

MUCH USEFUL LEGISLATION OUTLINED IN THE SPEECH

Great Increase Made During the Year in the Output of Agricultural Products—The Lumbering Industry in a Prosperous Condition—Plebiscite to be Taken on Prohibition—Legislation for the Development of Water Power is Foreseen—Bonds of the Province Refunded.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick and the first Session since the Proclamation of Peace, which will enable the world to carry on the great task of restoration and reconstruction made necessary by the ravages and destruction caused by the Great War.

During the recess, the people of New Brunswick have rejoiced in the home-coming of those of their sons and daughters who had remained on duty overseas; other great sources of pleasure were the visits of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and His Excellency The Governor General of Canada, the Duke of Devonshire. His Royal Highness honoured this Province by landing in Canada at Saint John and received a most loyal and enthusiastic welcome. Memories of his visit, his delightful personality and the splendid impression of the Heir to the Throne will ever remain with the people.

The great scarcity of foodstuffs which still prevails in many parts of the world has so lessened the margin between demand and supply as to increase prices everywhere and emphasize the difficulties attending the cost of living. The prosperity of this Province has not met with any serious drawbacks; on the contrary, the ability of its people was distinctly shown by their prompt and large over-subscription of the amount allotted as their share of the last Victory Loan. Our chief industries, agriculture and lumbering, were never so productive or their products in such demand. It is a source of gratification to note the favorable condition of the crops in New Brunswick during 1919.

The official reports of both Dominion and Provincial Agricultural Departments show that the live stock and field crop acreage of New Brunswick were largely increased. The importance of the live stock industry cannot be overestimated and the increase in the number of cattle, sheep and swine was more than a quarter of a million and the increased value nearly five million dollars. An increase of nearly two million bushels of oats and nearly two million bushels of potatoes; more than one-half million bushels of buckwheat and a total output of creamery butter of about one million pounds and a mill-

gratulated upon the notable progress already made in the construction of more durable roads in every County of the Province, and the work will be continued in addition to that mileage built with Federal assistance.

The advantages that will result from additional manufacturing industries throughout the Province and the increased demand for cheaper light, heat and power, have caused my Government to give further consideration to the development of its Water Powers. With this end in view and in co-operation with the Dominion Water Powers Branch of the Conservation Commission, the Water Power Commission of New Brunswick has gathered valuable information which will be submitted to you in their report, with a bill to provide for power development and to enable the Government to proceed without delay with the development of such water powers as are found to be commercially feasible.

The report of the Committee appointed at the last Session of the Legislature to enquire into the question of increases of salaries to school teachers will be laid before you, together with their recommendations upon this important matter, and should such recommendation call for additional financial assistance on the part of the Province, my Government will give same favorable consideration.

The first report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, covering a period since the Act came into force, will also be laid before you and certain amendments to the Act, based upon administration experience will be submitted for your consideration.

Matters relating to health throughout the Province have been given continuous watchful care by the Department of Public Health. Most of the Municipalities have co-operated generously with the Department and good progress has been made in providing medical inspection in the schools, collecting vital statistics and organizing to cope with any epidemic which may threaten the Province or any of its communities.

I am pleased to know that the women of the Province took advantage of the legislative provision extending the franchise to them for the first time, and afforded the revisors much assistance in placing their names upon the voters' lists. To provide for omissions, legislation will be introduced allowing names to be added to the official lists upon proof of proper qualifications. The right to vote by women of the Province will for all time be an outstanding event in the history of New Brunswick.

The Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916, having been in force and operative for a sufficient length of time to enable its efficiency to be fairly tested, and the Declaration of Peace having been signed, my Government intends to hold a plebiscite during the year, for or against the retention of the Act, and to submit such questions as may be deemed advisable to be voted on at such election.

At no time in the history of the world has there been a greater demand for practical instruction. The outstanding lesson of the recent war was the need of more technical knowledge, and very many of those who served overseas are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them in the Vocational Schools of the Dominion Government. It is a pleasure to note in this connection that the larger communities are taking advantage of the provisions of the New Brunswick Act to encourage and assist vocational instruction, and a beginning has been made toward that technical knowledge which will be of such advantage to the men and women of the future.

