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## A VIOLENT OUTBREAK.

The old adage "Whom the gods destroy they first make mad," was well exemplified last evening in the speech delivered in the Legislative Assembly by Hon. J. A. Murray, leader of His Majesty's loyal opposition. Mr. Murray has been ill at his home in Sussex and was not in his customary place when the House opened on last Thursday, his absence being a matter which caused expressions of regret by members of both parties. The opposition leader is usually most gentlemanly and courteous in debate, but last night he was mad clear through and made no effort to conceal it. He spoke for an hour and in the matter of vituperation and abuse of his opponents he certainly out-Heroded Herod. Members on both sides listened with amazement to his violent diatribes and must have wondered what had come over this hitherto mild mannered man.

From time immemorial it has been customary for the opposition leader in our Legislature to refer in complimentary terms to the efforts of the mover and seconder of the address. Mr. Murray did this very gracefully in former sessions, but last night he contented himself with the remark that "they were the kind of subservient followers the government needed to keep itself in power." What a glorious example of parliamentary etiquette to come from the recognized leader of a great political party. Imagine what a happy state of mind he must have been in when he referred a moment later to the honored Premier of this province as "a man of glass, a man of grass, a man without a backbone," and "a man who goes about with his chest out."

Mr. Murray attempted nothing in the way of argument, abuse and billingsgate of a very coarse variety being characteristic of his whole speech. He had a good word to say of His Majesty the King and Queen, but he was content to let it go at that. In his criticism of the government he went to ridiculous extremes, even going so far as to blame the Premier because there was nobody around to welcome a crippled soldier who had arrived in his own town of Sussex by a late train on a recent occasion. He forgot to explain why such a great patriot as himself had not taken advantage of such a splendid opportunity to do a good turn for a man who had risked his life for his country.

The opposition leader's speech was one which did him no credit and today it is no secret about the House that it has brought no joy to his already troubled band of followers. The wise men among them who at the recent party caucus in this city insisted that a convention of the party be summoned with the object of selecting a new leader, are now firmer than ever in the conviction that the course they pursued was the only proper one under the circumstances.

Opposition Leader Murray, in his outburst in the Legislature last evening declared that the people of the province were waiting for an opportunity to throw the present government out of office. The late King Charles II had a brother named James who on one occasion warned him of a plot which had been set on foot to assassinate him and put him (James) on the throne. His reply was: "James, the people will never assassinate me to make you king." The people of New Brunswick will never assassinate Premier Foster for the sake of putting Mr. James Murray in his place.

The civic election yesterday, as usual, resulted in some surprises. The outstanding features were the small vote polled and the defeat of Ald. D. J. Shea, who has been a most useful member of the board for several terms. The election lacked the interest which

used to attach to old time contests, when the Scott Act loomed large as a factor in civic affairs. The election being over, the people will expect the aldermen to settle down to business and do their utmost to give the city good government and advance its interests.

The opposition party in the Legislature might have stood higher in public estimation today had Mr. Baxter retained the position of acting leader for at least another week.

## OPPOSITION LEADER NOT IN GOOD FORM

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Premier then would find out that fair words alone would not do. There must be acts.

### Votes for Women.

Another matter to which he wished to refer was the announcement in the Speech that the government proposed to extend the franchise to women. He was very glad that it had at last dawned upon them that the women were entitled to the franchise. Last session he (Murray) introduced a bill on the subject and a most extraordinary thing happened to it. When he submitted the measure to the House he was told by the then Speaker that if the bill passed the Lieutenant Governor would withhold his assent from it. Now these gentlemen come forward and say that they propose to give the franchise to women. He was very glad that they had at last awoke to a realization of the fact that the enfranchisement of women was a good thing. Those on his side of the House had realized that last session, and the session before, but their proposals had been voted down on every occasion by their hon. friends opposite.

### The Trunk Roads.

Reference had been made in the Speech to the program for the improvement of the trunk roads of the province. He felt sure that when the people came to a realization of what was meant by the permanent road policy of the government, when they realized how their money has been squandered by the Hon. Minister of Public Works, they will not long hesitate as to the course to be pursued; they would throw his hon. friends opposite out of power. When in opposition his hon. friends condemned the road policy of the former government, and told of the things they would do when placed in control of affairs. He knew of a case last year where ordinary road work had been charged up as permanent work, and the account had been held over until after the close of the fiscal year. He would ask the hon. minister of public works if he could deny that statement.

