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OPPOSITION TACTICS

The debate on the address in the Legislature is dragging along and will in all probability continue the remainder of this week. The Opposition forces realize that they stand in a bad light before the people of the country, and they are making a desperate effort to camouflage and cover up their misdeeds by an avalanche of cheap talk.

Mr. Baxter, who has been referred to as the "rock of the Opposition," held forth for two hours yesterday. Mr. Murray, the nominal leader of the Opposition, is at present doing penance and Mr. Baxter is running the show. He was put up to speak on the address in order to cover some ground which Leader Murray had overlooked in his remarkable outburst of Monday evening. Mr. Baxter is a good speaker and a keen critic and has the reputation of being able to get more out of a weak case than any man in the House. He is a past master in the noble art of political claptrap, and it is customary with him to view every proposal and act of the government from the standpoint of violent partisanship. In his deliverance of yesterday he condemned practically every feature of the government's legislative program. He seemed to think that the province was going to the bows under the rule of the present administration, and there would be no hope for salvation unless he and his associates were at once restored to power. A feature of his speech was nasty and unwarranted attack on Commissioner McQueen, the gentleman who conducted the enquiry into the potato scandal. The cause of ex-Attorney General Baxter's malignity towards Mr. McQueen is pretty well understood by the public, but all the more he would have displayed better judgment had he withheld his criticism until such time as the Legislature in possession of the report. There is nothing in Mr. Baxter's madness; he is trying to draw a herring across the slimy trail of the patriotic potato scandal, but an intelligent public will not be deceived.

Mr. Baxter in his speech on the Address yesterday handed some nice bouquets to the Acadians of the province. He almost shed tears over the failure of the government to appoint an Acadian to the office of Speaker. His remarks are intended for consumption only in counties of the province which now send government supporters to the Legislature. In the other counties Mr. Baxter's emissaries are laboring hard to induce prospective Tory candidates to unite with a certain organization in order that a more effective effort may be made to resist the alleged Acadian aggression. It is a nice little game, but it will deceive nobody.

A bill is now before the Legislature to suspend the operation of the feature of the Highway Act of 1918 which provides for the election of road commissioners by the ratepayers in the month of April. A reclassification of roads which the proposed Federal grant to highways will make necessary, is the reason for the change, and it is one that will commend itself to the public.

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The new jury act to be dealt with by the House this day makes provision for the payment of petit jurors at the rate of three dollars per day. The grand jurors are also to be paid a fee for their services. At present petit jurors are paid a miserable pittance of \$1 per day, an amount not sufficient to cover their hotel expenses.

Mr. Baxter, who is always urging his fellow legislators to drop partisanship, found it necessary to drag the Kierstead murder case into the debate in the House yesterday. His mean insinuation against the Attorney General was promptly met and refuted by that gentleman. Mr. Baxter is the submarine of the Opposition.

After perusing Mr. Baxter's speech in the House, the average citizen will naturally enough want to know why the ex-Attorney General when a member of the government did not practice what he now preaches.

F. & D. ASSOC. HEARD SOME DISCUSSIONS

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French Addresses

Upon the close of his address Mr. J. A. Benier of Edmundston, arose to address the French speaking delegates in their own language. He was followed by Father Legasse of St. Ignace, Kent County. The Reverend Father by precept and example is leading the farmers of his district to do better work along agricultural lines. He was followed by an address by Rev. Father Sormany of Rogersville.

Nomination Committee

After the addresses the following were appointed to serve on the Nomination Committee.

A. C. Fawcett, Westmorland County.
Fred Walsh, Albert County.
L. B. Sumner, Restigouche County.
Rev. D. R. Chohan, Charlotte County.

F. C. M. Peoples, Victoria County.
Scott Shaw, Carleton County.
Donald Watling, Northumberland County.

D. Z. Daigle, Madawaska County.
A. J. Doucett, Kent County.
J. E. DeGrace, Gloucester County.
Coun. Donovan, St. John County.
Isaac W. Baird, Queens County.
Edward Wood, Kings County.
B. D. Hoyt, York County.
H. D. Mersereau, Sunbury County.

Evening Session

When the evening session opened the reports of the County vice-presidents were referred to a committee for consideration.

In reply to a question the secretary

explained that the association had adjourned last year without appointing a legislation committee to deal with resolutions but he had forwarded them to the proper sources. The dog law was before the provincial government. Daylight saving had been forced on them last year and probably would be again this year. They were all familiar with the situation regarding oleomargarine and pork. The resolution regarding French speakers for the convention had been complied with and the flour and feed matter had been cleared up last year. Some tractors had been imported but he knew of no gang plows coming in.