The Government of this Province was represented at the recent Congress held at Washington for the discussion of industrial relations and labour laws, as well as to consider the labour provisions of the Treaty of Peace. It is satisfactory to note that legislation is already upon our Statute Books providing for a Bureau and a Commissioner of Labour which will enable the Government to take such action as seems to them to be necessary in the interest of Labour and of industry.

During the period of the War, the building formerly occupied by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province and the considerable acreage of ground in connection therewith, known as Government House and grounds, in the City of Fredericton, were utilized without rental charge by the Military authorities for Hospitals and Vocational Schools, and a very large expenditure was made by them not only to erect buildings suitable for military purposes, but also to convert the former Government House into a modern hospital. Since this was done, negotiations have been pending between the Dominion Department of Public Works and the Provincial Government for the transfer of the above properties to the Federal Government, and in view of the legislation already on our Statute Books designating the proceeds of this property when disposed of as a trust fund, your attention will be invited to a consideration of how the said fund should be disposed of.

I have directed the accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the coming year up to the opening of the present Session, to be laid before you.

The estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you, and I believe that you will find that the estimates for the expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I wish to assure you in conclusion of my belief and confidence in your patriotism and zeal for the public good, and to express the hope that your deliberations will result in promoting the welfare and increasing the prosperity of the Province.



HON. W. E. FOSTER, PREMIER.

BETTER WAIT.

My wife in finance flounders deep,
She borrowed eggs when eggs are cheap
She borrowed lots of eggs a-lack,
And now she's got to pay 'em back.

MAIN QUESTION.

"The young man seems to admire you girlie."
"He says if he had me he'd never want another thing on earth."
"But will he hustle for the things you want?"

STARTLING REVELATIONS ARE EXPECTED

Moncton, N. B., March 10—The revelations resulting from the recent arrests of C. N. R. employees at Napadogan on the National Transcontinental, in connection with the theft of goods while in transit on the C. N. R. it is believed will eclipse anything in the line of stealing of a wholesale character that has been brought to light on the Canadian Government Railways in recent years. According to reports the stealing of goods from the railway cars along the Transcontinental has been going on for some time but the extent of the thefts is a revelation to the officials who have been engaged the past few weeks investigating them. Up to the present some ten or twelve arrests of C. N. R. employees at Napadogan and Edmundston have been made, while as many more employees who are alleged to have been cognizant of the stealing have been suspended pending investigation. At first it was generally supposed that liquor in transit was the principal commodity missing, and while large quantities of wet goods even to the extent of carloads, mysteriously disappeared between the points of shipment and destination, yet other classes of goods stolen have astonished the C. N. R. police officials. Merchandise stolen from the cars, it has been discovered, include a piano, a gasoline engine Victrolas, in addition to quantities of clothing, boot wear and numerous smaller articles. The strange part of the stealing that has been indulged in by the C. N. R. employees along the N. T. R. is that men who were drawing as high as three hundred dollars a month appear on the roll as chief offenders, having in their possession some of the most valuable articles which were almost sure to be found in time, and lead to their downfall. Before the trial of the accused now being held at Fredericton is concluded, it is expected that revelations of the most sensational character will likely be developed in view of the employees alleged to be involved the nature of the goods stolen and the conspiracy that prevailed in covering up the thefts.

THE RICHEST NEGRO GIRL

Muskogee, Okla., March 9—A millionaire, for three hours, Sarah Rector of Muskogee, the richest negro girl in the United States, today signed a deed of trust turning her \$1,500,000 estate over to the care of her guardian. The negro girl came into the money today when she reached the age of 18.

"The spirits might get it," she declared and she voluntarily executed the deed of trust. The girl's mother Rose Rector, has filed a petition declaring the heiress incompetent of handling her own affairs.

The girl is entitled to the money through oil leases in the name of her father and herself following discovery of oil on a stretch of otherwise worthless land near Muskogee allotted to her from Indian land. She is part Indian.

