

GRAND FALLS TO BE DEVELOPED

The Legislature Opened
With Imposing Ceremony

Fine Weather Prevailed and Interest Was Unusually Keen in the Proceedings—Important Matters Dealt with in the Speech From the Throne—Announcement in Regard to Grand Falls Development—Importance of Labor to be Recognized.

The first session of the ninth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick opened this afternoon by His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Hon. W. F. Todd. The ceremonial was as usual except that the fact that a new Government had taken office and a new House had been elected added to the procedure within the walls of the chamber. The weather was fine for the season the only drawback being the extra deep snow. The military features of the opening as usual drew attention. The attendance of spectators from all parts of the Province caused the seats on the floor of the chamber to be well occupied. The Speech from the Throne which is to be found in full in this paper was of particular interest because of the fact that the ministry led by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter is facing its first session of the Legislature.

To Develop Grand Falls

Important announcements in the Speech from the Throne include the creation of a Department of Labor in conjunction with the Department of Health.

Another paragraph declares that it is the intention of the government to enforce all laws, including the Intoxicating Liquor Act.

By far the most important paragraph in the speech has to do with the proposed development of the Grand Falls water power. It intimates that an agreement has been entered into for the carrying out of this great undertaking and will be submitted to the House for its approval. Power is to be made available for prospective pulp and paper mills, and there will be a supply under public control available for other purposes.

Swearing in Ceremonial

The swearing in ceremonial took place in the Assembly Chamber this morning being made necessary by the general election of August last. The Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen conducted the ceremony. There were many interested spectators. The roll was signed under the direction of George Bidlake, Clerk of the House, and J. Fred Payne, Clerk Assistant.

Military Ceremonial

The military ceremonial was that laid down in K. R. & O. for the opening of a Provincial Legislature. His Honor the Lieut. Governor received the compliment of a salute of thirteen guns fired by a detachment from the 90th Newcastle Field Battery under command of Lieut. Campbell the guns booming out on the bank of the river just as His Honor entered the Chamber.

The usual composite guard-of-honor was posted in front of the building to receive His Honor at three o'clock. The York Regt., 7th Canadian Machine Battalion and University of New Brunswick Contingent C. O. T. C. composed the guard with the regimental color of the York Regt. and the band of the same unit. Major J. S. Scott was officer commanding with Capt. R. H. H. Stewart as adjutant. Both are from the York Regt. Capt. Frank Barton of the Machine Gun Battalion and Lieut. G. M. MacPhail of the University C. O. T. C. were subaltern officers. Compliments were paid on the arrival and departure of His Honor, who inspected the guard.

Within the Chamber

Within the chamber the usual

opening ceremony took place. Prayers were offered by the newly appointed chaplain Rev. A. F. Bate, rector of Fredericton. The Clerk then informed the members that His Honor the Lieut. Governor did not think fit to declare the causes for which he had summoned this Legislative Assembly until a Speaker should be chosen. He further informed the House that it was the will of His Honor that the House proceed with the election of a Speaker who should be presented at 3.15 for the approbation of His Honor.

Election of Speaker

The time-honored procedure is that always followed at the time of election of a Speaker. Premier Baxter after the announcement of the Clerk rose in his place and the Clerk also rose and pointed to him and sat down. Hon. Mr. Baxter then proposed Mr. J. Leonard O'Brien, Esquire, as Speaker, and moved that he be Speaker. Hon. P. J. Veniot leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and Mr. O'Brien was declared elected. He was escorted to the chair by the mover and seconder and made the customary address in acceptance. Hon. Mr. Speaker withdrew to be robed in the traditional silk hat and gown and then took the chair.

Arrival of His Honor

Immediately afterward the Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry C. Rutter entered and informed the Speaker that His Honor the Lieut. Governor had arrived. He was instructed by the Speaker to admit His Honor the Lieut. Governor, the Speaker, Clerk and Clerk Assistant withdrawing. Hon. W. F. Todd then entered garbed in official uniform and attended by R. S. Barker, Official Secretary, and Lieut. Col. George M. Keefe of Saint John, A. D. C. Many military officers of the district also accompanied the Lieut. Governor and staff and ranged themselves on either side of the chamber.

The set speeches then were made. Hon. J. L. O'Brien who had returned to the chamber informing His Honor that he had been chosen Speaker and His Honor through the Clerk expressing his approval of the choice. Hon. Mr. Speaker also claimed the privileges of Parliament and they were granted by His Honor.

Speech From The Throne

The Speech from the Throne then was delivered by His Honor and was as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening this, the first Session of a new Legislature, I have much pleasure in welcoming those members who have been re-elected as well as those who come to this Assembly for the first time, and trust that your labours may be devoted to the realization of the hopes which the people entertain of a forward movement on the part of this Province.

