

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
SPEECH OF PREMIER BAXTER

"What we need is a policy which would develop our forest products, build up communities, give employment to labor, provide markets for our farmers and business for our wholesale and retail merchants.

"The result of the election was not a party victory, but simply an expression of opinion on the part of the public.

"It was a case of deciding between business judgment or financial insanity. The people made up their minds that there would no longer be any wildcatting in provincial finances.

"So far as my investigation goes I am not prepared to say that there was any dishonesty on the part of my hon. friends opposite.

"I claim for myself and colleagues in dealing with the Grand Falls development immunity from inuendo and scandalous insinuations.

"I would say to this House that if we ripped up every honest mistake of previous governments there would be no stability for capital in this province.

"We want capital from outside to come into this province to assist in developing our resources, and can promise it honest, British fair play.

"Grand Falls was put into private ownership twenty years ago, not by us, but by the gentlemen who sit on the other side of this chamber.

"The Grand Falls contract entered into by the late government cannot be enforced and is not enforceable. My views have been contradicted but I stick to them just the same.

"I have the opinion of W. N. Tilley of Toronto, one of the most eminent lawyers in Canada that the Grand Falls contract cannot be enforced.

"Mr. H. G. Acres advised the late government, yet they failed to act on his advice in the crux of the situation.

"We are to reserve from Grand Falls 4000 horse power for the use of the people of this province, which is about 50 per cent of the quantity developed at Musquash.

"One thing I have not previously mentioned is that the money spent on surveys at Grand Falls is to be paid back to the province.

"The cities of St. John and Moncton have no right to seek charity from the province in paying their lighting bills.

"The development of Musquash has been of very distinct benefit to users of light in St. John, and would have been better had the commission possessed the business acumen and devotion to duty of the commission which succeeded them.

"Let us strive to make New Brunswick a place worth staying in and not a place to get away from.

"A glance at the occupants of the front bench on this side should convince any man that it is the intention of this government to deal fairly with all classes and there will be no unfairness towards any man because of his race or creed."

PREMIER BAXTER ON PROHIBITION

"We promised that the prohibition law would be give a fair trial and we intend to stand by that promise.

"This government will not shield those who violate the law.

"Vendors will be warned and if they persist in violating the law they will be punished and their licenses cancelled.

"So long as the Dominion government allows such a large gap to exist between the price that liquor can be bought for outside of the provinces and the price it can be obtained for within the province I do not think it will be possible to put the bootleggers and rum runners out of business.

"In regard to the statement in the speech from the throne that there was indifference on the part of the public with respect to the enforcement of prohibition, and the resolution adopted by the Temperance Alliance in regard to the same, I wish to say that the government are as good judges of the mentality of the people as any other body of men.

"The prohibitionists are not utilizing the strong power of moral suasion, but rely on the weaker arm of the law.

"Temperance societies today are non-existent.

"Preachers in their sermons make no reference to temperance except to berate the non-enforcement of the law.

"Moral suasion should not be abandoned especially among the young people.

"The flask on the hip is in evidence at almost every dance and it is not the prerogative of one sex or the other.

"Among gatherings of men nowadays the one who will not take a drink is usually the exception."

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POLICE MUST
USE THE FISTS
COURTEOUSLY

Washington, March 23—Washington policemen are wondering just how one can hit a prisoner and still be courteous about it.

In the course of a lecture cautioning policemen to dispense with "hard-boiled" tactics, Edwin B. Hesse, Superintendent of Police, said there is no excuse for gruffness or discourtesy in dealing with law offenders, and added:

"Even when a prisoner becomes violent, there is no reason for it. If you must hit him, hit him in a courteous way."

PROGRESSIVE
DINNER IS THE
LATEST FAD

Paris, March 22—The "progressive dinner" fad has struck Paris, much to the disgust of those who like to enjoy their meals in peace.

Among the younger set, it is now the stunt to eat one's oysters at the apartment of a friend, say, out in the Passey region; to come into the Arch of triumph quarter for the lobster at another friend's home; to pick up the chicken at a studio in Montparnasse, and so on down the line.

The guests-hosts draw lots to see which courses they shall serve in their homes. The last lot to be drawn is the costliest, for that means the champagne and the digestive jazz in an all-night restaurant.

GAGETOWN MAN, INVENTOR OF
THE FIRST COMPOUND ENGINE
WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL

Shediac, March 22—It is probable that the memory of a New Brunswick inventor, long forgotten except by a few, will be suitably honored in the near future. Exactly 80 years ago this year a man whose mechanical device revolutionized navigation and made possible the modern gigantic locomotive accomplished his great feat, namely the designing and construction of the first compounding steam engine for the navigation of vessels.

The inventor, Benjamin Tibbits, died a poor man, and today his dust lies in an unknown and unmarked grave at the village of Scottstown, Queens county.

The engine referred to is now stored in a shed in the vicinity of Saint John. It is the property of Mr. R. S. C. of Shediac, who is a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, has applied to the owner of the machinery for a memorial.

History of Invention.

Considerable interesting information regarding Tibbits and his invention has been obtained. Tibbits was born at Gagetown about 1815. In 1846 while employed as designer and builder at Nashua, N.H. by Thomas Pickard who was having the steamer Reindeer built for the Saint John River trade, he designed her engine. This was of combined high and low pressure and the first of its kind ever built.

Fastest on River.

Whether this engine was built at Saint John or Woodstock is not definitely known, but it is considered probable that the work was done in Saint John, where the facilities were greater. The Reindeer was the first vessel in the world to be driven by compound steam engine. Later this engine was transferred to the steamer Antelope, the fastest boat which ever ran on the Upper Saint John River, she having made the round trip from Fredericton to Woodstock in 12 hours, including stops.