"When I come into a city I do not look into its business concerns," said an American professor in addressing a Montreal club the other day on juvenile welfare "but I look to see what provision is made for the play and recreation of not only its children but their elders." He wouldn't have to look long in Sydney, so far as the children's case goes."

Sixty Thousand Dollar Rink
Bathurst Northern Light: That Bathurst would have a new rink next season was assured from the moment that disaster overtook the original building, but today it is possible to state that the new structure will be three times more valuable than the other, which places the capitalization of the new rink at approximately \$60,000.

Rates on Refrigerator Cars
The board of trade has received from the Board of Railway Commissioners copy of a judgment on the application of the Canadian Freight Association, authorizing the railway companies to publish and file charges for the use of heated refrigerator cars on the basis of 1½ cents per mile with a minimum of \$2 in addition to the regular freight charges.

As someone has said, nothing was ever so bad as reported except Noah's flood.
Is there no substitute for "Pleased to meet you?" asks a correspondent. None, unless you are gifted with the wit to think of something else.

A NASTY COLD EASED AT ONCE

"Pape's Cold Compound" Then Breaks Up a Cold in a Few Hours.

Don't stay stuffed-up. Quit blowing and sniffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks up a severe cold and ends all gripe misery.

The very first dose opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, contains no quinine—insist upon Pape's!

New York has a non-protesting landlord in the person of Mr. George C. Kelly, who is said to be the only one of the species in existence. He owns a seven story apartment house. In face of the high cost of everything he refused to boost the rent of his tenants. They finally held a meeting and voted an increase of rent for themselves. When Kelly was notified of this unusual act he immediately set to work having electricity put in through-out the building. "Live and let live is my motto," said Kelly.

Newspaper advertising is best. At the Cothiers' banquet in Toronto the other evening the new President, Mr. S. R. Fisher, of Ottawa, said: "After trying many advertising plans, I have found the daily papers to be the most valued asset I have in my business. Many honest schemes are presented to me every day. I have tested them all, but there is only one medium which will give direct results, and that is the daily press."

Mayor Gullen of Kelso has been nominated as a straight Conservative candidate in Temiskaming, the constituency vacated by the death of the Hon. Frank Cochrane. The Liberals also have a candidate in the field in the person of Mr. Arthur G. Magat, a Toronto lawyer. The indications are that there will be candidates in the field representing the U. F. O. and labor interests.

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D. H. CROWLEY, 612 Queen St.
ALONZO STAPLES, 100 York St.
MISS QUINN, 147 Westmorland St.
E. A. EARDLEY, 704 King St.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION.

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be presented at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on behalf of the Town of Devon, for the purpose of enabling the said Town to obtain an additional supply of water for use in the said Town, and for that purpose that authority be given to acquire by purchase, lease or expropriation any source of water supply within the limits of said Town and within four miles thereof, together with the lands upon which the water is situate and bordering same; also, such lands or easements as may be necessary for conveying said water to the said Town; also the power to issue debentures and borrow money to meet the expense of same.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1920.

PETER J. HUGHES,
Solicitor for the Town of Devon.

