

Notice of Legislation.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, at the next session thereof, for the passing of an Act authorizing and empowering the County of York, or certain parishes thereof, to unite with the Towns of Marysville and Devon for the purpose of establishing a Municipal Home.

Dated the twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1919.

AGNES O. GLEN,
Sec.-Treasurer, County of York.
A. D. McPHERSON,
Town Clerk, Town of Marysville.
WM. JAFFREY,
Town Clerk, Town of Devon.

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, for the passing of an Act to enable the Town of Devon to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of any Company that may establish any manufacturing industry in the Town of Devon.

Dated February 24th, 1919.
(L.S.) (Sd.) GILBERT HENRY, Mayor.

Sd. WM. JAFFREY,
Town Clerk.

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SPEECH OF MR. POTTS M. P. P.
IN DEBATE ON ADDRESS

Verbose Member for St. John Thinks Treaty of Paris Should

be Amended—Says Canada Has Too Many Languages—

Chief Opposition Whip Declares He is an Independent

Member and His Words Do Not Bind His Colleagues.

Following is a synopsis report of the speech on the address delivered in the Legislature by Mr. F. L. Potts, of St. John:

MR. POTTS said that three hours spent by the Minister of Public Works had been wasted. He himself appeared as an independent member of the opposition and did not speak on behalf of his party. The Hon. Minister of Public Works had thrown down the gauntlet and made the first break on the racial question in New Brunswick, English speaking province as it should be. He expected to show why the Province of Quebec should not dominate New Brunswick, but the Minister of Public Works dominated the Government and was the Premier and the great "I am". He could war the government that it had better not go to the country unless it wished for defeat. In the County of Queens the Minister of Public Works had built a magnificent road up to the home of the Speaker of the House. That was a county that the Government might just as well not attempt to carry and in the future Hon. Mr. Speaker would have plenty of time to sit on his verandah and commune with nature. He was disappointed that the speech from the Throne did not contain more extended reference to reconstruction. During the recent war the British navy had saved the world and there never was a time at which he felt prouder to call himself a British subject. Britain always had been noted for her generosity. She had been very generous to Quebec by the Treaty of Paris. Now the country is awakening to the fact that it would be better to break old treaties if they were not working out to the welfare of all. Canada was in a position to demand certain rights and why should not the Treaty of Paris be amended. The situation in Russia showed the necessity for one speech in any one country. The speaker who had preceded him had referred to Union government and the election which produced it. He did not say that Union government was necessary because Quebec tried to dominate and because its people would not follow the example of the people of the West, the Acadians and the English speaking people of the Maritime Provinces. What did Quebec do in the war except make it necessary to take machine guns there to keep the people in order. There were men in the back woods of that Province who did not know the war was over. Already the people of that Province had demanded French inscriptions on the coins and refused to buy thrift stamps because they were not printed in French. In New Brunswick only recently a French speaker had to be sent to the county of Gloucester to talk on thrift stamps. The Minister of Public Works was trying to be a second Laurier but he did not have the stuff in him. His place was on a stump and he should have stayed there. If it had not been for the war Canada would have crashed on the rocks for thirty-two different languages were taught within its boundaries. New Brunswick itself soon would be in a position to have dual language. It had been discovered and he firmly believed it, that in the last Federal election campaign Laurier had committed himself to a pledge that French should be taught in every hamlet, village, town and city in Canada. All the sins of the past had been reviewed by the big blowhard of the Government because some of his friends were in the gallery in the afternoon and could return in the evening.

HON. MR. VENIOT—"That was a great inducement."

MR. POTTS, continuing said reference had been made as to certain recent investigations. He himself upheld no man in making mistakes, but if the Government would investigate the misdeeds of its ancestors from 1878 down it would find enough material to keep it so busy that it never would get down to modern times. Never had such a poor misguided government sat in the front benches. It was a government without leadership with a premier who was not a premier.

Hon. members on the other side might laugh but when it was all put over them by a Minister of Public Works they would not laugh. It did him good to hear those sounds from the hon. members seated to the right and the rear of the Minister of Public Works. They were the murmers of the Minister's harp. During the preceding speech there had been the most humiliating spectacle of the wounded soldier being dragged in. The hon. Minister had told of his two sons in the war as though no one else had sons there. He had referred to another member who had a son there. He might have gone farther and found another member who had a son that was conscripted and refused exemption but whose case was followed up by his father. Unfair reference had been made to an hon. member on the opposition side as having strutted about the country in uniform. He could say that that member had donated everything which he had received in military pay to the Red Cross and other funds. The speaker referred to James L. Sugrue as one of the Government's three thousand dollar beauties who had been given an appointment that should have gone to a returned soldier and quoted from Mr. Sugrue's report at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada. If there was a job sweeping the floor or removing ashes it might be given to a deserving man. The Minister of Public Works was so narrow contracted and so inbred in politics that he could not give a job to a returned soldier. The speech of that Minister had been the most disgusting he had ever heard. Rumor had it that the leader of the Government intended to make an appeal to the people early in June. He only hoped that the Good Lord would permit him to go on the platform with the Premier. As a politician the Premier had been the poorest that ever sat in his place. As a business man he had few equals but as a politician had been a most miserable failure. Why had not the recent investigation been conducted in manly fashion? When he had come to the House he had expected that the report would be the first thing presented. He had held himself aloof from the fellow members of his party for he would whitewash no man no matter what side. There would be no election for the hon. gentleman at the head of the Public Works Department had two years to run and with the amount of money at his disposal which he had in that department he would stay with it as long as possible. If the government wished to do something let the educational system be changed. Let it be that no other language should be taught in the public schools but English then in twenty-five or thirty years all mistakes would rectify themselves. There had been some small things of constructive nature in the speech from the Throne. A Housing scheme was much needed. In the City of Saint John twenty-five per cent of the houses were unavailable for the bringing up of children. If improvement could be brought about it would be one of the greatest blessings possible. He knew that in St. John families with children were refused the rental of houses. Such refusal should be penalized. The speaker referred to the fact that he had previously criticised the issue of Provincial bonds a year ago by which \$40,000 had been lost to the Province. It was a worse error than the much talked of patriotic potato transaction and the man responsible should have resigned his seat. This year advice from the opposition side had been followed and the \$40,000, saved. In his speech the hon. Attorney General, speaking for an hour and a half, said what could have been said in fifteen minutes.

