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TWO GOOD SPEECHES.

The opening of the Provincial Legislature on Thursday, as usual, attracted many visitors, and was in every way as brilliant a ceremony as has characterized openings in previous years. The speech delivered by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was a very meaty document and was closely followed by both members and spectators.

The speeches of the mover and the seconder of the address, Mr. Dysart of Kent and Mr. Robichaud of Gloucester, were in remarkably good taste and made a marked impression on the large gathering. Rarely in the past has the pleasant duty of moving and seconding the address been performed in so capable a manner, and Mr. Dysart and Mr. Robichaud fully merited the hearty congratulations which their efforts elicited from both friends and opponents.

Mr. Dysart referred in eloquent terms to the conclusion of the great war and paid a warm tribute to the superb work of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He expressed hearty approval of the advanced legislation forecasted in the Speech and incidentally bestowed some well merited praise upon the government and the Minister of Agriculture for the part they played in the highly successful campaign for greater production carried out last year. Mr. Dysart is one of the brightest young men in the public life of the province and friends predict for him a brilliant future.

Mr. Robichaud, although he spoke in a language not his own, acquitted himself remarkably well. He warmly congratulated Speaker Hetherington on his appointment and paid a graceful tribute to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the beloved chieftain of the Liberal party. In the course of his remarks the member for Gloucester paid his respects to the owners of a ramshackle railway in his county who stubbornly refuse to accept an offer from the Federal government to acquire the road and have it become part of the national system. He showed that the action of the company was seriously retarding the growth and development of one of the most picturesque and fertile districts of New Brunswick. Although one of the youngest members of the House, Mr. Robichaud is singularly well informed on public affairs and his work as a legislator is characterized by intense earnestness.

In the absence of Mr. J. A. Murray, the task of leading the opposition in the House has devolved upon Mr. Baxter, and not being prepared to offer criticism of the splendid program of the government as outlined in the Speech from the Throne, he adopted the unprecedented course of adjourning the debate until Monday of next week.

A NEEDED REFORM.

The announcement made in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature, that it is the intention of the provincial government to bring down a Jury Act at the present session has been well received throughout the province. This much needed reform is long overdue; the old government made lavish promises year after year, but did nothing, and therefore the announcement that the matter would be dealt with this session came to the public as an agreeable surprise. It is not exactly correct to say that the present system is as old as the history of the human race, but it is old enough to be moss-grown and has long ago outlived whatever usefulness it may have had in the good old days when people wore stovepipe hats and travelled in stage coaches. The matter has received the careful consideration of Attorney General Byrne, and it is understood that he will shortly bring down in the House an up to date measure in keeping with the spirit of the times, one which will be satisfactory not only to the legal fraternity, but to those who are frequently called upon to serve in the capacity of jurymen. The proposed legislation gives further

proof of the fact that the province now has a business like administration, laboring in the interests of the people, and an administration which does things which, in the case of the old government, never got beyond the hot-air stage.

SPEAKER HETHERINGTON.

In unanimously electing Hon. J. E. Hetherington to the office of Speaker, the Legislature yesterday made a wise choice and one which will be cordially approved throughout the province. The action of the House was not only a great personal tribute to Dr. Hetherington, but a great honor to the fine county of Queens, which he so worthily represents. The new Speaker belongs to a family which has been prominent in the public life of Queens county for upwards of forty years. His father, the late Mr. Thos. Hetherington, ably represented the county without a break for thirteen years, retiring in 1892 in order to provide a seat for the late Hon. A. G. Blair after his defeat in York.

Speaker Hetherington has made good as a private member of the House, and there is no doubt that he will ably and impartially discharge the duties of chief commoner. The Mail heartily congratulates the new Speaker on his appointment.

STRONGER BEER WILL NOT COME

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 glad to hear the views of representative men and any suggestions they might make regarding better enforcement of the law, and would give them most serious consideration.

Thanks the Government
 Rev. Mr. Marshall rose to say that he desired to thank this government for its courteous, sympathetic and fair treatment of temperance delegations. On one former occasion the premier seemed to regard him as a dyed-in-the-wool Conservative because he had praised the old government for its action, but he desired now to pay a warm tribute to this government and to Premier Foster personally. He realized the premier's difficulties as well as his fairness and unflinching courtesy.

