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AN HONORABLE RECORD.

Hon. G. H. Murray, the Liberal Premier of Nova Scotia, although only fifty-eight years old, has held his present position for the long period of twenty-three years, a record of public service unapproached by any other living statesman in the British Empire. The only other case on record which surpasses that of Hon. Mr. Murray was that of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, who ably led the government of Ontario without a break for the long period of thirty years.

Hon. Mr. Murray succeeded to the Premiership of Nova Scotia in July, 1896, when his predecessor, Hon. W. S. Fielding, accepted office in the Laurier cabinet. He was only thirty-five years of age when he took over the reins of government and on Saturday of last week he celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday.

Hon. Mr. Murray has given his province wise and progressive government, and the people have expressed their approval of his administration at five general elections, by returning him to power by large majorities. The last election was held in 1916, when the Murray government was returned with 31 supporters in a house of 43 members. Although a long time in office, the administrative record of the Murray government has been a remarkably clean one, while nearly every other province of Canada during the last twenty-three years has developed political scandals. In speaking of his work at a great banquet given in his honor at Halifax in 1911, Premier Murray said:

"I want to say to you that so far as I know and believe, you can throw open the doors of the Provincial Building to the north, south, east and west, and no Nova Scotian need apologize for any discrepancy or any suspicion of dishonesty in the administration of your public affairs. Every public man and every party makes mistakes, but we cannot go far wrong if we remain sound at heart and hold fast to the underlying principles of Liberalism. If we safeguard the rights of the masses, if we believe in sound moral and educational legislation, if we are true to our faith in every sphere of our endeavor, we may, when the day of battle comes, appeal with confidence to the judgment of our people."

Small-bore politicians from St. John who take delight in sneering at the Premier of New Brunswick, because of the fact that he was twice defeated at the polls before accepting office as Premier, might do well to examine the record of the leader of the Nova Scotia government. Were they to do this, they would find that the gentleman who has given the sister province such brilliant service as leader of the government, was defeated at the polls in five different contests prior to 1896, and, like Premier Foster, never held a seat in the popular branch of the Legislature until after he took over the Premiership. The setbacks experienced in the early part of his career have not in the least interfered with his work as an administrator. Premier Foster is one of the youngest Premiers that New Brunswick ever had, and as the people of this province know how to appreciate a good thing, it is quite within the range of possibility that he may at least equal the splendid record of the Premier of Nova Scotia both in length of service and efficient administration.

Ottawa Citizen: If butter or other prices were influenced by articles in the press and "scare heads," as alleged by one official in giving evidence before the committee on agriculture, it would be expected that such articles would appear first. But newspaper comment on rising prices does not precede, but follows the fact. Daily newspapers report rising prices, and while these reports may cause a run on the commodities mentioned, it is clear that the rise which occasioned the articles was inspired by some other cause. Incidentally, it may be said that if the daily papers did not protest against rising prices, the consumers would today be in infinitely worse position than they are.

A nation-wide strike of telegraph and telephone operators who are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, was ordered on Sunday to take effect next Wednesday morning at 8 a. m. standard time. The order was issued at general headquarters of the union at Chicago on telegraphic instructions from S. J. Konenkamp, international president, who was in Pittsburg on his way to Chicago. The strike order applies to employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company with its associated institutions.

The steamer Adriatic, with 3,600 troops on board, including the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders, arrived at Halifax yesterday. A big reception in honor of the 85th Battalion took place at Halifax today. The commanding officer of the 85th is Lieut. Col. Ralston, D. S. O., M. P. P., a young Amherst lawyer, who was without military experience at the outbreak of the war.

The debate on the budget will be continued at Ottawa this week, and gives promise of being highly interesting. A large number of western supporters of union government are certain to vote against the tariff proposals of the Finance Minister, but as nobody appears anxious for an election this year, the government is pretty sure of weathering the storm.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It takes no pluck to pass the buck.

The cutworm and the potato bug will never sign the peace terms.

People who have no faults are not good company.

Lima Beane says psychology is the science with which the psychologist fools himself.

Every time so far, Orlando would have saved money by buying a return ticket.

Gardening note: When the little tomato plants begin to look as yellow as the dandelions it is a sign they are not doing well.

