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THE LEGISLATIVE OPENING.

The opening of the session of the New Brunswick Legislature is one of the great events of the year in the life of the capital city of Fredericton. It is always an event of interest, more especially to students and others temporarily residing in the city, and it promises to be more so than ever this year. The opening of the House means greater social as well as political activity and the law makers help materially to chase away the weary days which separate winter from the joys of spring.

The average citizen scarcely gives thought to the fact that the Legislature has been meeting annually in Fredericton for the long period of 131 years. The session which opens on Thursday, while it will be officially known as the Third Session of the Seventh General Assembly of the Province, will in reality be the 133rd session of the provincial parliament.

New Brunswick, which was originally the County of Sunbury and part of the Province of Nova Scotia, became a separate province in 1786 and the first Legislature, called the General Assembly, met in St. John in that year as well as the two following years. The Assembly held its first meeting in Fredericton in July, 1788, in a small wooden building which still stands on Queen street a few doors below the Queen Hotel. It has continued to meet annually in this city ever since that time. It has as a rule been convened during the late winter or early spring months, but on one occasion, in the year 1854, it was summoned in the month of October, for the specific purpose of ratifying the reciprocity treaty which had been entered into with the government of the United States.

The first colonial to occupy the post of Lieutenant Governor of the province was the late Hon. Lemuel Allan Wilnot, and the Hon. A. R. Wetmore was the first Premier after Confederation. Hon. W. E. Foster, the present Premier, is the sixteenth to hold that office since Confederation.

The old Parliament Buildings where the battle for responsible government was fought and the old "Family Compact" given its quietus, were burned in 1880, and the present handsome and commodious structure was completed in the year 1882. During the period which intervened while the new buildings were under construction, the Legislature met in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School building.

New Brunswick once had a Legislative Council, or second chamber, but it was abolished in 1892 during the Premiership of Hon. A. G. Blair.

About the same time Government House passed out of existence as the official residence of the chief executive. The provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia still retain a second chamber, but New Brunswick is the only province which does not provide the Lieutenant Governor with an official residence.

There are numerous people on both sides of politics who will endorse the view expressed in Parliament by Mr. H. C. Hocken, of Toronto, "that the patronage system at its worst was better than that prevailing today." Mr. Hocken contends that the civil service has not lived up to the expectations, and cited a number of concrete cases in support of his contention. Mr. Hocken may be right or he may be wrong, but in either case it must be apparent to the average citizen that returned soldiers need expect little from Ottawa until some of the red tape is eliminated from the Civil Service Act.

Toronto Globe: The editor of the Atlantic Monthly throws light on the mystery of the publication of the Asquith-Lloyd George correspondence which led up to Mr. Asquith's resignation. He says the letters were handed to him in London by a conspicuous friend and supporter of Mr. Asquith. He (the editor) adds that it was his clear understanding that while Mr. Asquith did not wish to be privy to the disclosures, he was entirely will-

ing they should be made. As Mr. Asquith has denounced the publication as "a violation of the sanctities of private correspondence," the editor's explanation adds to the piquancy of the incident.

It is now possible to enter a sleeping car in Cairo any evening at dinner time, and reach Jerusalem at 4 o'clock the next afternoon. Before the building of the railroad the same trip took three weeks at least, and was not only highly expensive, but also rather dangerous.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is nothing so bad as not to be good for something.

Somehow a creditor always has a better memory than a debtor.

Most good things come to those who hustle while they wait.

About all the returned soldier seems to get in the way of a Federal government job is free advertising.

Speaking of raw material for German factories, the bolsheviks are pretty raw.

So much conversation consists of "Huh" or "What," no wonder "Say, listen," came into general use.

That pink glow on the horizon of time may be early peace or the early spring radish.

An honorable woman is one who doesn't try to get another woman's cook away from her.

If the income tax persists for a few years we shall have a citizenry trained and accustomed to expert accounting.

No people speaks its language according to the rules. In learning a foreign language, be suspicious of the rules.

LOCAL NEWS

Slide of Ice Damaged Church A heavy slide of ice and snow from the roof of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this morning did considerable damage to the roof and the walls of the edifice carrying portions of them away.

Will Speak at St. John Prof. Fletcher Peacock will make a trip to St. John tomorrow where he will address the Canadian Club tomorrow evening and the Trades and Labor Council on Friday evening on the subject of Vocational Education.

Late Sergt. John Leadbetter The funeral of the late Sergt. John Leadbetter took place Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the late home, King Street. Rev. Dean Neaies conducted the service, interment being made at the Rural Cemetery. The members of the G. W. V. A. with the G. W. V. A. Band attended the funeral.

Condition Improving The condition of Miss Luella Brown who was injured by a snow slide recently shows a slight improvement. Miss Brown passed a comfortable night and is resting easier today. Nothing has been decided yet as to whether Miss Brown will lose her eyesight or not. More movement is being noticed in her eyes and it is hoped that she will regain the sight of them.

