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VOTES FOR WOMEN.

If the members of His Majesty's loyal opposition in the Legislature expected to put one over on the government on the question of woman suffrage, they must have been grievously disappointed at the outcome of the debate on the resolution touching the subject introduced yesterday by their leader, Mr. J. A. Murray. Some of the gentlemen who sit to the left of the Speaker may think that they are adepts at playing the game of politics, but a few more bumps of the nature of that administered yesterday will probably be the means of taking some of the conceit out of them, and at the same time should convince them that the men who sit on the treasury benches are not in the kindergarten class.

Woman suffrage is undoubtedly a live question at the present time, and the Legislature did well to place itself on record as being in favor of the principle. The women of the country, by their noble conduct and sacrifices in connection with the great war now raging in Europe, have certainly earned the right to the franchise. In the western provinces of Canada and Ontario, woman suffrage has already been adopted, and the Federal government has promised to enact a measure at the present session of parliament giving women the right to vote, and there is no doubt that Quebec and the Maritime Provinces will eventually fall into line. So far as New Brunswick is concerned, it rather looks as if woman suffrage would be an accomplished fact before the next general election.

The speech of the Opposition leader, who introduced the resolution yesterday, was moderate in tone, and there was nothing said by him to which a member on either side could take the slightest exception. This was not so in the case of Mr. Tilley, the seceder of the resolution. The last named speaker went out of his way to introduce politics into the discussion, and incidentally have a fling at gentlemen on the government side of the House who do not see eye-to-eye with him on Federal politics. It was a bad break on the part of the senior member for St. John, and he fully deserved the castigation administered to him later in the course of the debate by Hon. Mr. Veniot.

Premier Foster, who closed the debate, handled the subject in a manly and straightforward way. He declared himself to be in favor of votes for women, and pointed to the fact that he was one of those who had supported the bill introduced in the House last session by Hon. Dr. Roberts. He clearly set forth the attitude of the government in regard to the question, and we believe his statement and the assurance he gave that the government is thoroughly alive to the importance of the issue will be highly satisfactory to the women of this province. Premier Foster and the government which he so ably leads can be counted upon to recognize in a fitting manner, when the time arrives, the splendid services being rendered by the loyal women of the province.

If the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson were alive today, he would certainly be pleased at the action of the Legislature in unanimously affirming the principle of extending the franchise to women. Woman suffrage was Mr. Emmerson's great hobby during the years that he was a member of the Legislature, but he was never able to induce more than one-third of the members to go on record in favor of the principle. Yesterday the members of the House, without a dissenting voice, declared that the time had arrived when the franchise should be extended to women.

Mr. Tilley, M. P. P., in a speech in the House last session, expressed the hope that his colleagues of the opposition side, when criticizing the government, would not dabble in matters of a petty nature. The Mr. Tilley who handed out this excellent advice is the same gentleman who has been trying to find out by means of an enquiry in the House, the names of applicants

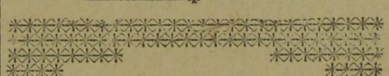
for the position of Chief Game Warden.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, is absent from the House of Commons this session on account of illness. Premier Borden told the House yesterday that Sir Thomas would like to be relieved of his present duties, but felt that it was incumbent upon him to stick to his post until the conclusion of the war.

A daylight saving bill for all Canada has been introduced in the House of Commons by Sir George Foster, and will undoubtedly become law.

Alberta's estimated revenue on income account for this year is \$8,051,410, and on capital account, including balance brought forward of \$2,779,942, a total of \$10,831,352. The estimated expenditure on income and capital account is \$10,559,926.

Mr. George H. Boivin, Liberal member for Shefford, Quebec, has been elected deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.



Through Our Sieve

Along toward April every year Cupid makes his spring drive also.

"The Finished Mystery"—votes for women.

The worst feature of a divorce is that it usually results in two more marriages.

Everything's under military discipline in England. They're even drilling oil there.

There's something almost uncanny the way politicians are falling over themselves in their haste to grant votes for women.

Happiness has been described in so many ways that a number of people have doubts of its existence.

Occasionally there are men who would rather pay their debts than be bored to death by bill collectors.

Civilization has done a lot to uplift men, but any one of them would die before he would admit that he is not as "devilish" as he is supposed to be.

The three greatest enemies to love are colds, onions and time. One bad cold, one onion or one year's separation will do more to kill a beautiful romance than the breaking of the ten commandments.

TOWN COUNCIL OF MARYSVILLE IN SESSION

Last for Retiring Council—Several Matters Left for Incoming Council—Considerable Detail.

Marysville, Mar. 22. — A special meeting of the Town Council was held last evening for the purpose of receiving the auditor's report and winding up the business of the year. Those present were His Worship Mayor Gilbert, and Couns. M. V. Dennison, Berton Dennison, Stephenson, Stafford and Finnamore. On motion a check was ordered issued for \$8.75, being five days' wages of the ex-town marshal, the same to be retained until the full equipment has been handed over to the town clerk. An account of \$25 was presented to the board, being an allowance for a suit which ex-Town Marshal Saunders claimed was due him, the suit not having been supplied. On motion it was decided to return the account, the by-law in reference to the matter stating that all uniforms, etc., must be handed in at the time of the resignation of an officer. The different members of the board claimed that the ex-marshal was not entitled to an allowance of this amount in view of the circumstances.

A communication from Mr. P. J. Hughes with reference to the dispute between the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Company and the town over lumber in the Perley woods was laid before the meeting and was allowed to stand for the incoming council to deal with.

