was first written—"That the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

Financial Condition

Another reference in his Honor's speech is the financial condition of the country and to the falling of revenue. In this connection, we must agree that the Government deserves great credit for having maintained the public services in such good condition. In times of depression, demands for public service are always greater and the ability to collect revenue is correspondingly less. As an example of the falling off of revenue we might take one Department alone, that of Lands and Mines. In the year 1928, which might be considered a normal year revenue from this Department was \$1,285,379.98, in 1933, \$484,998.35, not much over one-third. The same falling off was true of other income producing Departments. To meet this decreasing revenue, the Government pared the expenditures to the absolute minimum, and we have been fortunate that while there was a deficit, the financial standing of the Province has not been impaired and our credit stands high in the markets of the world, as instanced by the sale of Bonds.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to pay tribute to our Government, which under almost overwhelming difficulties, has so well conducted public affairs, and it cannot be said of them that they have refused responsibility or that they have lacked judgment or courage, and the people of the province should be thankful that such men have been at the head of affairs.

I would also suggest that in these days of severe trial the readjustment, instead of complaining and blaming those who are at the head of Government, and who are bending every effort to serve us to the best of their ability, that we encourage these men and at the same time fortify our own courage with new and stronger resolve. Our hope is in the future, so let us cast our glance forward, "let the dead past bury its dead" forgetting the things that are behind, "in the words of the apostle, "We press forward to things that are new." The past is gone with its failures, disappointments and sad experiences. Today I believe there is a new light in the sky, and we have every reason to look forward to happier days in the Province of New Brunswick.

MR. EVANS in seconding the Address said: In rising to second the address in reply to His Honor's Speech from the Throne, I wish to congratulate the Honorable Member for Kings upon the clear and forcible manner in which he has spoken. I feel keenly my own limitations as a speaker on such an occasion as the present, and will have to ask all Honorable Members to make allowance for my comparative inexperience.

To the Members of the Government who have chosen me for this duty

County of Queens and myself I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks.

During the year just passed, our County has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its former representatives in the Legislature, in the person of the late Isaac W. Carpenter who passed away on October 12th at the advanced age of eighty-two. Mr. Carpenter, of Cavalier descent, a native of Wickham, where he spent his whole life, was a Member of this Legislature from 1895 to 1903. He was a prominent and highly respected citizen of our County, a Leader in Community and Church Life, always interested and active in every movement for the advancement of his native province, and in his death we have suffered a distinct loss. I am confident that every Member of this House will join with me in paying this tribute to his memory and extending sincere sympathy to those who have been bereaved.

Cabinet Changes

Fortunately, since we last met in Session here no sitting Member has been removed by death, but we have lost from our number those two whom you have heard mentioned by His Honor. Both of these Honorable Gentlemen, for many years able representatives of their respective constituencies in this Legislature, and will be missed by us who remain.

Mr. H. H. Tordella, Mr. Justice Richards I wish to extend my congratulations upon his elevation to the Supreme Court Bench which high position I am sure he will fill with honour and with dignity.

To Mr. Michael I extend congratulations upon his being elected a member of the Federal House of Commons. To both of these gentlemen so our best wishes and the hope that they may have before them many years of health and strength in which we are confident that they will continue to give service to their native province.

The New Premier

To take the leadership of the government a gentleman has been chosen whose father, as Premier at an earlier day, took a prominent part in the advancement of our Province and whose name is honored throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion which he helped to create. The mantle has now fallen upon the son and I congratulate the Hon. Premier upon him being chosen to fill that high office of great responsibility which he now assumes. His long experience in public life should be of great assistance to him in carrying on the administration of provincial affairs and surmounting the many difficulties with which he and his Government will be faced in the discharge of his numerous and arduous duties I wish him every success.

To the Hon. member for Saint John who has been given the Portfolio of Attorney General and to the Hon. Member for Charlotte who has been chosen as President of the Executive Council I extend hearty congratulations upon their advancement and best wishes for their future.

President's Visit

The Speech from the Throne has reminded us that last summer this Province was honored by the presence of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, who came to pay a friendly visit to a community where he had spent many of his boyhood vacations. May he not take this as a symbol of the friendly relations that have so long existed between our Dominion and the Great Republic to the South of us. Let us hope that these relations shall ever continue.

