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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, was finished in the Legislature last evening and the address was adopted after an amendment moved by Mr. Baxter was promptly voted down by a majority of six. A feature of the afternoon was the speech of Mr. Dysart of Kent in reply to opposition criticism. Mr. Dysart not only proved that the criticism of the opposition, directed at the government's programme, was entirely uncalled for, but he carried the war into Africa by his pointed references to the political sins of the administration which was bowled out of office on February 24th. Mr. Dysart is a young man of great promise and will no doubt be heard from frequently during the term of the present Legislature.

Mr. Tilley, who is acting director of National Service, delivered a good address, although the excellent advice which he handed out to the members to rise above petty partizanship in the face of the great crisis now threatening the Empire was completely lost on at least one of his colleagues. Mr. Tilley, in a frank and straightforward manner, gave praise to Hon. Mr. Tweeddale for the practical interest he has displayed in the campaign for greater production. There was every evidence of sincerity in his utterances, and he made a most favorable impression in the House.

Very good speeches were contributed to the debate by Mr. Peck of Albert and Dr. Crocket of York, though they both showed a tendency to split hairs in their efforts to find something on which to base criticism of the speech from the throne. It is to be presumed that had these gentlemen been members of the House last session they would have been equally outspoken in their criticism of the very meagre programme then outlined by a government which had been in office not six weeks, but nine years. The remarks of the last speakers on the opposition side carried so little weight that the government did not deem a reply necessary, and allowed the debate to fizzle out.

Having passed the address, the House will now get down to the real business for which it has been summoned.

A BRITISH VIEW.

Mr. Gilbert K. Chesterton, writing in the Illustrated London News on the entry of the United States into the war, declares that "the American declaration of war was practically the declaration of history."

The United States is commonly accepted as the "melting pot" of the world; it is racially the most composite of nations. It was the nation best qualified to pass judgment on the issues involved in the European conflict and, therefore, the decision of the vast majority of its people, that honor and self-respect rendered it obligatory on them to enter the war as an enemy of the Central Empires, is as near to the verdict of history as any contemporary decision could be.

Mr. Chesterton also holds that President Wilson, in his last and greatest speech, was the voice, not merely of his country, but of humanity. This is how he puts it:

"President Wilson, in his great speech, was truly and worthily what somebody was once called fancifully—the orator of the human race. There was a powerful impersonality in his very eloquence which was all the more human because it was not individual but rather like the mighty voice of a distant but approaching multitude. The simple words with which he ended were among the sort of historic sayings that can be graven on stone. There is a moment when a man's moral nature, apparently so wayward, finds its path with a fatality like that of doom. 'God helping her, she can no other.' That is the answer of humanity to all possible preaching about the inhumanity of war, to libraries of loathsome realism, to furnaces of ghastly experience, to the worst that can be said, to the worst that can be endured. There comes a moment in which self-defence is so certainly the only course that it is almost superfluous to say it is the right one. There is nothing else, except to commit suicide; and even to commit suicide is to connive at murder. Unless a man becomes the enemy of such an evil, he will not even become its slave, but,

rather its champion. In such an extremity there enters at last an awful simplicity; and we share something of that profound spiritual peace which always possesses the armies fighting in the field. God help us, we can no other; for God Himself will not help us to ignore evil, but only to defy and to defeat it."

The Standard today makes a big splash over the result of the vote on Mr. Baxter's amendment to the Address in the House last evening, and seeks to make it appear that the government has no use for returned soldiers. It is a cheap attempt to make political capital for a discredited political party, and will deceive nobody. The men who have returned from the front are not asking to be appointed clerks of county and circuit courts, chairmen of boards of health, or registrars of births, and they would not feel flattered were the government to offer them positions of that kind. The old government took so little interest in the welfare of returned soldiers that it lost the votes of about nine-tenths of them on February 24th. They know that the government will treat them fairly and it will not be necessary for them to join a political organization before their claims are recognized.

The Provincial Government does not intend to permit the opposition to have a monopoly of the fun of asking questions in the House this session. Yesterday supporters of the government got in seven questions, the answers to which will be awaited with interest. Mr. Magee wants to know if it is true that Mr. B. F. Smith, after informing the White Company by letter that his department would pay no commissions on motor trucks, had a check for \$5,000 issue in favor of the Smith Foundry Company of this city, the local agents for the concern. Another member wants to know if the Standard, Limited, submitted an account to the government for publishing an address signed by B. F. Smith and outlining his highway policy.

The St. John Standard gives a lot of prominence to Mr. Baxter's gallery play resolution on returned soldiers, but entirely ignores Mr. B. Frank Smith's heroic but unsuccessful attempt to manufacture a scandal at the expense of Premier Foster. The member for Carleton had a most uncomfortable time of it in the House yesterday, and the cold shoulder from the Standard will not be likely to add to his peace of mind.

By playing a lone hand in the Legislature and making all the trouble he can for "the party," Mr. B. F. Smith probably thinks he will improve his chances of landing the vacant Senatorship. Not a bad idea after all.