He knew of no man more anxious than the Minister of Public Works to get his hand on every available dollar and spend it. There was not a permanent road in the province, and no city or town would be allowed to expend money in the same manner as the Department of Public Works. The Public Health Act had some good features. Too great care could not be taken in safeguarding the Public Health.

He was glad to know that a Woman Suffrage Bill was to be brought down during the session. It was evident that some members had experienced a change of heart on the question. All hon. members had a right to change their minds particularly in a matter of that kind. If ever there was a time that women deserved their rights it was the present time. He believed if women had had the franchise the great War would never have taken place, as the rulers would have hesitated before sending their sons to the slaughter. His hon. friends opposite had hidden behind a clock last year, and he was glad they were now coming out in the open. If any man was deserving of credit for woman suffrage it was the hon. leader of the opposition.

As for the present government, there was no question but that if the handwriting was on the wall. The French dominated beyond question. Nobody believed that the Premier was anything more than a humble follower. All important matters which had been dealt with by the House were the thought and inspiration of the leader of the Opposition. He was the first to recognize the rights of women to the suffrage. He could say to his hon. friends opposite that if any of them bolted on the question of women suffrage Opposition members would take their places. He hoped they

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would not get the idea that the passage of the measure would benefit them politically. The women had elected Union Government, and they would send men to the Legislature to purify the atmosphere.

He had been astonished at the challenge issued by the Minister of Public Works when he made his "stump" speech. He had thrown down the gauntlet, and had declared that somebody on the opposition side was trying to ride the French horse. He thought the Hon. Minister was a miserable failure as a public man, and he was sure that his own constituents would tell him that in no uncertain words. He had made a fool of the whole province—he had laughed during his speech, but there was really nothing in it worth laughing about. He had made some talk with reference to Union Government. All know that 25 out of 27 men on the other side had worked against Union Government. The Premier's hands had been tied. The hon. member for Moncton had spoken one way and worked another. The Liberal government was dead, and they should have Union Government in the Provinces. They could get men in the Government and not politicians. With reference to Quebec he felt that the people had more to thank that Province for than they had over dreamed of. It had shown that Canada could be ruled without the aid of Quebec. For the first time they had shown the light of a free day. The people of the Province of Quebec had been turning and twisting, and they usually had got all they had asked for. That province had swung the kite in Canada for many years, but it would do so no longer as the affairs of Canada would be administered without it. He (Potts) was speaking not as a member of any party, but as an independent. His words bound nobody on his side of the House. If he was a leader

THE BISHOP OF
FREDERICTON ON
WAR SAVINGS

Bishop Richardson Says Movement Will Commend Itself to All Right Thinking People.

In a recent statement endorsing the War Savings movement Bishop Richardson says:

"The decision of the Government to establish in the Dominion the War Savings Stamps system is one that will be most heartily commended by every thoughtful person, and ought to meet with a very large measure of support. Its primary purpose, I suppose, is to make it possible for the rank and file of Canadian people to take an effective part in the national task of meeting the tremendous financial burdens that have come upon us with the war. By the conditions under which the ordinary war loans have been floated, a large part of the population was almost necessarily excluded from taking a share in this patriotic duty. The War Savings Stamps system renders it easy for every wage-earner to make at least some direct contribution to that important end.

But apart altogether from the immediate value of the system in this regard, the enterprise is to be commended in that it can hardly fail to promote and foster amongst Canadians generally those habits of thrift and saving, for which in the past they have not been very conspicuous. The really wealthy nation is not the nation which has at its command the largest material resources, but the nation whose people as a whole have acquired the habit of always spending a little less than they earn, and of wisely investing the sums so conserved. It is not too much to hope that the War Savings Stamps movement will to no small extent help in that sense to make Canada a wealthy nation."

of a party he would challenge any ten on the govt. side to resign, and he would undertake to get ten on his own side to do so. He would dare them to accept the challenge and fight it out before the people. He thought if ever a man needed light it was the Minister of Public Works. They had listened to his tremendous roar for over three hours. The more he roared the less sense he gave the House, and the more he forgot his dignity.

He had ridiculed the Ex-Attorney General as a speaker in the French language. If he were the Ex-Attorney General he would never again stand up in the House and enlorge the French people as he had done during the course of his speech. The French people, he was bound to say, deserved what the Ex-Attorney General had said of them, and he felt sure it came from his heart and not from his lips. He was astonished that the Minister of Public Works would dare to scoff

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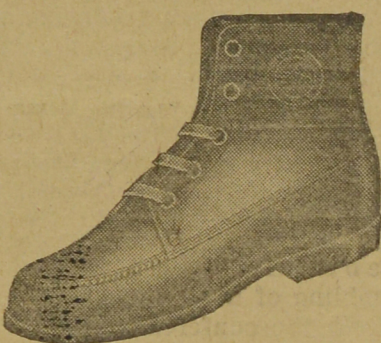
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