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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The Speech from the Throne, with which His Honor the Lieutenant Governor opened the first session of the Ninth Legislative Assembly of the province this afternoon, while a marvel so far as brevity is concerned is also a pithy document, dealing with matters of the greatest importance to the people of this province. When the fact is taken into consideration that the story of the creation of the world was related in less than two thousand words, there does not seem to be any justification for a waste of words in forecasting the legislative program of a "magnified municipal council" of a British province of less than four hundred thousand population. It is quite evident that His Honor's advisers, who had to do with the preparation of the speech, took this view of the matter and governed themselves accordingly.

The great importance of the agricultural industry is referred to in a paragraph in the speech. There is no doubt that agriculture is the basis of all arts, and it is today New Brunswick's greatest industry. As the speech points out the raising of live stock in our hay producing sections should be encouraged, but there are of course difficulties to be overcome. The establishment of pork packing establishments at Saint John and Moncton will help a whole lot, but there is more to be done if this important branch of agriculture is to grow and flourish. It is true that New Brunswick had an advantage in its geographical position over Central and Western Canada, but the fact that perishable products destined for the old country have to be forwarded to Montreal for shipment because of the lack of cold storage facilities on steamers sailing from maritime ports, nullifies that advantage to a considerable extent.

New Brunswick in order to keep pace with the growth of motor traffic in recent years has expended millions of dollars for the improvement of the highway roads, and a return on this investment can only be secured by a large increase in the volume of tourist travel. Every man, woman and child in this province will benefit from an increased tourist traffic, and it is pleasing to know that the government intends putting forth every effort to encourage this traffic. Fish and game, which are the property of all the people, must have more efficient protection, not only for the benefit of our own people but as a magnet to attract a desirable class of tourists. His Honor states a simple truth when he says that the angling possibilities of the Saint John, Miramichi and other open waters of the province are as yet scarcely realized. The Saint John River, the noblest stream on the Atlantic seaboard, can with an efficient protection be made one of the greatest salmon angling streams in the world, and a source of revenue not only to the people living along its banks but to the province as well.

The interesting announcement is made that the government intends to enforce the laws of the province, particularly the law relating to the sale of intoxicants. Everybody knows that there is a lot of hypocrisy in connection with prohibition. People who profess strong sympathy with the principle of prohibition cannot always be depended upon to observe the spirit and letter of the law. They want prohibition for the other fellows but not for themselves. The government promised to enforce the act so long as it remains on the statute book and intends to carry out that pledge. If after a fair trial it should be found that the act cannot be enforced we believe that Premier Baxter, with his well known resourcefulness, will be able to find some other solution of the liquor problem.

The strong claims of the labor interests of the province for representation in the cabinet have not been overlooked by the present administration. Naturally the government is not disposed to create a new department at the present time, but intends to enlarge the department of Health to include Labor. The combined departments should function without the slightest difficulty.

By far the most important paragraph in the speech relates to the proposed development of that wonderful gift of nature which the province

possesses at Grand Falls. This is the greatest water power east of Niagara and should be harnessed and compelled to work for the people of the province. The late government had a somewhat fantastic scheme for its development, which while it had much to commend it, meant an enormous increase in the capital liabilities which the province can ill afford at the present time. New Brunswick already has one white elephant on its hands in the Valley Railway, which was the result of ill advised propaganda and surely it does not want another. Premier Baxter wants to see Grand Falls developed, but he is not anxious to add the straw which will break the camel's back. There is a limit in the amount of taxation which the people can bear and that limit has about been reached in this province. The Premier has given this matter much attention and careful thought during the past few months, and all should be glad to learn that he has at last succeeded in making an arrangement for the development of Grand Falls without cost to the people. The power to be developed will be under public control and the interests of the people will be amply safeguarded by legislation to be enacted this session.

The Speech from the Throne placed in the hands of His Honor today is a business like document worthy of a business like government.

PREMIER BAXTER.

When the Legislature met in 1917 following a change of administration it had as first minister Hon. W. E. Foster, a gentleman new to political life and naturally enough he found his position a rather trying one. The world has turned on in the late of time and today after another change of government the province has in Hon. J. B. M. Baxter a Premier of ripe experience in both the Provincial Legislature and Federal Parliament, and who is pretty generally recognized as one of the most forcible and talented men in the public life of the Dominion. With the exception of Sir Douglas Hazen, he is the only man since Confederation to take over the Premiership of this province after serving a term in the Federal Parliament, but unlike Sir Douglas during his term of office he has the added prestige of membership in the King's Privy Council, he having held the portfolio of Minister of Customs in the Meighen cabinet.