Since last we met death has removed the gracious Queen Mother Alexandra whose memory will be precious to the people whom she made her own.

With you I sincerely regret the death of Mr. John M. Flewelling and Mr. Frank L. Potts, elected to represent the constituencies of St. Stephen, Milltown and the County of Saint John. Both gentlemen had given excellent service as Members in the past and their absence today is a reminder of the temporary nature of all human endeavour.

During the year there was unveiled at Rexton in the County of Kent a memorial to the Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law, a native of that County who was the first Prime Minister of Great Britain born in the overseas Dominion. I am pleased to extend to those who defrayed the cost of this memorial the thanks of the Government and people of this Province.

The Chief Industry

I desire to impress upon you the fact that agriculture is still our chief industry. Farm crops of all kinds have been abundant and for such of our products as we have had an exportable surplus the prices have been good. Much still remains to be done in this department. Raising of live stock in our hay producing sections should be encouraged as should every effort to manufacture a finished product for consumption or export rather than to sell an article in its raw state. I invite your attention to the standardization of products and the necessity of individual effort for greater production for export. My government will assist so far as is possible in the problem of marketing. Our geographical position gives us an advantage over central and western Canada in the matter of freight which would ensure our access to overseas markets upon a competitive basis.

A commissioner to deal with new industries, marketing, natural resources and immigration, has been appointed and it is hoped by this co-ordination to produce gratifying results.

The Highways

Our expenditure for highways has been heavy and we must realize that the cost of upkeep will not be light. Leading as they do to scenery which is unsurpassed on this continent, our roads should be used by a greatly increased number of tourists. To that end it is proposed to give assistance to the development of this valuable traffic. In this connection our natural advantages in fish and game must be protected and generous opportunity afforded both to tourists and to our own people to make use of them. The angling possibilities of the Saint John, Miramichi and other rivers are as yet scarcely realized.

It is evident in the matter of forest resources that the lumber industry as hitherto carried on is in a state of transition towards the more highly manufactured forms of pulp and paper. A project is now well under way by which approximately \$5,000,000 of private capital will be invested in the manufacture of these products at Bathurst including the provision of the necessary power and involving the employment of about 1,200 additional hands. Such enterprises should be encouraged, as it is by building up communities founded upon labour that the best results can be obtained for the Province.

Freight Rates

My Government, feeling that in railway transportation charges the Maritime Provinces have been at a marked disadvantage since the War, joined with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the presentation of a case which has been expertly prepared and will be heard before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Moncton on April 6th.

Prohibition

It is the intention of my Government to efficiently enforce the laws of this Province including the law relating to the sale of intoxicants. A new Chief Inspector has been appointed who has just completed the districting of the Province and the appointment of his staff. His work will demonstrate to what extent it is possible to overcome the indifference with relation to this law which has become widespread among the people and to combat the efforts of those

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U. S. MIGHT
INTERVENE
AT GENEVA

Some Speculation in London Regarding the Matter.

MAY PREVENT
DISASTER

Spain is Preparing to Boycott Swedish Timber.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, March 11—There is speculation here regarding the likelihood of the United States in formally intervening at Geneva to prevent a disaster which might interrupt post war rehabilitation. Europe is considered to be facing her gravest post war crisis and Premier Briand of France is mentioned as the world's man of the hour.

Reports of Economic reprisals already are reaching London. Spain is believed to be ready to boycott Swedish timber in retaliation for Sweden's stand against her election to the League of Nations council at Geneva.

MAGDALEN
ISLANDS WERE
DESCRIBED

Dr. Philip Cox of University of N. B. Faculty Lectured Before Science Club.

The members of the Science Club were, almost to a man, much surprised to realize the confused and hazy notions held with regard to an isolated and almost unknown part of our Dominion; when Dr. Philip Cox addressed them last night on the "Magdalen Islands, Past and Present".

The club's regular monthly meeting was held at the home of the President W. E. McMullin, 352 George Street, the duties of hostess being shared by Mrs. McMullin, Mrs. L. B. Bull, Mrs. F. P. Lister and Miss Jean Cooper. It was opened by the reading of the minutes of the preceding two meetings which were found correct and approved. Mrs. F. A. Good then sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. F. P. Lister, which was appreciated as a rare treat.

The president then introduced the speaker who showed, by aid of a colored map, that this untalked of little group of islands lay in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, almost equidistant from the shores of Anticosti Island, Gaspe Peninsula, Northern New Brunswick, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Owing to this position there has gathered about it a very extensive series of sandbanks which have caused over 400 recorded wrecks since British occupation, thus conferring on it the unenviable name of "Graveyard of the Gulf".