Every June bride has a right to expect a lieutenant at any rate. Can't the government brevet all the June bridegrooms to that grade?

UNKLE DAVID'S VIEW POINT

Editor Male: Dere sur—Just a few lines to give you my vews on a number of subjects of passin' interest.

I hev bene here for nigh a week and hevent heerd very much to rite about. The farmers out this way dont much beleve in that dod rotted daylite savin' skeem, becuz they get up afore daylite in the mornin' and go to bed at dark, so there is reely no daylite here wuth savin, as it wuz all saved, and foolish legislativ enactments are not necessary for the people out this way.

The high cost of livin' is the big probum heer in Hanwell. In the old das before the war a yung pig used to cost a dollar and fifty cents, but nowadays yu hev to go to town for them and yure mitey luckie if yu can get one fur six dollars apeece—kash in advance.

The farmers all kalkulate they kin git higher prices by hauling them to the Frederickton market; so wun feller halls them in and anuther buys 'em and halls 'em home agin. This heer plan sorter gives the farmer the balanse of trade and that's what they want.

The grater produkshun movement took well here last yeer and every-buddy grue big krops. There gonna do the same this yeer, but its kinder hard to get kompetent help. The fellers who useta wurk on 'the farms for a dollar a day and bord are mighty skarge nowadays. I guess they have all immigrated to the west, and in there places we hev a lot of fellers who dont' kno beens, but who hev a mighty lofty opinyun of theirselves. They ask too and three dollars a day and their bord, and the farmers hev

Keep Cool Don't Cook says Bobby What's the use when you can have POST TOASTIES

MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, N. B., June 9th, 1919—Rev. William Harrison, D. D., and Rev. E. W. Lester exchanged pulpits Sunday evening. The service in the Reformed Baptist church was a reopening service, after the renovation of the church. There was a large congregation present to hear Dr. Harrison. There was also a large congregation at the Methodist church to hear Rev. Mr. Lester.

Mrs. John R. McConnell is confined to her room with illness, but it is hoped she will soon be about again. Mrs. Hillman C. Matthews of St. John spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Macpherson.

Mr. T. J. Flanagan, chief engineer of the cotton mill, resumed his duties this morning. He has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Dr. Harrison will leave tomorrow for Sackville to attend the Methodist conference, which opens there on Wednesday.

Gr. J. V. Andrews arrived home Saturday evening, and is being warmly welcomed by his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kelly have returned from Durham, where they spent a few days with friends.

Mr. J. Herbert arrived here from Moncton on Saturday, after several weeks absence. The town council will meet to transact the usual monthly business on Tuesday evening.

Gns. Roy Collings and Harry Allen returned to their homes here Saturday evening and are being warmly welcomed by their friends.

A league game will be played between Nos. 1 and 2, and No. 4 teams on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Collings condition is said to be improving.

Mrs. James Forbes, who has been undergoing treatment at Victoria hospital for about three months, was removed to her home on Lansdowne street, Fredericton, on Saturday.

Messrs W. Sherman, W. Saunders and S. J. Stafford Jr., returned Saturday from a very successful fishing trip to the Narrows.

to put up with them becuz they kant git any other fellers to do the work.

In hayin' time they hev to pay those there dubs three dollars a day and bord. This is the kaus of the high price of hay, and when I git a chaast to go afore wun of them roil kom-mishuners prowelling round the kountrie, I am gonna tell them the reel faks of the kase.

The krop of agents out this way is not quite as big as last yeer, but there haz been quite a lot of 'em. Most of 'em are sellen kreme separaters and the like. They tell the farmers that munny is no objekt as all they wants is a promisyary note. When the farmer buys the mashine he signs on a dotted line and everything is luvly till the note kums doo—and then the farmer gits a sharp letter that makes him scratch round for the kash.

If the farmer wuz makin' all the munny some fokes sez he's makin' he woodnt giv a note when he bot a peece of mashinery, but would put up the kash and save a durn big lot. I haven't any more to rite now, so will klose this epistol. From here I go to Mushrall Settlement and Numarkit and perhaps Ile find time to rite agen before long and I am goin' to investigate the high kost of farm provishuns.

Yors sinserially, UNKLE DAVID. Hanwell, June 3rd.

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