

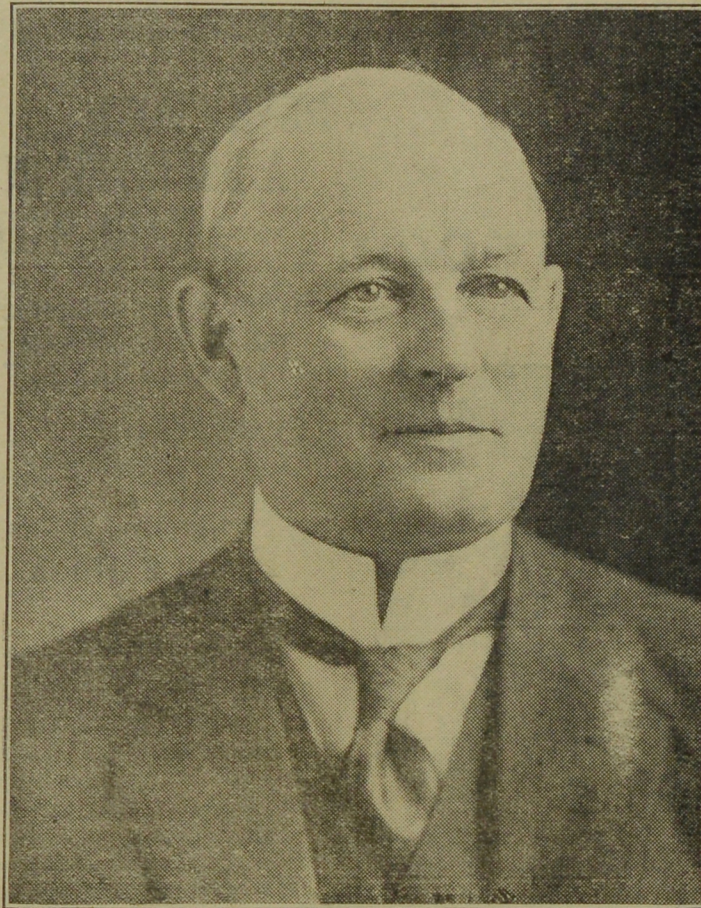
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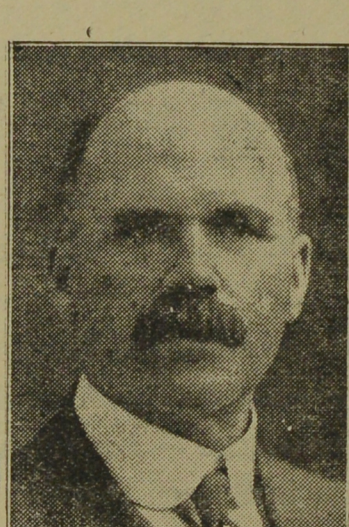
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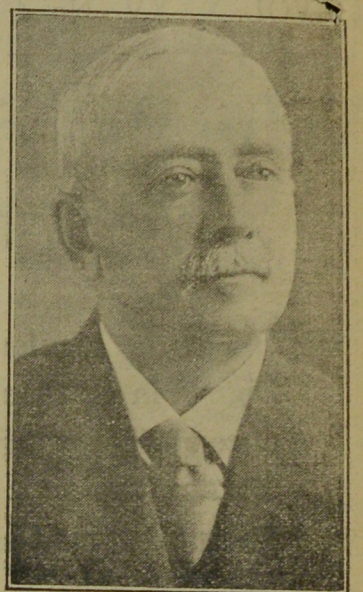
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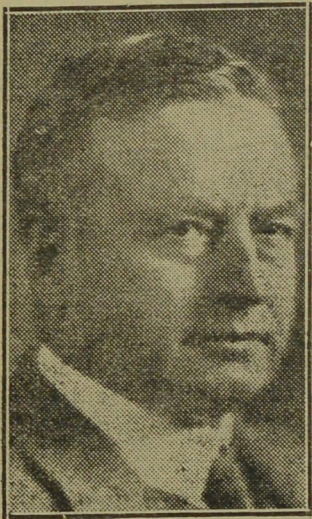
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IMPORTANT MATTERS DEALT WITH IN GOVERNOR'S SPEECH; PAST YEAR ONE OF PROGRESS

Following is the Speech from the Throne read by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor McLean at the opening of the Legislative Assembly this afternoon:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

Since your last meeting I regret to note the death of Mr. Gordon C. Grant, one of the Members for the County of York, whose kindly nature and unflinching attention to his duties won him many friends.