Coun. Berton Dennison referred to the matter of providing a reception for returned soldiers, and this matter also was left with the new council to be dealt with. An account was presented to the board for maintenance of the poor, but on consideration it was decided to hand the account to the authorities of the parish of St. Mary's, the man on whose behalf the bill was contracted being a resident of that parish. The auditor's report was then submitted.

Bills totaling about \$100 of the expenditures were contracted before the present council came into office. After consideration of the report the council adjourned.

BISHOP WAS PRESENTED WITH ADDRESS

CATHEDRAL SCENE OF INTERESTING SERVICE

His Lordship Replied in Feeling Manner to Address Presented by Dr. T. C. Allen.

A large congregation was present last night in Christchurch Cathedral on the occasion of the choral thanksgiving service held to mark the return of the Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, D. D., Lord Bishop of Fredericton, to this diocese from his mission overseas to the Canadian forces. The Cathedral interior was decorated with palms and flags for the occasion. Clergy from places outside Fredericton who attended included Venerable Archdeacon Forsythe, Chatham, Venerable Archdeacon Newham of St. Stephen and Rev. Herbert Bennett of St. John, who sang during the service.

The invited guests in attendance included His Honor the Lieut. Governor and staff, Hon. W. E. Foster, premier of the province, Mr. J. A. Murray, M. P. P., leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature, judges of the Supreme Court, representatives of the Fredericton City Council and ministers of the various denominations of Fredericton.

Address to His Lordship.

The chief feature of the service was the presentation of an address to His Lordship by Dr. T. Carleton Allen, Chancellor of the diocese, on behalf of the Cathedral congregation. The address was as follows:

Fredericton, N. B., March 21, 1918.
 Dear Lord Bishop:

It is with heartfelt thanks for your safe return from your journey abroad, fraught with all the added perils of the sea incident to inhuman warfare that is being waged upon the civilization of the world, that the Cathedral congregation most heartily welcome you home.

To those of us who correctly understand the purpose of your mission it was a matter of great pride that our own much loved Bishop should have been unanimously chosen by the House of Bishops as the representative of the Church in England in Canada, at the instance of the Federal Government, to carry words of cheer to our brave Canadian lads, fighting in France against our common enemy, for the preservation of the principles upon which the British Empire and all free democracies are based, and to ascertain what can best be done by the Church in Canada to promote the well-being of our young manhood engaged in this great struggle, not only now but afterward when peace is attained.

From our knowledge of your Lordship's great abilities, unflinching tact and spontaneous love for your fellow man we well know that to no more competent hands could the House of Bishops have confided this mission, and that the purpose of your journey has been well performed.

Our Canadian Expeditionary Forces now overseas are, as we all know, composed chiefly of the very flower of this Dominion of ours, and it is upon these young men, or alas! upon such of them as may return to us, that our country must largely depend for the sane, Christian and broad outlook upon life that will continue to make this great Dominion, within the Empire, a country to be proud of, and in defense of which no one should count it a great sacrifice, if necessary, even to lay down his life.

The importance of your mission, then, across the ocean to see and meet these heroic lads face to face, bearing to them, in the midst of their efforts, the assurance of the Church's deep interest in their present and future well-being cannot be magnified.

We venture to hope that at some early opportune time your Lordship will call us together and instruct us in what way we can best aid in the attainment of the ultimate purpose of your mission.

Believe us to be, dear Lord Bishop, most heartily and devotedly interested in this matter.

On behalf of the
 Cathedral Congregation.
 T. CARLETON ALLEN.

To the Right Reverend
 The Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Reply of His Lordship.

His Lordship replied to the address expressing his gratitude at being permitted again to address a congregation in the Cathedral of his diocese. He referred also to his work among the overseas troops and spoke in the highest terms of the military and moral qualities of the Canadian army. The collection taken was devoted to the Red Cross.

Rev. Father Tessier of St. Joseph's University, Memramcook, is in the city attending a meeting of the committee on technical education.

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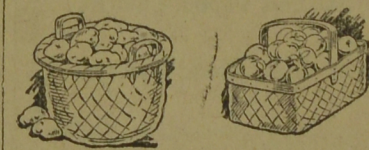
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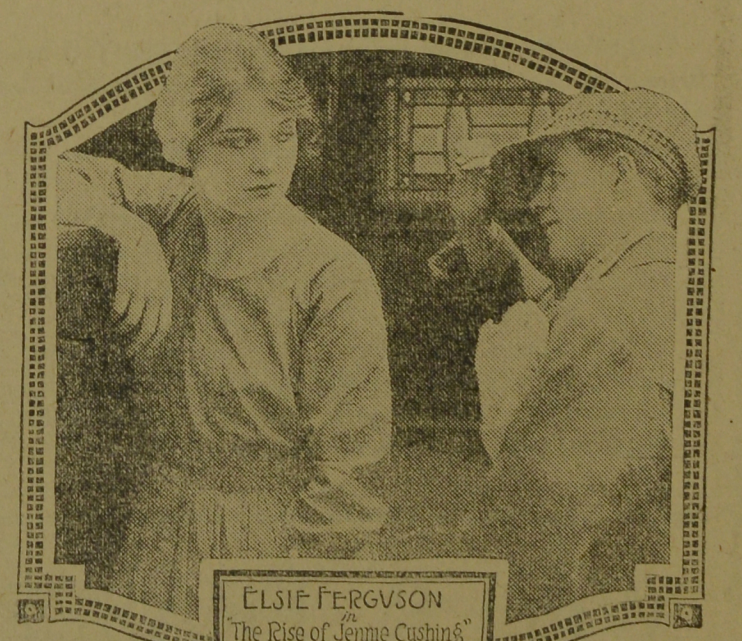
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