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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The debate on the address in the Legislature yesterday was rather brief being limited to the speeches of the mover and seconder of the address, but what it lacked in quantity it made up in quality. Mr. Mersereau, one of the new members for Sunbury, was assigned the honor of moving the address, and discharged the duty in a manner creditable alike to himself and to the constituency which he ably represents. Under the old administration it was customary for the mover and seconder of the address to prepare windy effusions and send copies to the party press in order that they might appear in print as soon as delivered. The delivery of these effusions consumed a lot of time, and wearied those who were compelled to listen to them. This year the mover and seconder showed some consideration for the feelings and patience of the hundreds of ladies and gentlemen who thronged the floor and galleries. Their speeches were short and to the point and every word was followed with the closest interest. A good, healthy precedent was thereby established.

Mr. LeBlanc, who seconded the address, sustained the reputation which he has established as one of the cleverest Acadians this province has ever produced. His speech was delivered without notes and was one of the most eloquent and forcible which the Legislature has listened to in a score of years. His reference to the noble part which Britain and Canadians are playing in the great world war thrilled the large audience and provoked hearty applause from his colleagues.

In forcible language he pointed out that the Legislature could not build ships, and could not raise and equip troops, but it could promote a greater production of agricultural products. He emphasized the importance of agriculture in its relation to war by calling attention to the fact that a century ago France, by reason of the fact that 80 per cent. of its population were engaged in agriculture, was able for ten years to keep up a struggle against practically the whole of Europe.

Mr. LeBlanc's great speech delighted all who heard it, and he fully deserved the hearty congratulations which were showered upon him by his friends and colleagues. This young man, who is a lawyer by profession, is destined to play an important part in the public life of this province.

A FORGOTTEN FACTOR.

Rev. Dyson Hague, a noted Anglican clergyman, contributes the following spirited article on the food question to the Toronto Saturday Night:

The greatest problem that faces the world today is food production. The menace of world hunger haunts like a spectre men who know. The expects of the nations are proclaiming from the house-tops to the people of Canada: Back to the farm; help the farmer; increase the production; Canada's outlook is alarming; help to raise the biggest crop that Canada has ever known; the war may be decided on the farms of Canada; wake up, Canada! Not long ago the Board of Trade made an earnest appeal to a large gathering of the ministers of Toronto, which, we are sure, will not be without result, for they all, we think, like the writer, have made personal appeals to their own people to offer themselves and their sons, and their daughters, to the Organization and Resource Committee. But the Christian people of our land, led by the ministers of Canada, should, in this national crisis, enter upon a new crusade of prayer. Every day, and especially on Sundays, urgent and special petitions should go up to the God of all Grace, to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, that our land may yield this year a superabundantly extra supply for the alarmingly extra need. There are two factors in all production; one is human labor, the other is divine power. And blind, blind indeed, are we as Canadians if we lose sight of the truth, that the determining factor in the harvest of this year is the grace and goodness of our Heavenly

Father. Let ministers speak with no faltering voice upon this subject, and earnestly urge as our national policy the principle of national reliance upon God in connection with this food shortage. A few weeks drought, or an early frost will entirely destroy all the efforts of man's labor. We, therefore, plead that all who profess and call themselves Christians should perfect our material resources to the limit, but in addition to pray without ceasing to the Lord of the Harvest, the only giver of growth. Christians of Canada, wake up and pray! Ministers of the Christian church, give leadership in prayer!

Halifax Chronicle: The United States is sending a diplomatic mission to Russia, and President Wilson called upon the biggest American available to undertake the delicate and difficult task. It is Hon. Elihu Root, a Republican leader, who answered promptly the summons to patriotic service. In Canada no Liberal leader has ever been invited or allowed by the Borden government to participate in any such act of public service, since the war began. The government has played the partisan game all the time.

Friends of the new government, particularly St. John visitors, were greatly delighted over the ability and coolness displayed by Premier Foster in handling the business of the Legislature at the opening yesterday. Hon. Mr. Foster is one of the youngest men who has filled the office of Premier of this province since Confederation, and every day he gives evidence that he is the right man for the responsible position. His colleagues and supporters have reason to be proud of him.