For a time, you, in common with the whole Empire, were in suspense as to the outcome of the serious illness of His Most Gracious Majesty whose commencing convalescence is hailed with joy and thanksgiving.

Toronto Conference

Several of my Ministers attended a Conference at Toronto held at the instance of the Maritime Province's Association of that City. They found a notable effort felicitously conceived and generously supported by residents of Ontario who have had their origin in the Maritime Provinces and who desired to promote further trade relations between their adopted and their mother Province. This and subsequent conferences have resulted in the establishment in Toronto of a Trade Commissioner who will represent the Maritime Provinces and for the support of whose office you will be asked to make a suitable appropriation.

The visit of representatives of the British Empire Parliamentary Association made a marked impression upon the intellectual life of this community, besides enabling our people to acquire a wider vision of the conditions which confront other portions of the Empire in their desire for mutual accord.

The Valley Railway
I am glad to inform you that negotiations for the transfer of the Valley Railway have progressed to a point where it is anticipated that a speedy conclusion will not be delayed and which will afford substantial financial relief to the Province.

I have caused to be brought to the attention of the Federal Government the claim of the Province that its financial relation to the Dominion should be considered in connection with the claims of other Provinces to natural resources, not in the sense of claiming for us a proprietary right in such resources but that there should be parity of treatment of all the Provinces.

Farm Loan Act

My Government by legislation introduced last Session expressed its desire to render available The Dominion Farm Loan Act to those interested in agriculture who might benefit by its provisions. The Commissioner, Hon. Dr. McLean, has recently visited this Province and is now engaged in visiting other Provinces which have adopted the Act. When he has completed this preliminary work I hope to see the Act functioning in New Brunswick.

Old Age Pensions

The subject of Old Age Pensions has occupied the attention of my Government and in view of the uncertainty as to the probable cost of the administration of that measure it has been decided to appoint a Commission to investigate and report upon the subject.

As a direct result of the policy of my Government pulp and paper mills are being constructed at Dalhousie and at Athol in the County of Restigouche. Mills will also be built at or in the vicinity of Chatham and on the opposite bank of the Miramichi River as well at a site to be determined. The industrial expansion consequent upon these constructions will exceed that of any period in the history of the Province.

Free School Books

During the year my Government felt that the time had arrived when the issue of school books could be made absolutely free up to and including the eighth grade, and I feel that this act has met with the approval of the country.

In the Department of Public Works, a Superintendent of Maintenance has been appointed and the heavy work of engineering supervision has been separated from the ordinary administration of the Department. Changes have been made by which it is hoped that persons engaged in road work may be paid fortnightly and with less delay than has hitherto prevailed.

It is gratifying to note that those engaged in the lumber industry have enjoyed a reasonably successful year, and that the territorial revenue showed a substantial surplus over the estimate. During the year the Canadian Forestry Association held a Convention at Fredericton, which did much towards stimulating the protection and conservation of our forest areas. Marked activity has been shown in connection with the investigation of our mineral assets, this work having been carried on extensively by each of the Canadian Railway organizations, as well as by other private organizations.

