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isfaction, for the political and private records of the honorable gentleman eminently qualified him for the office, and the honor conferred upon him was a fitting reward for the services rendered to his native province.

Another appointment which was received with no less satisfaction was that of the present Chief Justice of our Supreme Court. With the Honorable Mr. Pugsley as the head of the executive, and the Honorable Mr. Hazen presiding over the judiciary, we may rest assured that the historical quarrels between these two branches of government will not be renewed, and the relations between the executive and the judiciary will be nothing but friendly.

Excellent Programme.

Now, sir, if you look at His Honor's message, you will admit with me that one of its merits—but not the most important—is to do away with the time-worn argument generally offered in criticism to the Speech from the Throne—that it is more remarkable for what it does not contain than for what it does contain. For, if it is true that the Speech from the Throne contains the legislative programme of the government, it is gratifying for the members of this House to find that the treasury benches are occupied by men who understand so well the economic problems of the day and dare determined to grapple with them.

We rise again under the shadows of the great war—great not only because of the toll of blood it is calling, great not so much because of the length of time it is taking, neither because after having become universal it is now threatening to become general—but great because of the principle which has brought the world to arms. And if in some of the nations at war we hear the disquieting sound of internal strife, the nations fighting for justice and liberty are fortunate enough to have to preside over their destinies men who command the respect of all and whose directions are followed at the price of all sacrifices.

Greater Production.

And, sir, if the courage of our gallant soldiers is still indomitable after the trying years they have passed, if they see victory smiling to them in the near distance, it is because they feel that their call for food will be answered. Yes, Mr. Speaker, food and food production will win this war; famine will determine it. The most starved nations will be at the mercy of the others. This we were told from the first, though it is only last year that the situation was seriously realized. It was some time last spring that the food dictator stated that "in this war, and especially at this stage, food power is co-equal with man-power; and the solution of the problem of supply lies with America. For this, he added, we depend to a vital degree upon the United States and Canada."

It is certainly a pleasure to recall that one of the first acts of this government was to respond to this call and organize the province for greater production in food stuffs—and by the persistent efforts of the government in keeping the matter before the public mind, we find ourselves in this province today well organized for an agricultural over-production.

If the food shortage is the immediate problem arising from the war, there are others due to the same cause and which also receive the attention of the government. We are informed that our brave boys who return from the battlefields will be placed on farms

if they cannot resume the callings in which they were formerly engaged, and also those who, in the service of their country have contracted tubercular diseases, will be cared for.

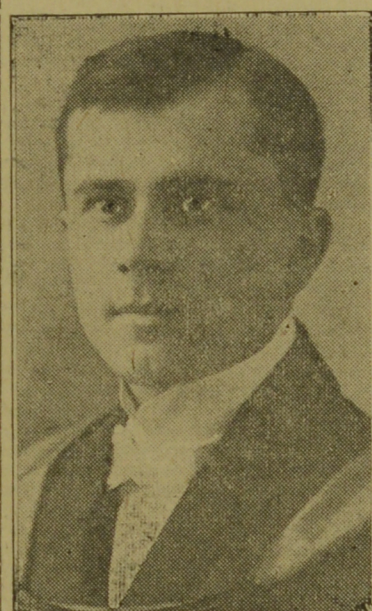
Matter of Finances.

Another problem with which the government has to grapple, not arising out of the war, though precipitated by it, is that of the finances of the province. It is now an open secret that for some years past the ordinary revenue has not been sufficient to meet the current expenditures, and the gap has become such now that it is causing anxiety in the minds of those who have the interests of the province at heart. This unfortunate situation must be ascribed to two main causes, our over-estimation of the value of our forests as revenue-producing assets, and our inconsiderate railroad building policy. Until recently we felt that the revenues from our Crown Lands were sufficient to meet the expenses of administering our public affairs, and we did not seem to realize that the day would come when we would have to find other sources of revenue. But with the lumber market being disorganized by the war, and the costs of administration following the ascending scale like the costs of everything else, the government has to look to some other sources for revenue in order to buckle the budget.

If we look up our public records, we find that our political history has consisted mostly in promoting one railroad, in building another and unbundling a third, and I need not say that the last chapter of our railroad history has been most particularly sad. Let us hope that the epilogue will rehabilitate the good name of our province.

National Resources.

But, sir, if the situation is not too bright, we should not despair, for we have at the head of our affairs men of some financial ability, capable of dealing with problems more intricate than those which they have now to solve. And if we look at the speech from the throne, it is fair to assume that they have already found the remedy, and that it lies in the development of our



J. E. MICHAUD, M. P. P.
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natural resources. It is because our fundamental resource is agriculture, and that it is in that branch that most can be done for the promotion of the welfare of our people, that the Premier has placed in charge of that Department a man who not only can combine theory with practical knowledge of farming, but realizes the importance of the trust reposed in him. I have no doubt that when the people are educated to turn their attention to farming, the most profitable branch of industry, the value of our lands will rise above the average price of \$28 per acre.

Our forests take the next place in importance and there is some indication that the government proposes to do something in the line of economic utilization of that secret. Let us hope that the new legislation will remove the unbusiness-like and retrograde principles by which this important resource has been administered, up to the present time, to make room for economy, conservation and efficiency.

Public Health.

Another source of wealth which has been sadly neglected, not only by the governments, but the public bodies in general, is the health of our people.

Society has taken all the means possible to protect the property, the rights and sometimes the wrongs of the individuals—but it has seldom given any attention to their health.

With a population at a standstill in normal times, and the war taking armies of lives, public interest has at last turned its attention towards the preservation of the sources of life.

The government, realizing that the welfare of this province depends largely upon a healthy and vigorous population, without wasting any energy in academic discussions, has decided to provide the means necessary for attaining the desired end.

In this as well as in other forms, the government is establishing a precedent instead of waiting to be the humble followers, many decades behind.

I may be reminded that we have had an anemic body with the paradoxical name of Board of Health, to take care of the public health in this province. I must say that if this body has failed to carry out to any successful degree matters pertaining to public health, it is not because its members were lack-

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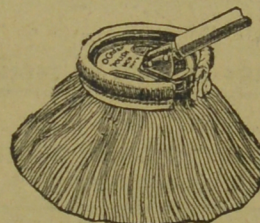
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ing in knowledge, ability or in other respects, but it is because it had neither the support of the public nor the machinery to enforce its principles.

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The Highways.

Another matter upon which I would like to offer a few words of comment is the road question. But as I have already infringed too much upon the time of the House, and as an opportunity will be given to discuss the matter at greater length when the new Road Act is laid before us, I will content myself with congratulating the government and the Minister of Public Works upon the good work done during the last season. The experiment has proved a success and though limited, it has already done much towards removing a prejudice against our province which our roads had caused in the minds of the people of

the neighboring provinces. It is to be hoped that the good work will be continued until all our highways will favorably compare with those of our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I think I am safe in saying that this province is entering into its golden age, and if the government receives the support it deserves in the carrying on of its reforms and its policies, if we keep our minds open to new ideas, we will have our share in the larger administration that is our due.

And, sir, if we are to look to the full development of the resources of our country, there is an immediate reform which must be undertaken and carried out, not only by the government, but by all public bodies, and it is the creation of a public spirit among our people.

If we want to be no longer hewers of wood and drawers of water for the rest of the Dominion, our ideals will have to be broadened—we will have to

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