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### THE HIGHWAY ACT.

In commenting on the new Highway Act introduced in the Legislature on Wednesday by Hon. Mr. Veniot, the St. John Times says:

"The bill concerning highways which Hon. Mr. Veniot presented in the Legislature yesterday is in its general principles a notable and much needed advance on all former road legislation in this province. There will, of course, be difficulty in dividing the roads into trunk roads and branch roads, because of local demands, but after the policy has been adopted and inaugurated an adjustment of rival claims of different sections can be made by degrees until justice has been done to all.

A most important change, long overdue, is that which gives the people of the parishes along branch roads, the authority to elect their own supervisors, who must publish their accounts for the scrutiny of all their neighbors. This will be a guarantee that none of the road money will be wasted, any more than is the case with school money. The question of statute labor is also left with the people to decide. Perhaps it would be better to have no statute labor, but the bill leaves the decision with the people of each parish, to be decided by vote. With the right kind of supervision even statute labor should produce fairly good results.

"It is a thoroughly progressive measure and a courageous attempt to give this province a system of good roads. The Foster government is redeeming its pledges and deserves the highest credit for sincerity as well as for a business-like grasp of public affairs. Hon. Mr. Veniot has not spared himself in his study of the road problem, and the result of his work is a tribute to his marked ability."

The St. John Globe, in commenting on the act, says:

"Nearly ten thousand miles of travel over the roads of New Brunswick convinced Hon. Mr. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, that a new road act is necessary and suggested ideas for better construction, repair and maintenance. As a consequence, he now is asking legislative consent to a road act that in many features is a radical departure from past acts. The demand for better roads, always heard, has become louder and more insistent with each succeeding year since the advent of the automobile. To meet this demand in a fair and reasonable way the new bill proposes to make an important distinction between trunk roads and branch roads, and provides for a patrol system of the former which, if efficiently maintained, should be most effective in keeping these roads in good repair. Of course an improved road system means heavier road taxes, and as the work is primarily and directly for the autoist it is premised the Legislature will see to it that the burden falls heaviest on those who use the roads most frequently and do the greatest damage. \* \* \* However the road act of the Hon. Mr. Veniot works out in practice, there is all over the province a desire for road improvement. He will find the people sympathetic toward all efforts that promise actual betterment, and if that is the outcome of this activity, his government will undoubtedly receive the credit and the benefit."

Some of the opposition papers are complaining that time is being wasted in the Legislature, and dare censuring the government for not having more business ready. There is no ground for the complaint. The House has only been in session a week, yet the work is much farther advanced than has been in the case in previous sessions. Indeed it is doubtful if such a thing has happened since Confederation as the introduction of a measure of such great importance as the highway bill during the first week of the session. In the days of the Flemings the House usually marked time during the first two weeks, and the members spent most of their time in caucuses. As Commodore Stewart used to say "it was legislation by caucuses."

and government by order-in-council."

Some unfair criticism is being levelled at Premier Foster and his colleagues this session by a newspaper which has hitherto been pursuing a policy of rather benevolent neutrality. This circumstance should convince the public that the government is administering the affairs of the province in an honest and businesslike way, and is not inviting support from the grafters and hold-up men who wrecked the former administration.

St. John Times: The Standard is highly pleased with Commissioner Stevens. This, however, does not dispose of the evidence given at the enquiry into Valley Railway affairs. That record stands, and the people are as competent as the commissioner to arrive at a verdict. Their verdict differs from that of the commissioner.

Although opposition leader Murray is this year receiving the support of a newspaper which gave him the marble heart last session he does not appear to be in a particularly happy mood. The opposition leader knows from bitter experience that all is not gold that glitters.

### LIEUT.-GOVERNOR PUGSLEY.

(By Hon. Charles Marcell, in Montreal Herald.)

Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley has opened the session of the legislature for the first time and read his first speech from the throne. This is a new role for the former doughty Dominion statesman. No man ever surpassed him in debate either in the treasury benches or in the opposition front rank. His courtesy was proverbial and a man who has made such a record at Ottawa may be trusted to be an ornament to the gubernatorial office.

### Late Corp. Charles Barker.

The funeral of the late Corp. Chas. Barker took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence at North Devon. Service was conducted by Rev. M. Addison, assisted by Rev. H. C. Archer. A quartet composed of Ald. F. L. Cooper, C. H. Holder, John Edney and Chas. McLean, rendered favorite hymns of the deceased. There was a large escort from No. 4 Draft C. O. R. under command of Lieut. Griffin. The pall bearers were also selected from No. 4 Draft. Floral tributes were as follows: Circle, family; wreath, staff of city pumping station; bouquet, Douglas Gordon; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. John Merryman; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGinn. The deceased was brought up by his grandmother, Mrs. John Barker of North Devon, who survives him.

### Late Mrs. Frederick Thomas.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frederick Thomas took place yesterday afternoon from her late home in Kingsclear and was largely attended. Service was conducted at St. Mark's church by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson.

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Spring may be holding back for its Hindenburg drive.

Every time a girl announces her engagement all the other girls say: "Poor fellow!"

Trotsky's strategy of flight is like that of a man who ran the bear out of breath.

It is not only difficult to know who is in Russia, but to find out what's what.

All German troops are shock troops, but they shock not only the troops opposed to them, but the whole civilized world.

When a woman rushes out of the room and slams the door, it is to start a quarrel; when a man does it, it is to avoid one.

Housewives are of the opinion that if rye makes as poor whiskey as it does biscuits, men are foolish who hesitate to give it up.

## THE CASH AND CARRY SYSTEM

In commenting on the cash and carry system applied by many retail merchants in cities of Canada the Toronto Saturday Night has this to say.

The Canada Food Board reports that the cash-and-carry system which has been inaugurated by individual grocers and other tradesmen, more particularly in our smaller cities, is meeting with unqualified success. Cutting down deliveries to the minimum is going to save men and animals for more useful employment, there being no good reason why a man who can handle a horse in a city should not be handling one in the country. Our large city department stores have been slow to drop their pre-war system of delivering five cents worth of this and ten cents worth of that. It is true that these stores have for the most part curtailed their deliveries, making one where they formerly made two, but this is as far as they have got. The difficulty is that these stores do not give their customers the necessary incentive to carry their own parcels. In other words, the price of an article is the same whether you carry it home or have it delivered. If the price of butter is fifty cents per pound, and eggs sixty cents per dozen, you pay the fifty and the sixty whether you tuck these articles under your arm or have them delivered to you, and this in spite of the fact that the delivery has probably cost the firm all the way from five to ten cents. There should be two selling prices, one for delivery and a less price for carry, on all articles over a specific value. This would tend to cut deliveries down to

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