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## HON. DR. ROBERTS SPEECH ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

Minister of Health Tells of the Splendid Work Accomplished by His Department During the Year—A Contrast With the Old Act—Great Value of Public Health Work in United States and Elsewhere—Mr. Sutton Criticizes and Mr. Mi-Defends the Government.

Following is the concluding portion of the great speech delivered in the Legislature on Tuesday by Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Public Health:

HON. MR. ROBERTS, resuming after recess said he would like to publicly thank the New Brunswick graduated nurses for their willingness to co-operate with the Health Department. He also wished to thank the New Brunswick branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society for their interest and co-operation. That organization had volunteered to serve the Department financially and otherwise. They had suggested that cottage hospitals be provided with the assistance from the Department during the first year. After that it was hoped that the municipality might defray a portion of the expenses. It was proposed to establish a college hospital at some point remote from a hospital centre and to have a graduate nurse in control. By means of an auto in summer and a sleigh in winter it was hoped that assistance would be available in cases of accidents or sickness. The Red Cross of New Brunswick proposed to carry out the idea in due time. He was very grateful for the services rendered by the Military Authorities from time to time and wished to particularly thank the Commanding Officer of the district. He had provided medical assistance and supplies for the sick from time to time and had

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He would like before closing to answer a few criticisms that had been directed at the Department. It had been said that the Sub-district Staff should be appointed and paid by Municipal Councils. If that were done there would be no need of a Sub-District Board, boards would have no power over their officers and the tenure of office would be precarious. He would say that Municipal Councils by constant change of personnel had no opportunity of obtaining knowledge of sanitary methods. That was a vital necessity if officials were to be under their direct control. It was said that the union of towns or cities with Counties as Sub-Districts was not desirable. He wished to point out that contagious disease knew no boundary and the concentration and vigor of town influence had valuable results in rural districts attached to them. It had been said that the cost of Boards consisted largely of salaries. That was precisely what the Act intended. It eliminated job work which was one of the most objectionable features of the former Act which encouraged extravagance and inefficiency.

In conclusion he cited statistics showing the great value that had resulted from public health work in the United States, and quoted some observations by John Gill Robertson, Chicago's Commissioner of Health on the "Statenment of the Future." He praised the work accomplished by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Melvin, whom he said had labored night and day in the launching of the three services. He also thanked members of the office staff for their efficient services and in conclusion expressed the hope that a delegation from the House would proceed to Ottawa and place before the Government the needs of the port of St. John.

MR. SUTTON complimented the mover and seconder of the Address and made reference to the visit to the Province of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Devonshire. He said he was not a believer in long speeches and felt sure the people believed that there was too much time wasted in that way. It now took the House about three weeks to get down to business, and it seemed to him that there might be a change in that respect. He had not inquired as to the Carleton vacancy during the present Session, but he would have to refer to the matter. The people boasted of their democracy but it seemed as if they were drifting towards autocracy. He did not believe that all the occupants of the Government benches approved of the Government's action in leaving the Carleton seat unfilled. There had been a good deal of manoeuvring in connection with the matter; first there was one scheme and then another but the Government seemed to be determined not to heed the voice of the people. They had tried first the United Farmers then the Returned Soldiers, but nothing had been accomplished. He hoped that legislation would be enacted by which vacancies would be filled automatically.

It was scarcely necessary for him to tell hon. members that he was much interested in securing more adequate salaries for School Teachers. He had served on the Commission which had dealt with the matter and whose report was now before the House. He did not think there was any disposition on the part of hon. members to criticize the proposal to increase the salaries of teachers, but they might differ as to how the money should be raised. He believed the plans suggested would be of assistance to the poor districts. In some localities it would mean additional taxation but people

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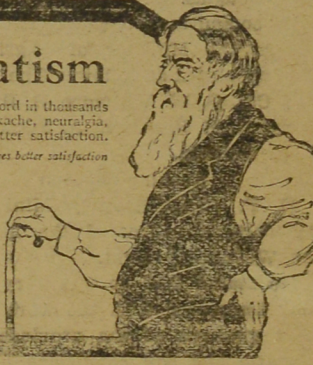
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Public Notice is hereby given, that application will be made at the present session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick on behalf of Archibald Fraser, of Edmundston, N. B., Manufacturer, Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock, N. B., Manufacturer; William Matheson, of Edmundston, N. B., Manufacturer; Andrew W. Brebner, of Cabano, Quebec, Manager, and Thomas Matheson, of Estcourt, Quebec, Manager, for the passage of an Act incorporating the applicants and such other persons as

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## NOTICE OF LEGISLATION.

Notice is hereby given that a Bill will be presented at the present Session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick by the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Church in the Parish of Burton and County of Sunbury.

The nature and object of the Bill is to enable the said Corporation to mortgage certain property situate in the said Parish, for the purpose of rebuilding the Church and Rectory destroyed by fire on 30th of September, 1919.

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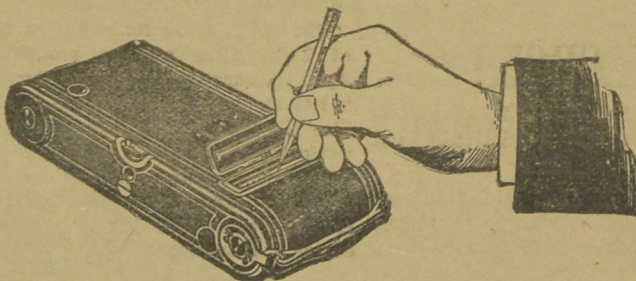
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