When called upon by the chairman, E. P. Bradt, deputy minister of agriculture spoke appreciatively of the addresses on co-operation delivered at the afternoon session. For success on this movement the loyalty of the members was a prime essential. He told of a co-operative pork plant established by the producers in the vicinity of Brantford, Ont. because of lack of profitable market for their pork. The experiment was so successful that it attracted the attention of large packers who set about to kill it by offering higher prices for pork than the Association could afford. For the sake of an extra two cents a pound less so many members diverted their pork from their own plant, that it was forced to close and the community again was at the mercy of the buyers.

A fruit growers' association for packing and shipping apples met a tendency in their direction by suing a member for the commission he should have paid on his crop which he sold through other channels, winning the suit and establishing their position.

Mr. Bradt announced that plans had been made for short courses at several places in the province during March and April and for a series of lectures in several of the larger centres.

The speaker spoke in enthusiastic terms of the ability and energy of the specialists on the staff of the provincial department of agriculture, who, he said, compared most favorably with the staffs of any of the provinces. Their services were at the disposal of all the farmers of the province, freely and willingly.

Bee Culture

Mr. Lloyd, bee specialist, told of first becoming interested in honey production through its appeal to him as a profitable side-line when he was a boy. As he grew older his interest increased and when a bee-keepers' association was formed he was a charter member. This year the government had asked him to undertake the supervision of the work in the province. One result of the knowledge gained by him since then was to convince him that the climate was no barrier because the farther north he went the better he found the results. Quoting results of individuals, he said that the record was held by a Clifton man who had made a profit of \$50 per hive.

Some practical advice on the best forms of hives and on grading the honey was given by the speaker. He asserted that by taking off the lighter honey early in the season, a product was secured that could not be bettered by any imported honey. When graded the later, darker honey commands as good a price but if not graded in this way the price secured would be lower. Wintering, swarming and bee diseases were dealt with briefly.

Scrub Bull

Live stock matters were dealt with by Mr. Bremner of the provincial staff. One of the worst enemies of the live-stock men, he said was the scrub bull. To eliminate them the provincial government added by the federal government is bringing in pure-bred animals to be turned over to local associations for the improvement of stock.

A similar plan is being worked out for bringing in stallions, the government contributing enough to make the service fee practically as low as for scrub animals.

The speaker told of recent experiments by Dr. McCollom who had demonstrated the need of human beings for milk as food, this being due to a substance which has not been isolated and quoted illustrations of the disastrous results of reduced use of milk and butter. He said this was important in view of the campaign against milk producers who sought to secure a reasonable price for their product.

E. M. Taylor, another member of the departmental staff presented the results of his investigation into the lime requirement of the soil. The average requirement by pounds per acre for the various counties was as follows:

Restigouche	5.150
Gloucester	5.817
Northumberland	4.483
Kent	5.759
Westmorland	5.900
Albert	6.390
Kings	5.725
Queens	6.187
York	6.726
Carleton	6.502
Victoria	5.853

After pointing out the value of lime to the soil, the speaker dealt with the need for nitrogen and remarked that

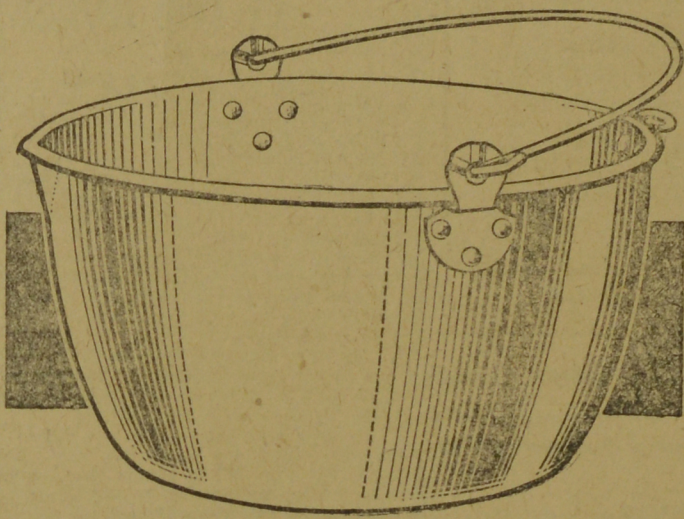
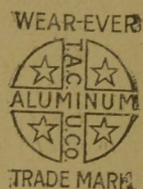
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