Hon. Mr. Robinson's Questions
 Hon. C. W. Robinson laughingly observed that people sometimes told him that the government had only succeeded in increasing the price of liquor without decreasing drunkenness. What should he say to these people?
Asks More Salary for Inspector
 Rev. Mr. Marshall promptly rose and set out the facts about the decrease in drinking and told Hon. Mr. Robinson in effect that he should tell such people that what they charged was not true. Mr. Marshall also entered a plea for Inspector W. D. Wilson who had left an easier life and larger salary at the urgent request of the Alliance. He was doing arduous work and should be placed on an equality with the heads of other departments in the matter of salary.

Premier Foster smilingly replied that the government would also give this request its earnest consideration. Other members of the government present were Hon. Messrs Robinson, Roberts, Smith, Veniot, and Murray. The delegation withdrew and were granted the courtesy of a committee room in which to continue their conference. It was a large and influential delegation and its members were well pleased with their reception by the government.

How Many of
Your Neighbors
Drink

POSTUM

You know of some, but
why do they drink it?

It's because tea and
coffee disagree with
them.

Next time a wakeful
night, nervousness,
heart-flutter or stom-
ach disturbance
follows tea or coffee
drinking—

Think of Postum

"There's a Reason"

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The big guns fired at the opening of the House must have used "silencers."

A good talker is always delighted when he encounters a good listener.

No man is ever too bad to ladle out a little good advice.

The smallboy will never become reconciled to the horseless circus.

Nothing worries a chronic kicker like the refusal of things to go wrong.

The bachelor members of the Legislature were all successful in dodging Cupid during recess.

His Majesty's loyal opposition in the Legislature at the present time seems to be suffering from a potato disease known as powdery scab.

One thing we can say for movie heroes, no one seems to want to name the baby after them.

Every mother secretly wonders how her daughter-in-law managed to persuade her son to marry her.

If you agree with everyone, you will miss a lot of spicy remarks. It takes controversy to strike sparks.

LOCAL NEWS

Twenty-Nine Discharges

Twenty-nine discharges were granted today at the District Depot Discharge Section and the discharged men are leaving for their homes this afternoon and this evening.

Accept Invitation for This Evening
 There has been a lull in the curling at the Fredericton rink for the last few days on account of the poor condition of the ice. The Marysville curlers have extended an invitation to the local men to visit them at the Dawson Club where they will be entertained. The invitation has been accepted for this evening.

Arrested With Liquor on Person
 A drunk was arrested on Regent Street last evening between the hours of five and six o'clock. Besides being drunk he had a bottle of intoxicating liquor in his possession. He came before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning and was fined \$5 for being drunk and \$50 for having liquor on his person.

Devon Soldier Returns

Among the passengers on the S. S. Cassafra which docked at St. John yesterday was Pte. C. W. Harrison of North Devon who arrived home last evening. Private Harrison went overseas with a draft from the 1st New Brunswick Depot Battalion in August 1918 proceeding to France on September 13th. He came through what service he saw without being wounded and proceeded to England. The party he was with left England a week ago Sunday and had a very pleasant trip over. Pte. Harrison speaks of seeing numerous Fredericton and Devon boys in England before sailing for home.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AWAY TO GOOD START

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desire of all true patriotic Canadians. The American nation has through its illustrious President materially advanced the cause of democracy. All mankind through whose veins flow Anglo-Saxon blood, hope that success may attain his idea of a League of Nations. As the President aptly expresses it, "What we seek is a reign of law based upon the consent of the governed, and sanctioned by the organized opinion of mankind."

We are perhaps apt to lay to the credit of President Wilson the honor of having conceived the idea of a League of Nations, but with all due respect to the living and in justice to our departed illustrious dead, I wish to draw your attention to a statement of Lord Kitchener's which I believe embodies that idea. Away back, fully ten years before the outbreak of this great war, he is reported to have said: "I still look forward to the time when English speaking nations may be so drawn together by mutual interest that we shall just stop any nonsense going on anywhere."

To a numberless dead who at this moment sleep, yet speak so eloquently through that slender delicate messenger, the "poppy of old Flanders," I can find no words more appropriate than those of the great Lincoln delivered at dedication of the cemetery of Gettysburg: "But in a larger sense" says this great lover of mankind, "we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground, the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. With these few simple words I leave them."

Mr. Robichaud seconded the address in an able and interesting speech, a full report of which will appear in this paper tomorrow.

Debate Adjourned
 MR. BAXTER said that the leader-


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