

MR. POTTS HEARD FROM IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Self-styled Independent Member for St. John Discusses the Speech from the Throne, the Stumpage Question and Various Other Subjects—Thinks the Farmers are Charging the People Too Much for Potatoes.

Following is a synopsis report of the speech of Mr. F. L. Potts, delivered in the Legislature last week:

MR. POTTS, on the order of the day being called resumed the debate on the address and amendment of the hon. leader of the opposition. He explained that Mr. Smith (Carleton) was to have followed the hon. Premier but being indisposed had requested him (Potts) to take his place. He wished at the outset to congratulate the hon. Speaker on the close attention

which he gave to the business of the House, and he could assure him that the fairness with which he dealt with all questions had endeared him to hon. members on both sides. He was heartily in accord with the reference which had been made to the visit to the province of the Prince of Wales.

In regard to the hon. mover of the address he believed him to be entirely out of place in the seat he occupied on the Government side of the House. He was a broad minded man, bent on doing good to the whole Province and he believed that should disaster overtake the party now in power the hon. member for Westmorland would be the only one who could be looked to to save the situation. The hon. member had urged the development of our great water powers even though it should be necessary in order to do so to have maritime union. He (Potts) agreed that the water powers should be developed, but thought our own people should do it and not call in outsiders. A short time ago he (Potts) had found statistics prepared by the late hon. Joseph Howe, a great Nova Scotia statesman. Those statistics included a statement of the imports and exports of Canada from 1842 until 1846.

The total imports at that time amounted to £2,174,372, the total of Nova Scotia was £984,225, of New Brunswick £794,795, of Newfoundland £778,087, of Prince Edward Island, £110,000. The total imports of the whole of Canada at that time was £4,847,995, or under \$25,000,000. The total exports at that date amounted to £4,188,077. Mr. Howe was undoubtedly a great man and he was anxious to do something for the whole of Canada. Were he alive today he would be astonished to learn that, according to the Globe, the export trade of St. John for the year 1918 amounted to \$200,780,847 or eight times the total trade of Canada in 1846.

Continuing, he said that hon. members from outside places did not always take kindly to St. John matters of a contentious nature which came before the House in the form of legislation.

He regretted that such was the case and he felt sure that if hon. members worked together in greater harmony much good could be accomplished for the Province. St. John was Canada's great winter port and should be everywhere recognized as such. A St. John man when travelling abroad should be proud to say that his home was in such a city. All should unite and see to it that St. John was provided with better harbor facilities to enable it to handle its growing trade. He could tell hon. members that if they assisted the port of St. John they would be strengthening the Counties which sent them to the Legislature. It would be creditable to the Government to send a delegation to Ottawa to demand that justice be done for St. John. They should ask that the port be so equipped that the traffic of Canada might be handled there with quickness and dispatch. Too much attention is now paid to petty matters and not enough to the great question which concerns the people. St. John did not ask anything unreasonable but wanted its port developed in the interests of the Province. He did not care whether the Government at Ottawa was Liberal or Unionist they wanted their rights and if they did not get them they would put the Government out. He felt that was the duty of the Government to get what it could and all it could from Ottawa and he would help them do it. The hon. mover of the address was a business man and beloved by those who worked for him. He was also convinced by those around him and he could not say that of other hon. members to the right of the Speaker. He did not stoop to small things as was the case with the Boy Premier and for that reason he would like to enlist his sympathy on behalf of the port of St. John. If the hon. member would help St. John he might get support for his scheme for Maritime union, but maritime union was impossible until we had union in our own Province.

With reference to the hon. second-er of the address he wished to say a word and hoped to make himself clear. At a previous session he had referred to the action of the hon. member for St. John County in learning the French language and addressing the students at Memramcook in their native tongue. The hon. member was accused by the hon. Minister of Public Works of trying to ride two horses because he had learned to speak two languages.

HON. MR. VENIOT—That is what you will never be able to do.

MR. POTTS, continuing, said he loved and admired the Acadian people but he believed they should cut out the tongue of one man who possessed two tongues. The hon. second-er of the address had named some of the great men who had served the Province in public life and had mentioned one who belonged to the Acadian race. The hon. Minister of Public Works was not a man of that kind. He (Potts) was told that at the

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farmer's convention the hon. minister had used the words, "You get my goat."

HON. MR. VENIOT—I would ask the hon. member to take that back as I never said it. The statement was made at the convention that the farmers were after the goats of the politicians. If I wanted a goat I know where I might get one.