Although the old government is alleged to have had a policy for the stimulation of greater production, it neglected to make any arrangements to procure a supply of seed for the farmers. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale took prompt action on taking office, and was fortunately able to procure a supply of seed wheat, oats and potatoes. The announcement is made that it has all been spoken for and a much larger supply could have been disposed of had it been available.

Halifax Chronicle: Our own correspondents might be pardoned if they exaggerated in their praise of the gallantry of the Canadian troops. But no higher compliment has been paid than that of Philip Gibbs, the brilliant British correspondent. His testimony to their valor and endurance, their high acts of sacrifice and heroism, their fitness and quickness to "see the thing and do it" will stir the heart of their countrymen.

Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World thinks that the vacant New Brunswick Senatorship should be filled by the appointment of a North Shore man. He points out that if a line were drawn through the province east and west, no Senator would be found living to the northward of it. At least three opposition members of the present Legislature will not concur in the views of the Commodore.

The elevation of Hon. William Currie, of Restigouche, to the honorable and dignified position of Speaker of the Legislature is a tribute to his ability as a representative of the people and a fitting honor to the fair county of Restigouche. Hon. Mr. Currie has had considerable legislative experience and can be counted upon to discharge his important duties with ability and impartiality.

OBITUARY.

Late Ernest Shields.
The funeral of the late Ernest Shields took place this afternoon from his late residence, St. Mary's, and was largely attended. Service was conducted at the Advent church.

Late Mrs. P. G. Ryan.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Ryan, widow of Hon. P. G. Ryan, took place this morning from her late residence, George street. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Dunstan's church at nine o'clock by Rev. Father Carney. Interment was made at the Hermitage.

Federation of Labor.

The New Brunswick Federation of Labor will meet in Fredericton on Monday and Tuesday next, May 14th and 15th. Messrs. George Crawford, Jas. Legere and Harry Ryan will represent the Fredericton Labor Council, while a large delegation is expected from St. John. It is expected that Mayor Mitchell will preside. Ald. Robert Baxter is vice president of the Federation in Fredericton, there being a vice president in every large centre. The delegates will be entertained at the Labor hall, Regent street, on Monday evening. Fred McIntosh and Frank Dowe will represent the Typographical Union.

PUTTING IT UP TO SOCIALISTS

Petrograd, May 11.—The government, in handing out the suggestion of a coalition ministry, appears to have put the issue squarely up to the Socialists. The move on the part of the ministry is seemingly an effort to remedy the anomalous situation in which the country finds itself through having a nominal government with the power lodged elsewhere.

Yesterday's call upon the socialists as represented by the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, was by way of shifting some of the responsibility for government upon the elements which wield the power and which assume the right to direct, to criticize and thwart the acts of the ministry.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 11.—The noon casualty list of 263 names contains 52 killed, 13 died of wounds and 11 missing. Here are 187 wounded or ill.

The Maritime names are as follows:
Infantry
Killed in action—C. C. Stingle, Carleton, N. S.
Died of wounds—R. Ling, Westley River, P. E. I.
Killed in action—R. E. Bradshaw, St. John.

Through Our Sieve

When in doubt, plant potatoes.

Joined the bygs yet? They're the backyard gardeners.

Beauty hint: Spading and hoeing reduce both the waste and the waist.

The sheriff and coroner were left out of yesterday's parade.

There were quite a number of new men on the job at the Legislative opening yesterday, but they got by fairly well.

The monarch tones of the acting clerk made people sit up and take notice.

Remember those lovely spring days when the sun shone right through from rise to set?

Although the price of shoe leather was never higher, the \$5-a-day coach for Assembly members has disappeared.

"It's a great life if you don't weaken," said the opposition members who wore the white flower of a blameless life on their coats.

The eligible bachelors in the House include an honorable member from Westmorland and an honorable member from Charlotte.

Yesterday we heard the speech from the throne. As soon as members of the defeated government get a chance we'll hear a screech from the thrown.

We believe that the nine men who occupy the front bench to the right of the Speaker could trim an equal number on the other side, even at baseball.

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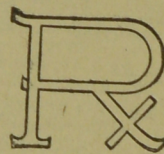


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