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HARD TO PLEASE THEM.

Last session Mr. Baxter, the opposition financial critic, and some of his colleagues, in the debate on the budget found fault with the government because it had not taken the House into its confidence and disclosed in the estimates the source from which the much needed additional revenue was to be obtained. This year the government appears to have forestalled the opposition financial critic by placing all the cards on the table face upward. With the wind thus knocked out of his sails, Mr. Baxter found it necessary to go on a new tack, but he proved himself equal to the occasion. In his speech he scolded the government for increasing the estimates, and now we find him seconding a want-of-confidence motion because the government is seeking to raise additional revenue. In other words, he is condemning the administration for doing the very thing which last session he condemned it for not doing. The ex-Attorney General seems to be a very inconsistent man, and this being so, it is not to be wondered at that he sometimes makes himself appear ridiculous in the eyes of the people.

The score of gentlemen who sit on the opposition side of the House have not yet recovered from the shock which the people gave them when they voted for a change of rulers, and it seems useless for the government to try to do anything to please them.

With them it seems to be a case of "be damned if you do and be damned if you don't."

MAKE NATURE WORK.

Someone says he has discovered that hedgehog quills make good phonograph needles, says the Boston Record. Hence the suggestion that the phonograph companies provide a live porcupine with every machine. Grow your own needles. Nature ought to do more work for us. Nature is not lazy, but she is inefficient sometimes. She ignores the idea that man is to be served first. So much of nature regards man as incidental and no more. We should establish a more intimate utilitarianism between man and nature.

Train a glow-worm or lightning bug to rest in the night-latch keyhole. A judicious and orderly burying of bones in the garden when you pull plants in the fall ought to lead any well-trained hound to do your spring digging for you. Sheep would make great lawnmowers if they could be impressed with the necessity of eating in a straight line, or taught to follow graceful curves and carve ornamental designs on the lawn.

Past experiments have been only partially successful. It has been proved that feeding a cow ice or rum will not result in her giving ice cream or milk punch. Chickens kept in a cellar produce no more dark meat than ordinary hens free to roam. A dog will bring many wonderful things home, but cannot be depended on to supply the family with coal or umbrellas.

St. John Telegraph: Soon after 1912 there was begun a series of revelations, the most disgraceful in the history of the province, showing that conditions here had become as shocking as in Manitoba and British Columbia. And here, as in those provinces, the result was finally the overthrow of the government and the party responsible for the transactions exposed. It has been the custom to throw all the blame for those evil conditions upon Mr. Fleming, but it must be remembered that the very men who are now standing up in the Legislature to voice petty and dishonest criticisms of the Foster administration are the same men who whitewashed Mr. Fleming and recognized him as a virtuous ally after he was driven from Fredericton.

Mr. Baxter lost his temper completely in the House yesterday over a ruling by the Speaker on the opposition leader's woman suffrage resolution. Under the old administration Mr. Baxter was able to run things about the House to suit himself, but he finds it

different now. He would probably get along much better if he would retain control over his temper. There is an occasion for any member of the House to use insulting language towards the presiding officer.

The British Columbia Legislature has adopted a resolution disapproving of the granting of hereditary titles to residents of Canada. The federal government has also taken action with the object of stopping or greatly curtailing the practice. Titles, hereditary and otherwise, are rather scarce in New Brunswick at the present time. The province has not a single Knight, and the only hereditary title is held by a gentleman who came here a few years ago from the old country.

It is to be regretted that at a time when the British Empire is facing the most terrible crisis in its history, the opposition in the New Brunswick Legislature continues to play politics, and pretty small politics at that.

Through Our Sieve

The home guard may soon drill in the home garden.

Fried beefsteak is now classed among the substitutes for meat.

Only five weeks to love's young dream and early greens!

Many people do not understand the difference between criticism and knocking.

Food conservation has taken so firm a hold that they now take pains at a picnic to prevent the deacon from sitting on the raspberry pie.

By the time a man has learned the art of love-making he usually is too old to make it effective, or he has a wife who is on to his tricks.

The lawyer who produced the mysterious letter in the Supreme Court this week did not even have a "dim recollection" as to where it emanated from.

Absolute knowledge have I none, but my aunt's stepmother's sister's son, knows a policeman whose friend has a son who says he knows when the ice will run.

The loyal opposition tried hard to put on a gallery stunt in the House yesterday, but as Frank Sweeney would say, there was "no chance."

After a married woman has listened to her husband's theories and explanations for a few years her credulity has been so educated that fortune tellers and bargain day advertisements sound perfectly plausible to her.