MR. POTTS, continuing, said that he had been informed that the words were used but would withdraw his statement. He could say that the words were sincere in his congratulations to the hon. second-er of the address and he hoped that the speeches of all hon. members would be framed along similar lines. He had listened yesterday to the speech of the Boy Premier and had congratulated him on being able to say so much. The hon. Premier had referred to the appointment of

all to a high position. Mr. Carvell had not been afraid to sink his political differences for the good of the country and he (Potts) noticed that the hon. Premier's reference to him did not bring applause from hon. members opposite. The hon. Premier's speech had sounded like a political deliverance to be used at election time. When he had presented himself as a candidate for the Legislature for St. John the people had said "No, little boy." The hon. Premier would not be kept down and the innocent lamb went to another County and was elected. One would expect the hon. Premier to be familiar with the rules of the House, but he evidently was not. He had spoken for two hours on the amendment and was out of order all the time. He (Potts) felt sorry for the hon. Speaker who must have known that the rules of the House were being transgressed. The hon. Premier had devoted much time to an editorial in the St. John Standard which had questioned his fitness to speak to the returned soldiers. As to whether or not he did right in accepting the invitation he would allow the hon. Premier to be the judge. He believed the hon. Premier had told of what he had done for the returned soldiers but there was no sincerity in his remarks. There was a time when the highest honors of state went to the men who returned with the scars of the war. After having sent the 26th Battalion to France he believed the name of New Brunswick would live forever. Any office within the gift of the province should be at the disposal of the men who had done

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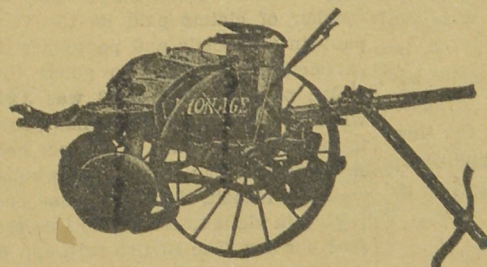
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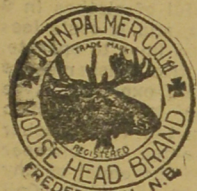


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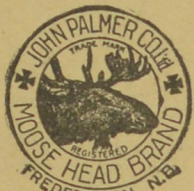
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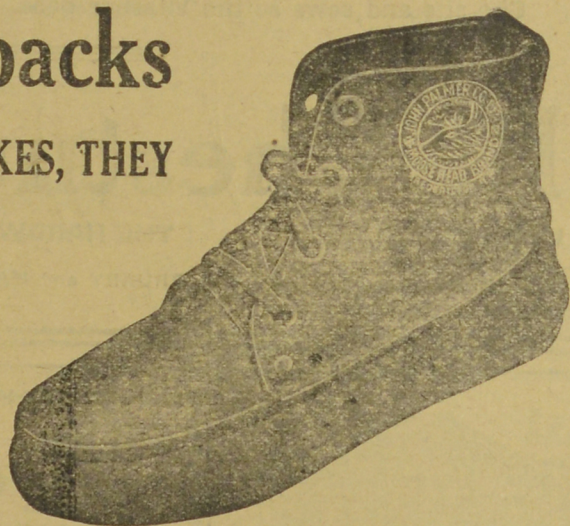
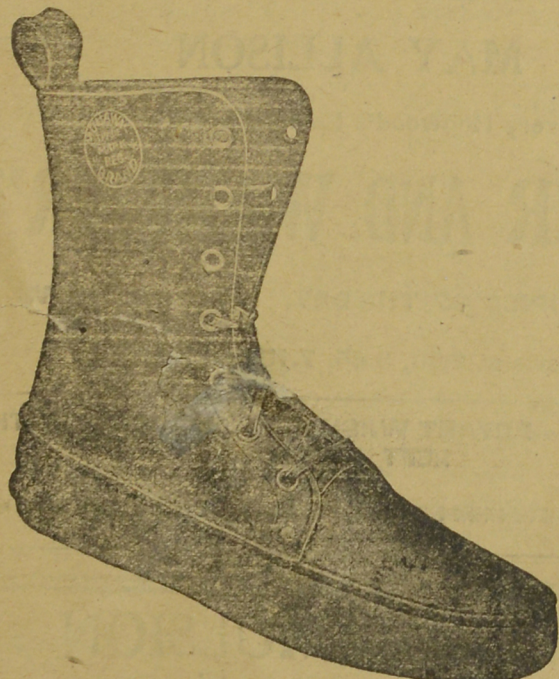
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