Pure Breton French

The islands are people mostly by Acadian French from the Grand Pre district, who had fled thither at the time of the expulsion in 1775. English, Scotch, Irish and shipwrecked sailors of other nationalities have settled and given a varied foreign admixture of blood. Owing to its lack of contacts with the outer world the language has remained very pure and unchanged. It is considered by excellent judges that the purest Breton and French of Normandy as spoken 300 years ago is now heard in the speech of the Magdalen Islanders.

The population of the group is about 9000, the death rate being the lowest of any part of Canada, the genial temperature of midsummer being responsible for a great freedom from the

Coal Miners Protest
Commission's Report

Nationalization of Coal Mines of Great Britain Was Among the Recommendations—Estimated Cost Would be \$500,000,000—Officials of Both Groups Studying Reports.

LONDON, March 11—Miners and operators today protested the royal commission's report recommending national ownership and private operation of British coal mines. The commission sought to prevent a general strike of railwaymen, transport workers and miners on May 1.

It is estimated that acquisition of proved and unproved coal deposits in Great Britain would cost \$500,000,000. Miners and operators join in protest against the recommendation that the government's coal subsidy be withdrawn while the owners subject to maintenance of the seven hour day and the miners object to proposed revision of wage standards. Officials of both groups were busy today studying the voluminous reports.

HOME HUNTERS
ARE TO HOLD A
CONFERENCE

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Geneva, March 11—An international conference of home hunters has been summoned to meet at Zurich from May 21 to May 24 to see what can be done about alleviating Europe's apartment shortage.

The country which have promised to send delegations to Rentors and would be renters if they could find something to rent are Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, England, France, Poland, Italy, Roumania, Serbia, Germany and the Free City of Danzig.

Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter of Saint John, wife of Premier Baxter, is at the Queen.

oppression that often is accompanied by diseases that are frequently very trying to the children on the mainland.

Necklace Islands

The group is made up of some half-dozen low-lying islands connected by sandbars about level with the water, sometimes double with a lagoon between. This feature gives rise to the French "madeline, a necklace" being the usual pronunciation of the name by the islanders.

The whole life of the islands is fish and their odour almost as all-pervading. Herring, mackerel, cod and lobster are the staple sea-food obtained, with an occasional halibut.

Dr. Cox spent last summer in a Biological Board Laboratory there in connection with an investigation as to whether the mackerel found there were a race peculiar to the Gulf or habitually migrated to the south. For part of the investigation many mackerel were banded with identification tags and released. If these tags should be recovered only in the Gulf, the conclusion would be that they went only to sea and returned after wintering. It many were to be recovered to the south, the inference would be that there was no such racial peculiarity to the mackerel.

There are no newspapers published on the islands but a wireless station on Grindstone Island, the central member of the group, keeps up a certain touch with the world outside. There are two steamer connections a week and, in spite of the fact that the islands are cut off from mail service by storms, ice, etc., from December 1st to mid-May, Dr. Cox says it is an excellent place in which to recuperate.

MANY ALIENS
TURNED BACK
FOR MORAL TURP.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Washington, March 11—Immigration authorities turned back twenty-two aliens this year for their crimes involved "Moral turpitude" before Countess Cathcart came along this number was excluded in January labor department figures today showed. Twenty-four aliens were deported for "Moral Turpitude" under the immigration act.

GERRYMANDER
ACT OF 1924 TO
BE REPEALED

The first bill introduced in the Legislature by Premier Baxter this afternoon calls for the repeal of an Act passed in 1924, creating two electoral districts in the Counties of York and Charlotte. This means that the constituency of Fredericton, Marysville and Devon, now represented by Hon. C. D. Richards will be wiped out and the full membership of the County of York restored. The County of Charlotte will also be given four members and the constituency of St. Stephen and Milltown will be wiped out. There never was any great demand for the change in the first place and it failed to bring any political support to the late administration.

Afternoon Tea

Mrs. H. F. McLeod was hostess yesterday at a very enjoyable afternoon tea in honor of Mrs. George Black wife of the Federal member for the Yukon. Mrs. Black assisted Mrs. McLeod in receiving the large number of guests. Mrs. C. J. Mersereau and Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut ushered to the dining room, where the pretty table was presided over by Mrs. C. McN. Steeves and Mrs. H. V. Bridges. Those who assisted in serving were the Misses Porter, Irma Scott, Grace Phillips and Miss Malloy. In the library Mrs. W. A. McLellan cut the ices and was assisted by Miss Marjorie Mersereau and Miss Jean McLeod. Mrs. Clifford Creed replenished.

Left for Woodstock

After playing to excellent business at the Capitol Theatre here Tuesday and Wednesday "The Originals" who are on tour with "Thumbs Up" left this morning for Woodstock.