While there are no doubt many people who differ with Premier Baxter on political questions there are none who question his great ability, his wonderful capacity for hard work, his moral courage and his devotion to the public weal. For four years prior to the provincial election of August last Hon. Mr. Baxter was one of the trusted lieutenants of the leader of the Conservative party in the Federal Parliament, and he could have been the same today had he chosen to remain in the larger arena of politics. Therefore, it cannot be truthfully said that he forsook the Federal for the Provincial field merely to gratify any personal or political ambition and furthermore, if it were a matter of dollars and cents with him he would not be in public life at all, for as the leading lawyer in the maritime provinces he would undoubtedly have far more to gain from a financial standpoint were he to taboo politics altogether and devote his great energy to the practice of the noble profession at which he is an ornament. We believe Hon. Mr. Baxter is in provincial politics today for the sole purpose of rendering service to his fellow citizens. There never was a time in the history of New Brunswick when the need of a strong and capable hand at the helm was so urgent as it is today. Premier Baxter returns to the Legislature as the head of a strong administration composed of earnest and capable men who are anxious to give this province a forward boost, and in the great work which they have undertaken they are entitled to the hearty support and co-operation not only of those composing their legislative following but of the citizenship of the province as well.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

A Late Season.

The manager of a local garage says that on March 10th last year he drove an automobile to St. John. Truckmen also say that this time last year they were using wagons.

Anything Might Happen.

An old farmer who is a good Liberal, was asked the other day what he thought of the winter and the large quantities of snow that fell. "Well," he said "anything liable to happen with the Tories in control of Provincial affairs."

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. O. B. Price, M. P., of Moncton is a guest at the Queen.

George B. Jones, M. P., of Apohaqui is registered at the Queen. He is here for the opening of the Legislature.

K. J. MacRae of Saint John is a guest at the Barker House.

J. W. Niles, M. P. P., and Mrs. Niles are at the Barker House.

J. L. Peck, M. P. P., of Hillsborough and Mrs. Peck are at the Barker House.

Col. W. H. Harrison, M. P. P., of Saint John and Mrs. Harrison are guests at the Barker House.

Sir Douglas Hazen of Saint John is registered at the Queen.

G. W. Maddison of Moncton is at the Barker House for the session.

Miss Virginia Reilly and Miss Laura Reilly of Moncton are registered at the Queen.

Mrs. H. C. Schofield and Miss M. L. Harrison of Saint John are here for the opening of the Legislature. They are at the Barker House.

NEW MINISTER WILL HAVE OPPOSITION

Strathroy, Ont., March 10—The West Middlesex Conservatives have decided to contest the election of the Hon. J. C. Elliott, newly appointed minister of labor in the King cabinet, at the by-election which is to be held on March 29. The nominating convention will be held on Monday next, March 15, in Strathroy. This was the decision reached after some considerable discussion at the executive meeting of the Conservative organization this afternoon.

President Robert McKellar, Glencoe presided.

It is stated that Thomas Elliott, ex-Reeve, of West Williams, who was a candidate in the last general election, will probably obtain the nomination if he desires it. There is a report that R. V. Lesneur, of Sarnia, who was defeated in the last general election in West Lambton by W. T. Goodison, Liberal, and Manning Doherty, former leader of the Progressives in the Ontario legislature, will contest the nomination.

BRIAN FORMS 9TH. CABINET

Paris, March 10—Aristide Briand's ninth cabinet has only been formed for a few hours and the formal ministerial declaration is still a week away, yet manoeuvres have already started to make its life short one with the attack centering on Louis Malvy, who holds the portfolio of Minister of the Interior. Deputy Ybarnegaray served notice on M. Briand that he would interpellate the Premier "upon the presence of M. Malvy in the cabinet."

It will likely be a hard task for the Premier to attain a stable working majority since the nucleus of the Left Centre Deputies forming the backbone of his supporters is sufficient and must be reinforced, either from the Right or the Left.

JUDGES AFTER MORE PAY

Montreal, March 10—A petition signed by the judges of the Superior Court of Quebec has been forwarded to Premier Taschereau, asking that the province indemnify them to the sum of \$1,000 a year in addition to the salary of \$9,000 which they now receive from the Federal government.

The judges set out in the petition that for over 30 years, the judges of the Supreme Court of Ontario have received a supplementary indemnity from the government of that province of \$1,000 a year.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE

"The Arizona Sweepstakes" is the photo play at the Capitol for the last half of the week featuring Hoot Gibson. Action goes from Frisco's Chinatown to an Arizona Ranch. There are some good, humorous touches, contributed chiefly by George Ovey, as a pint-sized gangster. He is quite delightful, and further comedy is added by three viciously mischievous youngsters. There is also a chapter of the new serial Wild West and a Comedy on the bill.

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Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick by the City of Fredericton for the passing of the following Acts:

"An Act authorizing the City of Fredericton to issue Debentures in a sum not exceeding the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000.00), for the purpose of completing the installation of a new unit in the water system."

An Act to amend the Buildings Laws of the City of Fredericton.

An Act to amend the Acts authorizing the City of Fredericton to borrow money."

Dated at Fredericton, February 20, 1926.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Clerk.

Notice of Legislation

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made by and on behalf of the Town of Marysville, at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, for the passage of a Bill to amend Chapter 25, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Marysville" and acts in amendments thereof.

Dated the ninth day of February, A. D. 1926.

(Sgd.) D. BIRD,
Town Clerk.



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