His Honor, in the Speech which he has been pleased to deliver to us, has shown that the Government during the year that has elapsed since we last met here, has been actively engaged with matters to promote the interests and welfare of our Province, and has prepared important legislation to place before us during the Session upon which we are now entering.

Returning to Normal

It is gratifying to note that the economic condition of the Province has materially improved during the past year. In the general business situation there appears to be a definite turn toward a more normal state of affairs both within this province and throughout the whole Dominion.

The Government, realizing that to a great extent the prosperity of our province was dependent on activity in the lumber industry, in its several branches, has, during the past few years made every possible effort to aid that Province-wide enterprise which has been passing through a most difficult period.

Stumpage rates have been reduced, the erection and operation, of Pulp and Paper Mills has been encouraged and assisted, and in many other ways help has been given.

Empire Conference

At that great gathering of empire leaders, the Ottawa Economic Conference, active and persistent efforts were made to open up a larger market for our timber in Great Britain. Such large quantities of our Forest Products are exported that the available market outside our own country has a most important bearing upon the prosperity of this industry, and the Government is to be congratulated upon the success that is now rewarding its continued efforts.

Mining Industry

His Honor has also been able to point to a decided improvement in our Coal Mining Industry. The output for the last calendar year exceeded 200,000 tons, 50 per cent greater than that of the previous twelve months and higher by several thousand tons than in 1922, the former record year.

There are several principal reasons for this marked increase. First, greater care is being taken by the larger operators in mining, and in the preparation of the coal for market, with the result that the coal now being produced is giving much better satisfaction than formerly.

The erection of the Grand Lake power plant by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission has aided

increases in consumption by Pulp Mills and the Canadian National Railways have helped to make possible the greater tonnage that is now being mined.

Important Industry

This industry now employs over 1,000 men and the wages paid last year must have approximated three quarters of a million dollars. When we add to this the cost of pit timbers which are used in large quantities and are procured in the surrounding districts, and other indirect payments, there must be put in circulation little short of a million dollars per annum, a very substantial sum in the economic life of this province, particularly under existing conditions.

It is worthy of particular notice that of all the coal mining provinces in the Dominion, New Brunswick alone is carrying on without receiving amounts in financial aid by the way of bonuses subventions from the Federal or Government.

The Mining Act

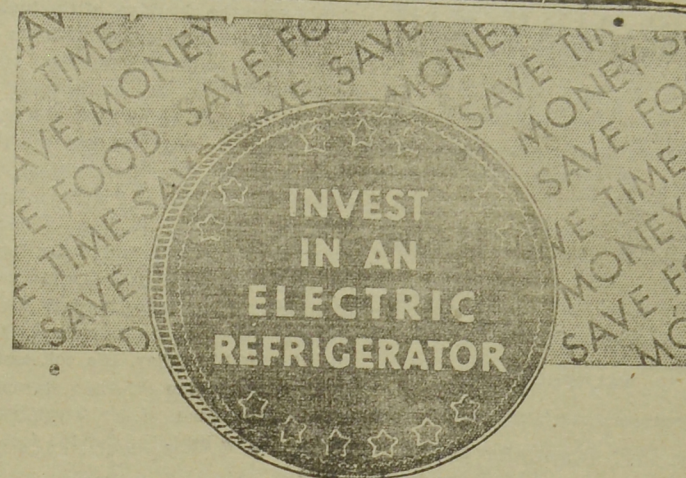
The amendment to the Mining Act passed at the last session of this Legislature, incorporating therein regulations for the safety of employees has now been in force for several months, and I feel confident will bring about considerable improvement in working conditions an assist in the prevention of accidents. Unfortunately, some serious accidents still occur and it seems impossible to prevent such entirely.

Responsibility for working conditions in industry rests upon both employer and employee, also, though not so directly, upon the consumer. Many consumers of coal and other commodities when they hear of serious accidents to workmen or of unsatisfactory conditions under which men find it necessary to labor, are quite ready to blame the government, the employer or the workmen. May I be permitted to point out that they themselves cannot escape a certain measure of responsibility.

Increased Expense

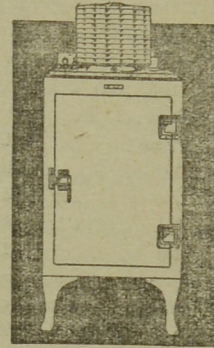
Improvement in working conditions, installation of safety devices and the observance of safety regulations in any industry generally mean increased

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