Tourist Travel

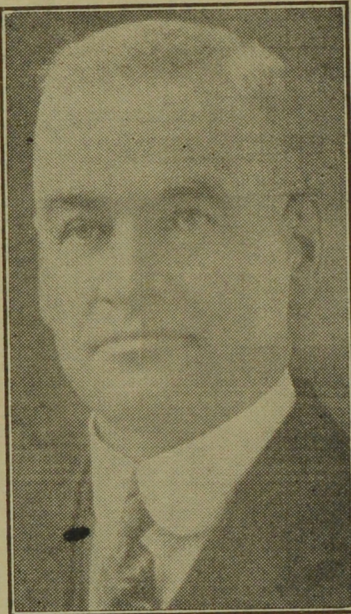
The tourist industry has shown substantial growth during the past year. Appreciating the value that would accrue to the Province, my Government authorized the placing of an exhibit at the New England Sportsmen's Show, recently held in the City of Boston. The exhibit was a very creditable one, and it is believed that the publicity derived from the participation in this Show will be of great benefit in attracting sportsmen and tourists to the Province.

In the Department of Agriculture satisfactory progress has been made in the live stock branch evidenced by an increase in Calf, Swine and Poultry Clubs. We have had the largest return from factory dairy products ever shown in the records of the Department. Immigration has increased and one hundred family British Settle-

ment Agreement has resulted satisfactorily.

Tuberculosis

The aid given to patients suffering from tuberculosis has been of great assistance in many localities and has resulted in considerable relief to the municipalities. It is hoped that in the near future it may be possible to develop additional institutional care for the sufferers from this disease. The generosity of an anonymous donor who is providing a Children's hospital in connection with the institution at Saint John will be gratefully appreciated by the people of the Province.



HON. E. A. REILLY, K. C.
Without Portfolio.

Another Surplus

I have pleasure in calling attention to the fact that the public accounts again show a surplus on current account. Notwithstanding this it will still be necessary to be careful in the matter of expenditures so that the Province may not again lapse into the practice of funding its current deficits. The public accounts for the past year will be laid before you with estimates of revenue and expenditure, which have been prepared with a due sense of the requirements of the country.

I trust that you may seek and obtain Divine guidance in all your deliberations.



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THE YUKON IS PICTURED AS FERTILE LAND

(Montreal Star)

Contrary to the quite generally received impression, the Yukon was shown to be a land capable of luxurious vegetation, in an illustrated lecture by Mrs. George Black, F.R.G.S., before the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club in the Ritz Carlton Hotel last night. Mrs. Black dealt with the flowers of the north land, with which she has formed an intimate and sympathetic acquaintance since she first went into the Yukon in 1898. Her husband, Capt. George Black, who has represented the Yukon in the House of Commons for many years, was former commissioner.

Mrs. Black took her audience in imagination for a trip up the wildly picturesque coast a thousand miles north of Vancouver, and showed views of the Yukon as it is during the summer months when continual sunshine produces wonders from the fertile soil. Mrs. Black who has made collections of wild flowers for the Government, said that in one summer she had gathered as many as 464 varieties. She noted that she had never found any poisonous weed or plant. Other vegetation also grows space. Rhubarb plants were shown taller than a man's head; mushrooms almost as big as a dinner plate; and luscious tomatoes ripened under glass. Views were also shown of gardens about the homes, the settlers even in remote parts being partial to the cultivation of flowers. As a background, was shown the landscape of the Yukon near Dawson and other towns, varied with mountain, valley, lake and river.

Mrs. Black gave some interesting sidelights on life in the Yukon. It is a good place for growing children as well as flowers, she said, exhibiting a photograph of a group of happy children on horse back. When a boy is ten years old, he has his own gun and fishing tackle with which he contributes to the family larder. He is trained to be careful with firearms and killing animals merely for idle slaughter is rare in the north. Showing pictures of the dining room at the Commissioner's house, Mrs. Black remarked that fine linen, china and glass are to be found in Yukon homes, and that the fine things of life are observed as they are "outside."

Mrs. Black and her husband make an annual tour of the constituency. The trappers have acquired the habit of watching for rare floral specimens, have learned how to press them, and send them to her.

Mrs. Black has brought with her a large collection of the wild flowers she has mounted in a special manner, and these were much admired.

Mrs. G. Lipsett-Skinner, president of the club, introduced Mrs. Black. (Continued from page two)

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