HON. MR. VENIOT—I certainly do. MR. MURRAY, continuing, said that he had evidence in his hand to support his statement. The work to which he referred had been done in the county of Kings, and it was nothing but ordinary ditching. The work had been performed in July—the account held over until November, and it was then charged up to Permanent Roads. He claimed that it was done with the purpose of deliberately deceiving the people of the province.

He had other concrete examples which he would cite when the proper time arrived.  
HON. MR. VENIOT, arose to say that while the work referred to by the hon. member may have been performed in July, and the account may not have been paid until November, it was charged up to the year 1918, and was so shown by the Auditor General's report. He said that every payment made during the year is openly charged to that year, and not held over, as was the case in the past.

MR. MURRAY said that his hon. friends opposite could pound their desks but he wishes to tell them that he had thousands of such cases and would refer to them when the proper time arrived.

HON. MR. VENIOT—Come on with them, I defy you!

MR. MURRAY, continuing, read the items of the account which he had previously referred to, and said that the name attached was that of James Gilchrist. He had been engaged in cleaning out ditches on the back road

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They were the gentlemen who accused the old administration of holding over accounts in order to make an alleged balance at the close of the fiscal year.

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How about deceiving the people?

The expenditure to which he referred, and others similar to it had been charged to permanent roads, and the people were paying interest on it. His hon. friends when in opposition had talked about the employment of too many officials, and accused the govt. of extravagance. How have they improved matters? How is it that B. M. Hill in addition to his services on the Valley Railway is able to draw an additional salary of \$1500 per year for his services as a road engineer. There are other engineers employed on road work where under the old administration one did the work. He would like to know what these men did to earn their salaries.

He wanted to ask his hon. friend what rent was paid for the Rainford Building, and if it was used for the term of six months. Where is the prudence and economy we were promised by the hon. gentlemen? He would like to know how many are employed in the Department of Public Works, and he hoped the hon. minister would supply the information and state how many were employed on the inside service as well as outside.

His hon. friends when in opposition had much to say about misleading answers to inquiries. During the last session his hon. friend from Carleton had made an enquiry in regard to road work performed in the Parish of Dalhousie, Restigouche Co. He (Murray) wished to say that the answer given by the hon. minister of public works was absolutely incorrect, and the statement did not convey the information that had been asked for. He could tell the hon. minister that people are beginning to realize that his personal denial of a statement is not sufficient.

HON. MR. VENIOT—I think my word would stand as well as yours.

MR. MURRAY—My hon. friend can get on his feet as fast as he likes—I have got him where I want him.

### Farm Settlement Board.

MR. MURRAY, (continuing), said that much reference had been made in the past to the Farm Settlement Board, and it had been said that under the old regime it was conducted in a manner not conducive to the best interests of the Province. He wished to say that it was conducted not only in the interests of the Province, but decidedly in the interests of the settlers. In connection with the Farm Settlement Board he wished to say that his hon. friends had, by order-in-council over-ridden the Act which governed the Board. By doing that they had succeeded in making a loan to one of their friends not on real estate but on personal property. He would like his hon. friend, the Premier to deny that.

HON. MR. FOSTER—I have no recollection of the matter and would like further particulars.

MR. MURRAY said that it was a resident of the county of St. John who applied for the loan and the govt. had dealt with the case by an Order-in-Council.

HON. MR. FOSTER—I have a recollection of it now. It was to assist a returned soldier.

MR. MURRAY—That returned soldier. (Continued on page five)

### Ten Discharges Given

Ten soldiers were discharged from further military service at the District Depot Discharge Section this morning, and are leaving for their homes in the various parts of the province.

### Tests Very Satisfactory

Official analyst H. H. Hagerman reports a very satisfactory test of the city water samples, taken on February 27th and March 6th. In the first test there was an efficiency of 99.5 per cent while in the second test it was 95.2 per cent.

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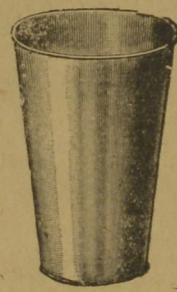
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### Death at Lower Queensbury

Edward Melvin Dykeman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dykeman, of Lower Queensbury, passed away last evening after a lingering illness. The deceased was but two months old. Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers and one sister. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock with service by Rev. Mr. Rutledge. Interment will be made at Lower Queensbury.

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