In Use 70 Years.

Thomas Pickard is believed to have sold the Reindeer to Hatheway Brothers, as it is reported that for a time they owned both, the Reindeer and the Antelope. D. D. Glasier bought the Antelope from the Hatheways and after running her a few years transferred the engine to the tug Admiral. The Admiral was in commission as late as 1914, so that the Tibbits engine was in use nearly 70 years. It is said that few changes were made in it in all this time, which proved that Tibbits' ideas were sound and stood the test of time.

Built Second Engine.

Tibbits built another boat and another engine of the same type. This boat was named after himself. It was burned years ago on Grand Lake.

He attempted to get his design patented in the United States but his plans were stolen and when he drew up another set and sent them to Washington he found that his patent had been taken out in another name.

Adopted by Clyde Builders.

Thus Tibbits never received any reward for his invention, which was later adopted by the Clyde shipbuilders and by all the steamship engine constructors of the world, and died penniless. He was buried, it is claimed, in a lot set apart for the needy in a graveyard at Scottstown. Not even a stone marks the grave and it is question if it can be located.

At any rate, it is probable a tablet will be erected somewhere in his honor, possibly at Gagetown, the place of his birth.

His name and achievement have for years been unknown except by a few of the older steamboat men of the Saint John River.

Recalled by Few.

A former resident of the Saint John valley remarked a few days ago: "How many people travelling on a train from, say Moncton to Saint John know that Benjamin Tibbits, a native New Brunswick, was the inventor of the principle on which the engine pulling the train is constructed? Yet almost everyone could tell you that the airbrakes of the train were invented by Westinghouse. Sic transit gloria mundi."

QUEBEC M. P.
TAKES WHACK
AT MR. SHARKS

Ottawa, March 22—"Mr. Sparks is neither a snake nor a skunk, but he has the high qualities of both," declared J. F. Pouliot (Liberal, Temiscouata), in the House of Commons this afternoon on a question of privilege. Mr. Pouliot was referring to R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association.

Mr. Pouliot quoted from a speech made by Mr. Sparks in Montreal on March 9 in which he was reported as having said that organized criminals were hoping that the customs probe would be a failure and that "if Mr. Pouliot hopes so too he has lots of company."

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen protested that Mr. Pouliot's remarks were beyond his rights as a member and asked for a ruling of the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker hoped that Mr. Pouliot would come briefly to whatever he wished to deny.

Mr. Pouliot commenced again, as Conservative members kept shouting, "Order, order," and the member for Temiscouata summed up his remarks in the statement quoted.

BIG FRESHET
ON ST. CROIX
IS FEARED

Woodland, Me., March 22—With the St. Croix River at a high pitch and a great body of snow yet to melt in its watershed there are fears of a repetition of the freshet of the spring of 1923 which carried away the fishway at the dam and inundated the lower levels of the village of Woodland, driving a number of families from their homes. Considerable property went adrift. Every precaution is being taken to save damage. Rains or exceptionally high temperature continued would cause the St. Croix to overflow its banks.

Still, if New York waiters were called by any other name they would probably be just as hard on hearing.

MUST BELONG
TO THE C. A. H. A.

The Toronto Globe says: To make the Allan Cup championship truly national, the competition should include the champions of the Maritime Provinces. That title has been won by Truro this season and the issue was decided some time ago, in plenty of time, in fact for the participation of the New Brunswick-Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island titleholders in the national play-offs. It should be borne in mind that any champion team of a recognized league affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association is eligible to Allan Cup competition.

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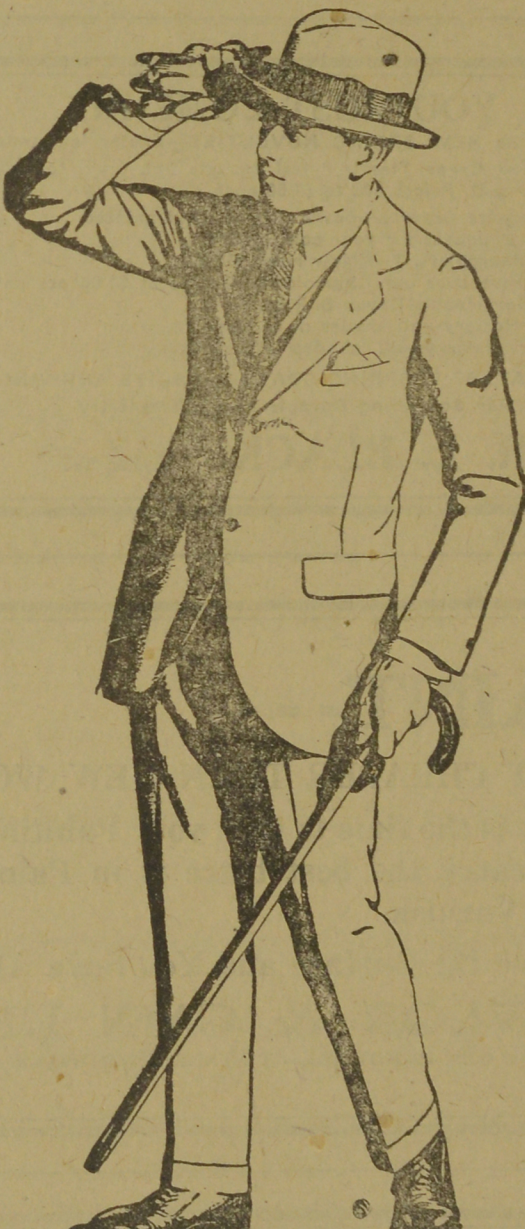
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