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## A GOOD LEGISLATURE.

The last Legislature was undoubtedly one of the worst that the province has had since Confederation. It was a subservient, jug-handled affair, and scarcely more than half of the members regularly attended the sittings, while the numerous scandals unearthed from time to time did not tend to enhance the outfit to any great extent in the estimation of the public. It is not surprising, therefore, that the people, when given the opportunity, voted to put an end to a condition of affairs which had become intolerable. The weeding out process was so thorough that only thirteen men who sat in the last House are numbered among the members of the present one. It may not have been exactly a case of the survival of the fittest, but the tendency seems to have been along that line. Even the rankest partizan who visits the new House and scans the membership on both sides will be compelled to admit that the change brought about on February 24th was for the public good. The province now has a strong and capable government with a good working majority, and it also has a numerically strong and active opposition. It is undoubtedly one of the best Legislatures New Brunswick has had since Confederation. Every member with one exception was in his seat on the opening day, and it is scarcely likely that there will be many absentees during the session. This means that the business of the House will receive more prompt and careful attention, and the province will be the gainer.

The election of 1912, when the Flemming government was returned to power with forty-eight supporters, was a costly blunder for the people of this province, and one which is not likely to be repeated during the next generation.

## GOVERNMENT INCOMPETENCY.

The Toronto Saturday Night, an independent newspaper, noted for its plain-spoken utterances, has apparently arrived at the conclusion that the country has little to hope for from the Borden government. After calling attention to the fact that our Canadian Home Defence force is a flat failure, and expressing the opinion that recruiting for overseas "is a dead cock in the pit," Saturday Night says: "What is the Government doing 'about all these things? Nothing; and 'from present indications will continue to do nothing. A policy of drift 'seems to be this Government's long 'suit. But Canadians are getting tired of it, extremely tired. To be quite 'frank, we are cursed with a most incompetent Government, probably the 'worst since Confederation, and that 'is saying a good deal. To pick out 'the most incompetent member of the 'cabinet would be a hard task. It 'would be unfair, there being so little 'to choose between them."

When Mr. Dugal made his famous charges in the Legislature during the session of 1914, he was warned by a member of the then government that his seat would be forfeited if he failed to substantiate them. Mr. Dugal was the only opposition member of the late House who sought re-election, and his majority was so large that his opponent forfeited his deposit. Now he sits on the front row to the right of the Speaker as a member of the government. Although the transfer of Mr. Dugal from the left to the right of the Speaker is fairly good evidence to the contrary, some opposition newspapers and Rip Van Winkle politicians break out occasionally and say that the charges preferred against ex-Premier Flemming were not substantiated.

Montreal Gazette: Reports that soldiers in or passing through Quebec, Levis and Riviere du Loup were insulted and assaulted by people of the places named, are denied by those who should know. In regard to the city of Quebec, a refutation of the charges was made in the municipal council, and no one challenged the denial. The statements clearing the other towns may well be accepted. There are foolish objectors to military service in Quebec as elsewhere, and every man who puts on a soldier's

uniform is not always wise in his conduct. There have been brawls between soldiers and civilians in every part of Canada; but no one of sense ascribed to them anything but their proper meaning.

Hon. Mr. Murray's maiden speech in the Legislature as opposition leader, which, although it made a decided hit in the office of the St. John Standard, does not appear to have been of sufficient importance to call for editorial praise in the columns of the local opposition organ. It is quite evident that the newly appointed publicity committee of the opposition party has not yet got down to business.

The debate on the address in the Legislature will be continued this evening by Mr. Potts, one of the new members for St. John. Premier Foster gave the members some good advice on Friday, when he requested them, to avoid useless discussion and get down to business.

## Through Our Sieve

Many a man wishes his running expenses would slow down to a walk.

The opposition in the new Legislature appears to be willing to forget the past.

Although Mr. Young and Mr. Pinder buried the hatchet on nomination day, they sit far apart in the House this session.

It is true that Nature pays and collects her debts, we ought to be able to wear straw hats up to Christmas.