About the only real happy man on the opposition side of the House is our old friend Mr. Pinder of York. Down in the bottom of his heart he is really pleased over recent political changes.

Through Our Sieve

Calluses at this time may mean patriotism.

B. F. Smith is more than ever bent on making trouble for the party.

Already there are indications that the opposition in the House is not a happy family.

Being queen of the May nowadays needs intensive preparation on a diet of whale oil and blubber.

Now is the time to get out the cook book and learn seventeen ways of making delicious corn bread.

One thing can be said for the ultimate consumer—he is a patriot who never shirks his obligations, physical, moral or financial.

Young women are advised to start canning clubs, but we have known of young men who have been arrested for "canning." Why this discrimination?

The awful solemnity felt by everybody these days could not be better illustrated than by the fact that the most solemn-faced man in the Legislature, with a name like Potts, could condemn a six weeks old government for not coming forth with a new road policy, without provoking laughter.

Dorothy Dix says the strongest desire of a wife is to be treated as a doll baby and a seeress. Also, it may be added, as a mother, a sweetheart, a spiritual counselor, a business adviser, a domestic scientist, a lecturer on finance, a slave, a martyr, an angel, a censor, a system of philosophy and a future state.

Mr. T. J. Carter is a guest at the Barker House.

Messrs. J. King Kelley and N. A. Ross of St. John are registered at the Barker House.

INSPECTING OFFICERS
PLEASED WITH KILTIES

236th Highlanders Inspected by Major General Benson Yesterday--Presentation of Medal.

The Kilties were inspected yesterday afternoon by Major-General T. Benson, General Officer Commanding No. 6 Military District, Brigadier-General H. H. McLean, General Officer Commanding Troops in New Brunswick, and Major A. N. Jones, General Staff Officer, No. 6 Military District.

The battalion, the members wearing kilts of McLean tartan, formed up on the Queen Street Parade ground at 1.30, the inspecting officers arriving and being received with a general salute. The battalion was formed up in line and the officers passed up and down the ranks inspecting the men. After the completion of this the unit was formed into a hollow square and in a short speech Lt. Col. Guthrie asked General Benson to present the Military Medal to Lance Corporal Moore, who had won his decoration for bravery on the field. After appropriate remarks by Generals Benson and McLean, Lieutenant Governor Wood and Premier Foster, this was done. Col. Guthrie then presented to the General Officers, the Governor and the Premier, three of the officers of the Kilties who had also won decorations for bravery, namely, Lieuts. A. O. Budd, E. M. Scovil and D. G. Peters. The battalion then resumed line formation and marched past the inspecting officers. After the completion of the march past the battalion formed up into the various training classes, giving the officers an opportunity to look over the excellent work of the past month.

Both General Benson and General McLean expressed themselves as highly pleased with the discipline and progress of the unit.

A large number of citizens were present on the men's verandas of the Queen Street Barracks throughout the exercises.

COMMISSIONS
WERE COSTLY

of hoodling and graft cost the province last year the sum of \$1,957.80. The bulk of the work was performed during 1915, but for reasons known only to the government the account was held over until after the fiscal year had closed. Mr. W. B. Chandler, K. C., was paid the sum of \$775 for his services in addition to \$154.01 for expenses, and it will be generally admitted that he earned the money.

Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., who conducted the Blair investigation, was paid for fees and disbursements the sum of \$638.79. Mr. J. A. LeBlanc, who acted as interpreter at the Chandler inquiry, was paid for his services and expenses, including those of witnesses the sum of \$669.35.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

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| Beet Sugar..... | 89½ |
| C. P. R..... | 159½ |
| Crucible steel..... | 67 |
| Erie..... | 23 |
| Erie 1st pfd..... | 39 1-2 |
| Marine Pfd..... | 79 |
| Union Pac..... | 133½ |
| U. S. Steel..... | 118 |
| Air Brake..... | 179 |
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| Reading..... | 86 |
| Rubber..... | 66 |
| Studebaker..... | 87 |
| Bethlehem..... | 141 |
| Wool..... | 48½ |

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| Civic..... | 78 |
| Detroit..... | 112 |
| Quebec..... | 26 |
| Toronto..... | 78½ |
| Braz..... | 40 |
| Cement..... | 59 |
| Iron..... | 59½ |
| Steel Co..... | 57 |
| Spanish..... | 13½ |
| Shaw..... | 121½ |
| Can Cottons..... | 52 1-2 |
| Laur. Pulp..... | 185 |
| Scotia..... | 90 |

For City Engineer.

Two applications have been received by the City Clerk for the position of City Engineer of Fredericton made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. George McKnight. The applicants are Mr. D. W. Burpee of Fredericton, at present employed in Newfoundland, and Mr. E. L. Thorne of Halifax.

Concrete Curb and Gutter.

Ald. Lemont at last night's meeting of the City Council expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the business of the Street Department was being conducted and said he regretted that Ald. McLellan was not present, to explain. The citizens who had applied for concrete curb and gutter were complaining that no tenders had yet been called for the work. City Clerk Perkins explained that tenders would be called today as delay in obtaining the specifications had occurred.

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