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OUR ENORMOUS LIABILITIES.

Premier Murray, in his manifesto to the electors, claims that the Province of New Brunswick is in an excellent financial position and that the credit stands higher than ever before. It is difficult to understand on what ground the Premier bases this sweeping claim. When the present government took office in March, 1908, the gross debt of the province was \$5,200,000; today it is \$10,000,000 in round figures. In 1907, the last year of the old administration, the interest charge as shown by the Auditor General's report was \$178,000. Last year the amount paid out for the fiscal year ending October 31st was \$351,004.99. In a speech delivered at Bathurst during the campaign of 1907, Hon. J. D. Hazen claimed that the province had liabilities amounting to \$9,000,000, and he declared that we were on the verge of bankruptcy. When it was afterwards pointed out to the then opposition leader that he was in error and that the actual liabilities were less than \$8,000,000, he still maintained that bankruptcy could only be averted by the most rigid economy.

The people put Mr. Hazen and his friends into power, and after nine years of their administration we find that the liabilities of the province have grown to the enormous sum of \$17,000,000. The largest item added to the liabilities by the present government was the bond guarantee of \$4,200,000 for the St. John Valley Railway. On this guarantee the province is now paying the major portion of the interest. They also guaranteed the bonds of the New Brunswick and Seaboard Railway Co. to the extent of \$297,000, and the first endorser, the Canada Iron Corporation, having gone into liquidation, the province has been stuck for the interest. The government also guaranteed the bonds of the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway to the extent of \$425,000 and the Southampton Railway for the sum of \$155,000, and is paying the interest on the latter. About the only security the province has for its bond guarantees is the Valley Railway, and that must be made a part of a transcontinental system before it will begin to pay the interest on its bonds. If the province was on the verge of bankruptcy nine years ago, how much worse is the situation today, when the interest, debt and liabilities are practically double what they were then? Thoughtful men who have the interests of New Brunswick at heart would do well to stop and ponder well over the situation before voting to give the present incompetent and extravagant administration another lease of power.

Many men capable of rendering splendid service to the province as members of the Legislature, hesitate to enter public life because of the sacrifice it entails. Of course it means a sacrifice, but what does it amount to in comparison with the sacrifice our gallant boys are today making on the battlefields of Flanders. When we have men prepared to sacrifice their lives in the cause of liberty those who remained at home should not hesitate to sacrifice a portion of their time to the cause of good government.

Last year the Provincial Government spent \$13,911 on the classification of Crown lands, and succeeded in classifying 200,000 acres. At this rate of progress it will take five years to classify one million acres and the cost will be \$70,000. As the province owns seven million acres it will, if the same rate of speed is maintained, take thirty-five years to complete the job and the cost will be \$490,000. When the work shall have been completed, in or about the year 1951, it will probably be necessary to do it all over again.

A few weeks ago Dr. O. B. Price, M. P. P., of Moncton city, was nominated as the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons. Last evening he was again nominated as the Government candidate in Moncton for the Legislature, and accepted. No other man could be found to face the music, and the doctor had to respond to the crack of the party whip.

The Standard devotes two pages of its space today to a report of the proceedings of the Kings County government convention. On the other hand, the report of the Westmorland Convention, which was nothing more than a fizzle, is given one inch of space. The row in the Westmorland camp is evidently serious.

St. John Telegraph: A vote for the Murray government is a vote for

Fleming methods. The proof is this: Mr. Fleming was no sooner out of the premiership than the present local government leaders made him a Federal candidate and the present Legislature whitewashed him. Mr. Murray welcomed him publicly, with joy, in the Carleton county campaign. Now he is the first in a list of government speakers announced for Victoria county. This is the record of facts that shows what to expect from the Murray government. Who can dispute it?

It is said now that Commodore Stewart will be offered a place on the government ticket in Northumberland. The Commodore was elected at the last election as an independent, and developed into a strong opponent of the government, being most outspoken in his condemnation of its crooked methods. The very fact that the government is willing to accept the Commodore as a standard bearer shows how desperate must be the situation in Northumberland.

Speaker Melanson was an unsuccessful aspirant for the Senatorship which was landed by Dr. T. L. Bourque. His long political service undoubtedly gave him the strongest claims, but he was turned down. He seems to have partially squared the account by declining to stand for re-election in Westmorland.

It is pretty well understood that Chief Whip Harry Woods does not intend to offer for re-election in Queens. He was promised a government berth seven years ago, and considers the time opportune to demand delivery of the goods.