Synod Wants

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Bishop's Opinion.
Bishop Richardson said he was pleased that Rev. Mr. Kuhring had brought up this matter and he endorsed his remarks. He described the action he had taken in 1915 on this same matter. The committee then had been asked by the Board of Education if the Roman Catholic authorities had been consulted in regard to this proposition. As that had not been done the matter stood over. He had gone to St. John and had seen the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John who expressed himself as not being opposed to the project but advised him to consult with the senior Roman Catholic Bishop of Chatham. He wrote to the Bishop of Chatham who replied to the effect that he was not even in favor of the existing system but would put up with it for the present. This evidently meant that the Roman Catholics in New Brunswick were looking forward to getting control of a separate school system. "Already they had concessions, such as teaching of religion in schools and the privilege of renting their buildings."

Dr. W. S. Carter.
Dr. Carter in reply stated that there were no separate schools in New Brunswick, that the present arrangement in regard to the school system had been agreed upon by Protestants and Catholics alike as far back as the time of the late Sir Leonard Tilley. By an agreement at that time the Catholics had the privilege in the larger centres of continuing to occupy the school buildings which they then possessed. It was only natural that as time went on and buildings grew too small that they would be replaced by larger ones. Dr. Carter also pointed out that there was an increasing Jewish population in various sections of the province which was opposed to Scripture teaching in the public schools. While teacher, inspector and chief superintendent he never had known a Roman Catholic teacher to break the agreement prohibiting the teaching of religion in school hours. Religious exercises took place before or after school hours.

Bishop's Reply.
His Lordship said that to all intents and purposes Catholic schools at the present time were separate, that was in Fredericton, Moncton and St. John. Protestants must be on their guard or the Roman Catholics would become as aggressive as they were in Quebec.

NOW WE KNOW.

The rise in the price of maple products is doubtless due to the high cost of feeding the maple trees, according to an exchange. Did the idea originate in York county?

CITY PEOPLE MUST HELP

"Grow Your Own Vegetables," is Slogan for Urban Dwellers—Farmers Must Raise for Export.

(Food Bulletin.)
The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture has sent a circular letter to officials of all urban municipalities in the province, urging backyard and vacant lot cultivation, poultry keeping, etc., this year, in order that the farmers may be able to devote a larger proportion of their land and energies to the production of foods for export. The letter calls attention to the vital importance of increased production. It continues: "To the farmers is committed the task of raising food for export, and their efforts should not now be hampered by our dependence upon them for things we ourselves can provide. Vacant lot gardens, home grown poultry and the humble pig sty will do war service."

The Department states that a man in the city, town or village who can assist in farm work should be on the farm but those whose occupation prevents participation in farm work can render a service of national importance by utilizing sufficient spare time to produce a maximum quantity of garden produce. The circular suggests that this is a matter of serious consideration for officials of all urban municipalities especially and that everything that it is possible for them to do to encourage this work should be done.

"There should be in every city, town and village an association which stands for food production," the circular continues, "and it should receive the assistance and support in a practical way of all municipal representatives. This movement is, in Saskatchewan as well as in Great Britain and elsewhere, of national importance. Indeed in Great Britain the producer of an acre or more of vegetables is exempt from military service while so engaged, and gardeners should devote all their facilities to the production of vegetables capable of being canned or stored in their natural condition rather than to the production of flowers, however worthy the latter may be under normal conditions."

MINSTREL SHOW SCORED A HUGE INITIAL SUCCESS

Doors Were Closed Last Night on Account of Rush of Spectators—Repeated Tonight.

The Minstrel and Specialty Show held at the Opera House last night under the auspices of the Anagwakade Chapter of the I.O.D.E., and under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley, was a decided success and very much enjoyed by all. The house was packed to the doors, many having to stand throughout the entire performance. The show produced by local talent, was one of the best seen here for some time. The parts were taken magnificently and the amateurs and old "standbys" who took part deserve great credit. The costumes were beautiful. The performance will be repeated tonight. The proceeds will go for patriotic purposes.

The circle of minstrels which produced the bulk of the first part of the entertainment was good, the ladies and gentlemen who did the work of the black face artists showing evidence of careful training both in the choruses and individually. The soloists were Miss Eva Brewer, Mrs. R. MacCunn, Mrs. W. G. Montgomery, Dr. R. S. Dakin and Messrs. G. W. Brown and C. D. Holder. The old favorite Mr. W. A. Adams put on a specialty which with its local hits was much appreciated as was also the singing of the Devon quartet.