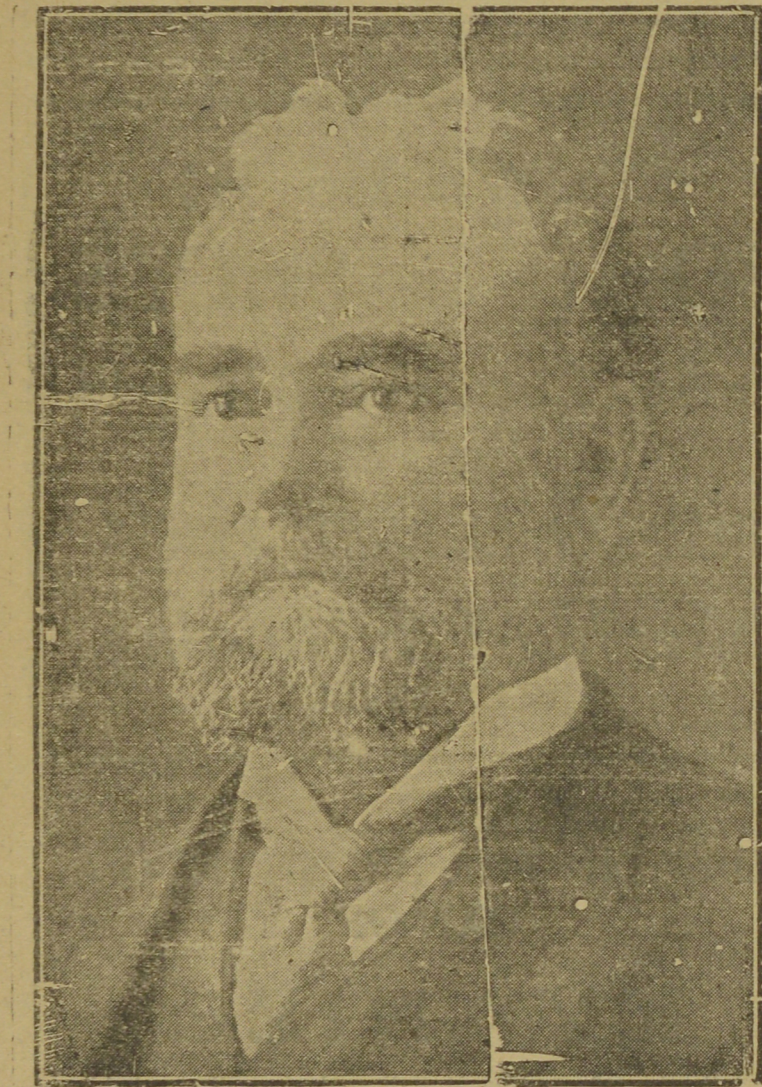


MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1920, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years, 3 times per week on the Prince William Station Rural Route No. 1, commencing at the pleasure of the Postmaster General.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the post offices of Prince William Station and Magundy, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,
Post Office Inspector
Post Office Inspector's Office,
St. John, N. B., 3rd Feb., 1920.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PUGSLEY

ion and a quarter pounds of cheese will give some idea of the progress made in this basic industry in New Brunswick.

The arrangements of the Department of Agriculture to provide a sufficient supply of ground lime at cost for the needs of the farmers and at the same time utilize a valuable natural resource will, I am confident, have the approval of agriculturists everywhere.

You will be pleased to learn that the reports of the Provincial Foresters indicate that the lumber cut for 1919-20 will again assume its normal proportions and that the territorial revenue for 1918-19 was the largest in the history of the Province; also that every effort is being made, consistent with the rights of the timber licensees, to so restrict the operations of the lumbermen as to conserve this most important asset of the Province as far as possible.

I am pleased to know that the Valley Railway has been completed to Westfield and is now being operated by the Canadian National Railways to the City of Saint John. The completion of this railway will not only prove a great convenience and avenue of trade to the people along its whole length from Westfield to Centreville, but will afford another entrance from the West to Saint John, one of Canada's winter ports. In view of the heavy burden imposed upon the people to build this railway, it is a matter for sincere congratulation that the Government has been able, by reason of the lowered price in the English market of its guaranteed debenture stock and the rate of exchange prevailing, to purchase and cancel such a portion of the outstanding stock as to effect a considerable reduction in the liability for the construction of this road.

My Government is pleased to announce that, during recess, Bonds guaranteed by the Province in connection with the construction of the International Railway to the amount of \$896,000 have been paid off by the company and cancelled, thereby further reducing the liability of the Province.

No decision has yet been given respecting the claims of the several Provinces upon the Dominion Government. New Brunswick, as one of the four original partners in Confederation, will insist that there be no division of the lands or natural resources unless all the Provinces which formed the Confederation are given the fairest consideration.

During recess, conferences have been held between my Government and the Federal Highway Board with respect to the agreements necessary for co-operation between Dominion and Provincial Governments for the construction of roads of satisfactory standard, and I am pleased to announce that legislation will be introduced at this session to enable the Province to take advantage of any agreements. The Public Works Department is to be con-