Interest in the government campaign in York seems to be confined to government officials, railway and bridge contractors and party heelers. There is a wonderful lack of enthusiasm on the part of the general public towards the government of scandals.

It rather looks at this distance as if the government forces in Westmorland and Moncton were already beating it down the pike.

Decent men do not seem to be falling over one another this time in an effort to secure places on government tickets.

A lot of the members of the Fleming whitewash brigade seem to be travelling in the direction of the tall timbers these days.

The Nova Scotia Legislature, which was returned in June last, will meet for the despatch of business on the 22nd inst.

Through Our Sieve
The poultry show is one place where birds of a feather flock together.

The post office clock is again offering a hint to the grafters by giving its hands and face a rest.

If the new narrow-path snow plows are dubbed Billy Sunday, the scarifier must be a trail-hitter.

Westmorland—another county with a long name prepared to hand the government the short end.

Ill fares the land, to dentists' bills a prey, where gold accumulates and teeth decay.

The girl who imagines that every man she meets on the street is trying to flirt with her usually has a face that would make the ordinary chap run.

"Germany is making many substitutes," but she has produced no substitute for honor that will stand the acid test.

The Baltimore Sun says that "Economy and cornmeal mush go together." All right! We can be as economical of cornmeal mush as anybody.

After a girl has been married to a fellow while she does not consider it necessary to conceal the fact that she considers him a nut.

And now will the director of national service please step into the poultry show and tell those young pullets what the nation expects of them in the way of eggs.

In the abstract a man admires nobility and intelligence in a woman; but in the concrete he always prefers a bird of paradise to a wren, a decoration to an inspiration, and incense to common sense.

ROYAL YEAST
MAKES PERFECT BREAD

What hurts a woman's feelings is not the fact that every man lies to her, but the fact that he takes so little trouble to do it artistically—and yet expects her to believe him.

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PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

UNTIL APRIL 18

Premier Borden Urges Canadians of All Races to Co-operate.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—After hearing from Sir Robert Borden an inspiring appeal to all Canadians regardless of political opinions, of race and of creed, to co-operate for the purpose of throwing into the war the greatest effort of a united people, the House of Commons adjourned today, not to meet again until April 19. It has transacted all the business which it had decided to undertake when it agreed to break the present session of parliament to permit of the attendance of the Prime Minister at the war conference of the Empire in London.

During the sitting of the House it passed the bill to appropriate \$500,000 for military and naval defence, committed the bill to amend and consolidate the Railway Act to a special committee, and appointed a committee to consider the measures to be taken for the care of returned soldiers and their training for new avocations. All the business on the order paper was disposed of and then the sitting was interrupted to await the arrival of Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, the Deputy Governor General, to assent to the measures passed by parliament during the past three weeks.

OTTAWAS GAVE WANDERERS BAD BEATING YESTERDAY

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The Ottawas scored their easiest win of the season at the local arena here last night, beating the Montreal Wanderers by a score of 8 to 5. The Senators made it 3 to 1 in the first period and ran in three more to a lone tally by the visitors in the second, leading by 6 to 2 when the second ended. In the third they scored two more and had it 8 to 2, after which they let up.

Ottawa grew careless and with the outcome no longer in doubt the Wanderers scored three in a row.

MARYSVILLE NOTES

Effects of the Storm—Epidemic of Measles—Other News.

Marysville, Feb. 6.—A heavy snow-storm set in here on Monday last and continued throughout the night, leaving the roads and streets in an almost impassable condition.

Mr. P. E. Nickerson underwent an operation recently at Victoria Hospital for varicose veins. The operation is reported successful and Mr. Nickerson is resting easy today.

Measles are prevalent at this place, despite the efforts of the chairman of the Board of Health, who is taking every precaution to subdue it.

Work on the new cotton warehouse is nearing completion. Mr. Cox, who is superintending the work, expects to leave for Montreal in a few days.

Word was received here today of the death of Mr. Thos. Likely, a former resident of this place, but for the past few years a resident of St. John.

Mr. Edgar Peterson has sold his beautiful residence to the Main Street Baptist Church, to be used for a parsonage. The price paid was in the vicinity of \$2,000. The members of the Main Street church are very energetic, their motto being "Business as usual," despite the war and the high cost of living.

Miss Eva Stewart is recovering from a severe attack of measles.

Too bad the ground hog couldn't have stayed out long enough to help put one over on the professional grafters. Marysville, with the exception of a few heelers, will show their opinion of the government on Feb. 24th.

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