The second part of the performance had the defect of being too long drawn out on account of long waits between the acts. In Flowerland Miss Phyllis Lister was the soloist with a chorus of girls from Anagwakade Chapter. The soloist in An Old Fashioned Wife was Mrs. R. N. MacCunn with a very efficient chorus of young ladies. Miss Eva Brewer was soloist in Loveland and Bride's Trousseau. The models showing the trousseau were particularly effective. Come and Have a Swing With Me, showing the Aviation Girls, was also an excellent feature. Miss Mary Fenety was the soloist.

Before Committee.
The St. John assessment bill is before the Municipalities Committee of the Legislative Assembly this afternoon, the Dalhousie bills occupying all the morning.

An Able Speech

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one day. He could not remember how many elections he had run, but his total expenses would amount to a very small sum.

Several references had been made to the late Dominion election and the conduct of hon. members on the government side had been criticised by the hon. member from St. John and also by the ex-attorney general. He had no criticism to offer, nor should any other hon. member of the House, on the position taken by any hon. member on a public question. At the time of the recent Federal election, he

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WILLIAM PUGSLEY

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, or Whom the Same may Concern: Greeting:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made clear that an adequate supply of foodstuffs to Great Britain and her Allies is now one of the most critical and essential problems in connection with carrying the war to a triumph;

And Whereas, Our Province of New Brunswick, by virtue of its geographical situation in comparative proximity to the Motherland, occupies a position of special responsibility and opportunity;

And Whereas, the season approaches which shall determine for another year the amount of foodstuffs which this Province shall produce;

We, therefore, believing it to be the aspiration of our people to discharge every responsibility as in the past, and confident of their willingness to take advantage of the opportunity involved, to the end that the cause of righteousness for which we struggle may be advanced, have thought fit, by and

with the advice of our Executive Council for our Province of New Brunswick, to appoint, and do hereby appoint a week of Dedication and Preparation for the period of production approaching, beginning on the fifteenth April instant.

And we do hereby urge and request that the County Council of each and every County of Our Province of New Brunswick be convened in special Session on Saturday, the thirteenth April instant, to consider ways and means to stimulate or assist in the maximum production of essential foodstuffs in the respective Counties.

And We do hereby further urge and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province of New Brunswick shall, from his pulpit on Sunday, the fourteenth of April instant, set forth the facts of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production, that they may be blessed by Him who alone giveth the increase.

And We do hereby still further urge and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all Our people in the matters herein set forth.

All of which premises all Our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in anywise concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, His Honour William Pugsley, D. C. L., K. C., One of Our Privy Council for Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of New Brunswick, this second day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
ROBERT MURRAY,
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

had given the matter consideration and had taken the course of action which he thought was right and would take the same course tomorrow, but he had no criticism to make against any man who had taken an opposing view, neither should any other hon. member.

MR. BURCHILL referred to the remarks of the hon. member from St. John in regard to bribery and graft in the legislature. At the time he had said that the hon. member was too sensitive. What odds did it make what people said? He had sat in the House for many sessions and had experienced strenuous lobbying and severe struggles, but never had he heard of a solitary member who had been influenced by bribes. "As long as members of the legislature acted according to their lights and did what they considered right, it made little difference what a few people outside might say."

The hon. member from Charlotte had intimated that the northern section of the province should bear a greater burden in the way of producing revenue. Let that member come north and examine conditions. He would find that that part of the province was bearing all the burden it could. The suggestion of the member from Charlotte had been that there should be an increase in stumpage to correspond to any increase in the price of lumber was high, but it was a matter of facts and record that the cost of production had increased 100 per cent. in seven years. If the hon. member would take that into consideration he would see that the suggestion was not workable.

The hon. member for York had touched upon greater production, criticising the department of agriculture. He thought that department should be

congratulated. A department could do little more than that department had done, the people must do something, they must help themselves. In Northumberland county the municipal council, as soon as informed what was expected of it, had acted in the matter of the purchase and distribution of seed wheat and oats. Already the seed grain was being distributed. What other sections had done he could not say, but Northumberland should be commended. The hon. member had urged free distribution of seed. If that was desired, the municipal councils, with a much more intimate knowledge of the individual cases could much better take the responsibility.

In conclusion the speaker expressed the hope that the high ideals set forth by the former attorney general might be concurred in by all the members of the House and that this session be the starting point of a new era of prosperity for New Brunswick.