As the weather warms up the simple life looks more and more like the genuine article.

Another war slogan: Prohibit gum-chewing and conserve the energy of the nation.

The rest of the world perceives with astonishment that Germans continue pleased with each other.

It is difficult for a man to get back to hard work after holding a political job for a few years.

That patriotic woman with three sons in the army and three in the navy wasn't prepared for the demands of the aviation corps.

The man with common sense can have a woman smile at him without thinking that she's in love with him, and can eat oysters on the half shell without expecting to find a pearl.

Berlin's explanation of the rapid goose-stepping eastward is convincing because it is wholly according to form. After a retreat a great general like Hindenburg always explains why he retreated, and usually mentions what he is going to do next.

## N. B. FEDERATION

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Fredericton Trades & Labor Council, George C. Crawford.

Fredericton Boot & Shoe Workers, No. 458, A. McDiarmid.

## Committees Appointed

The executive has appointed the following committees:—

Special Committee for consideration of Workmen's Compensation Act, J. E. Tighe, F. C. Wilson, J. Lynch, G. C. Crawford, J. Kemp and J. Legere.

Resolutions: J. Kemp, S. Bradshaw, A. McDiarmid.

Officer's reports: W. McDonald, M. Steeves and J. Taylor.

Constitution: J. Lynch, F. Dow and F. Steeves.

Andit: Harry Ryan, H. Beck and F. C. Wilson.

Ways and Means: G. C. Crawford, C. E. Harrison and S. Bradshaw.

## Faculty to Meet

The U. N. B. Faculty will meet on Tuesday night for the purpose of making arrangements for the Encaenia to be held on Thursday, May 17th.

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## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, May 13.—The names of the following Maritime men appear in the casualty list:

## INFANTRY.

Killed in Action.

C. T. Steeves, Berry's Mills, N. B.  
R. J. Grant, St. John.  
A. L. Crossman, Sackville.  
H. L. Kilcup, Sackville.  
H. E. Reid, Upper New Horton, N. B.

E. H. Horsman, Cherryfield, N. B.  
J. W. Cripps, Moncton.  
Died of Wounds.

H. J. Gaynes, St. John.  
Wounded.

Sergt. F. M. McHarg, St. John.  
I. T. Wigmore, Sackville, N. B.  
W. L. Craft, St. John.

C. Curwin, Richibucto, N. B.  
G. A. Wiggins, Young's Cove Road.  
L. Corp. W. A. Chaisson, Lameque.  
G. W. Murphy, West Glassville.

W. S. Renny, St. John.  
L. Corp. R. W. Lindsay, Hartland.  
V. Sentell, Salisbury.

C. T. Olmstead, Fredericton.  
G. L. McHarg, St. John.  
B. H. Hovey, Moncton.

H. P. Steeves, Hillsboro, N. B.  
O. W. Thorn, Havelock, N. B.  
E. J. Langtry, St. Leon, N. B.

H. S. Chalmers, Bathurst, N. B.  
J. A. McGaw, St. Stephen, N. B.  
Missing.

Sergt. E. McManus, West Bathurst.  
C. Alexander, Newcastle.  
Believed Killed.

G. W. Kirk, St. John.  
ARTILLERY.  
Wounded.

Gunner W. F. Farrer, Upsalquitch, N. B.  
Gunner J. R. Machum, St. John.

MOUNTED RIFLES.  
Ill—J. Casey, Bathurst, N. B.

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C. P. R.....	158
Crucible steel.....	67½
Erie.....	22
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	80
Union Pac.....	133
U. S. Steel.....	116½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	44
Marine Com.....	27
Reading.....	86
Rubber.....	54
Studebaker.....	87
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	48½

## MONTREAL.

Civic.....	77½
Detroit.....	111
Quebec.....	26½
Toronto.....	78½
Braz.....	48
Cement.....	59
Iron.....	59½
Steel Co.....	57
Spanish.....	13½
Shaw.....	121½
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