Died at Toronto Word was received by friends in the city this morning that Mrs. Joseph Barr, wife of Brigadier Barr, formerly in charge of the St. John Division of the Salvation Army had passed away at Toronto last evening. The deceased was well known in the city as a faithful and energetic worker. Besides her husband she leaves three children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Joker and Deacon At last evening's City Council meeting the names "Joker" and "Deacon" were applied in a friendly manner to Aldermen Cooper and Barker and seemed to have the desired effect of brightening them. Cooper showed no disinclination to accept the name but Aid. Barker stated that he did not wish by his quietness to give the impression to other members of the council that he qualified for the distinction.

Mid-Week Market A small market was assembled this morning at Phoenix Square with produce. Meat was the chief article of produce, but buyers were scarce. Beef sold for 11 to 16 cents a pound while veal brought from 12 to 17 cents. Chickens sold for 40 cents a pound and fowl at 35 cents. Eggs went for 60 cents a dozen, but few early risers succeeded in getting them for 55 cents. Butter sold for 60 cents a pound. Potatoes sold for \$2.50 a barrel. Turnips called for \$1 a barrel. Carrots sold for \$1 a half barrel.

POST OFFICE THE CAUSE OF COMPLAINTS

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ity of the postmastership he also had to perform the duties of clerk. Under the strain his health broke down and he died at his post of duty. Some people naturally argue that if the task of managing the post office was too great for the late Mr. Phillips with his long experience, there is little chance of an improved service under present conditions. A better service is certainly needed and the department should send an expert here to put matters in shape and give the new postmaster a fair start. While Mr. Cameron's appointment is criticized in some quarters it is no more than right that he should be given a fair chance to make good.

Appointment of Auditors Messrs McFee and Walker were appointed auditors for the School Trustees' accounts by the City Council last night.

Medal Offered for Competition At the City Council meeting last evening it was decided that the City of Fredericton offer for competition silver medals to the Provincial Normal School and the Fredericton High School, the same to be awarded on the recommendation of the staff of each school.

Will Lease Pitts Building A resolution was moved and passed last evening by the City Council that the city take a lease of the Pitts Building, York Street for the purpose of accommodating a Dominion-Provincial Labor Bureau, for two years at a cost of \$400, with water and sewerage, on the understanding that the Provincial Government would reimburse the city for one half of the expenditure.

CITY ELECTION

The annual Election for Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Fredericton will be held on

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1919

Polling Places—At the City Hall for Division No. 1, and at the County Court House for Division No. 2—will open at 9 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. the said day.

HOW TO VOTE.

The voter shall use the official ballot paper and shall strike out or mark through with a pencil of black lead, or a pen with black or blue-black ink, the names of all except the name of the candidate or the names of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote, and a ballot so marked, if otherwise good, shall be counted.

Not more than one elector shall at any one time enter the polling place, and such elector, upon entering, shall declare his name, surname and addition, and if the name of such elector is found on the list of voters, he shall receive from the presiding officer an unopened envelope, on the back of which the presiding officer shall write with a pencil of black lead or with pen and ink, his initials, in the presence of the voter.

The elector, on receiving the envelope, shall forthwith proceed within the screened compartment, and shall there, having marked his ballot, or, having previously done so, replace his ballot within the envelope handed to him by the presiding officer, and shall, without any delay, hand the envelope containing his ballot, unsealed, to the presiding officer, who shall ascertain by examining his initials that it is the same with which he had furnished the voter, and if so satisfied shall immediately and in the presence of the voter, place the envelope containing the ballot in the ballot box, and the voter shall immediately leave the polling place. No such ballot shall be received by the presiding officer until the voter has proceeded to the screened compartment within the polling place, and while there placed his ballot in the envelope furnished him by the presiding officer.

The poll clerk shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, then enter the name of the voter on the check list.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS.

The names of candidates not elected by acclamation are as follows: For Aldermen.

- Wellington Ward—JUDSON BARKER R. B. VANDINE
Carleton Ward—COUNCIL C. CAMP W. A. WALSH
Queens Ward—D. J. SHEA HAROLD M. YOUNG

G. R. PERKINS, City Clerk. City Hall, March 4th, 1919.

WANTED

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Ladies and Gentlemen: At the urgent request of a large number of influential ratepayers I have consented to be a candidate for the office of Alderman for Carleton Ward, and respectfully solicit your support at the election on the tenth instant. Great problems now confront the city in matters relating to reconstruction, and much will be expected of the City Council during the next two years.

I favor progressive Civic Government, but at the same time believe that prudence, economy and moderation should be exercised in all matters pertaining to public expenditures. I pledge myself if elected to do my utmost to safeguard your interests and will labor unceasingly to promote the industrial progress of the city, and will assure you that my influence will ever be directed towards having the burden of taxation made as fair and equitable as possible.

Yours very truly, C. C. CAMP. Fredericton, March 4th, 1919.

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