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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature got well started yesterday with the work of the session. There were speeches by the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, a number of reports were submitted and several government bills were introduced including one to extend the time for the construction of the Valley Railway from Centreville to Andover.

The mover of the address, Mr. H. Colby Smith of Saint John County, is a man of ripe experience and his utterances were business like and bore the stamp of sincerity. His graceful reference to Premier Baxter was an honest expression of opinion from one who has been a life long friend of the Premier. Mr. Smith belongs to a family of politicians and although only a short time in public life he is proving his usefulness for the position of a legislator. As the colleague of the Premier he no doubt finds greater scope for hard work than the average private member.

Mr. Moore of Queens who seconded the address spoke well and his speech made an excellent impression. Mr. Moore is one of the youngest members of the House and is a man of great energy. He is in public life to render service to a very important section of the province, which he thinks has been somewhat neglected by previous governments.

The debate on the address will be continued on Monday by the Opposition leader, who will be followed by a member of the government. It is predicted that the debate will be concluded before the end of the week.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

The announcement by Premier Baxter in the Legislature yesterday that he was in correspondence with Sir Henry Thornton in regard to the acquisition of the Valley Railway has aroused a great deal of interest. Sir Henry has wired the Premier in regard to the possible terms on which the road can be acquired. The Premier expressed the opinion that a conference on the subject will likely be held in the near future. Premier Baxter and his government can be counted upon to do all in their power to induce the Federal Government to take over the Valley Railway and no doubt a conference between the Premier and Sir Henry Thornton would have beneficial results.

The Valley Railway serves the very finest section of New Brunswick and there is not the slightest doubt in the world that if the road is made part of the Canadian National system and connections established with other systems that it can be made a paying proposition. The message received by the Premier from Sir Henry Thornton certainly gives cause for encouragement.

FACTS AND FANCY.

Man's fancy has always outstripped his ability, yet it is through fancy that he learns.

By dreaming of the impossible we make headway in the practical.

By theorizing, speculating and experimenting with preposterous ideas we stumble on secrets that make life more comfortable and enjoyable.

If the Greeks had not romanced about Icarus and his wings the chances are that we would not have airplanes. If navigators had not looked at the bowl of the sky and guessed that the earth was round we might not be living in America.

DRESSING UP.

A Chicago pastor gets excited and says Jesus wouldn't go to a dinner where men wore dress suits, and all that sort of thing. He wouldn't dine in style, thinks this pulpiteer. Why not? Is there any good reason why a man shouldn't wear the proper clothes

at the proper places and at proper time? Strange that some of us are still so close to the mouth of the cave that we look with suspicion on anybody who is dressed up. Some folks, even though they get to be clergymen, civilize slowly.

LOVE OF POPULARITY.

The love of popularity is rooted deep in the normal mind. To do things deliberately that you know will make you unpopular with many of your dearest friends—or those who have been your friends—is like setting out to sea in a canoe. Sometimes it has to be done, but it takes some courage. Such a course, however, has one very distinct asset. By the experiment you learn to distinguish between friends and mere acquaintances.

"Most of our mistakes are fundamentally grammatical," says Aldous Huxley, a statement that is not entirely convincing. There are times when a man has told his story with grammatic precision, only to get a cold, congealing stare in return across the breakfast table. It may have been a perfectly good story, too, but the trouble sometimes is that the listener has information of which the narrator is not aware, and even good grammar won't make up for the mistake of telling a good one at the wrong time. Ain't that the truth, mates?

The last Queens County member to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Legislature was the late Hon. L. P. Faris away back in the nineties. His speech established a record for brevity which has never been broken. He simply said: Mr. Speaker, I have much pleasure in seconding the motion of my hon. friend who has just taken his seat.

There are no borders in the air. Aviation will do much to bring international understanding and keep peace. Anything that promotes travel and the passage of people and ideas from one country to another promotes lasting peace. It's hard to fight people you really understand.

Mr. J. Arthur Moore, in the course of his speech in the Legislature yesterday made a graceful reference to the late Hon. J. E. Hetherington, a former representative of Queens who served as Speaker and Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

Someone in the New York Sun asks whether the collar worn by men interferes with indigestion. If he means the collar worn by married men, there are any number who can inform him authoritatively that it does.

Nothing is quite as wonderful as the manner in which most of the cod liver taste has been taken out of cod liver oil, unless it is the way in which they completely removed the clam aroma from chowder.

The minds of some women are like the five loaves and two fishes. No matter how often they give away a piece of it, there's always a lot more left.

Girl boasts she can change a tire as quickly as a man, but that isn't surprising. Look at the practice a girl gets changing attire.

Nine music houses in New York have been consolidated, but of one thing you can be sure—it isn't a combination in restraint of jazz.

Two Chillans are to settle their differences with boxing gloves and charge admission to the go. Tex Rickard's influence extends everywhere.

A ballet dancer spun around 33 times on her toe without falling. Just the girl to cook in the cozy galley of the average 50-foot motor launch.

"Nothing ever just happens," observes the Atchison Globe. "There's always a cause." And, generally, too, a because.

There are days when the thought occurs that this may be 1927's Lost Summer.

You can't always judge a man by the company he keeps—it may be his wife's folks.

Modesty, we read, is relative, but few relatives seem to have it.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Other people's troubles serve to reconcile us to our own troubles.

Brethren, let our hearts sing, but don't try to write a spring poem for the paper.

If television is as truthful to detail as the mirror many of us will feel reluctant toward exposure.

Then there was the old-fashioned man who used to say: "I'll take a drink on that." And usually did.

"A demagogue," remarked the Man on the Car, "is a politician who thinks fooling the people pays 100 cents on the holler."

Building faster automobiles doesn't always help the driver. Another train has won the race for the crossing.

Current paragraph: "A long hair on the coat collar now means the horsehair stiffening in the lapel is coming out." Yes, provided it isn't blonde.

Intermittently the problem of what to do with our young people boils up. A California man, 104 has been arrested for driving while under the influence of liquor.

Even though the optimist's dreams do not all come true he has had a good time dreaming. And if half of them terminate successfully he has fifty per cent the better of the pessimist.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. H. A. Powell, K. C., of Saint John is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. A. A. Dysart, leader of the Opposition and Mrs. Dysart are at the Queen.

Mr. E. A. Bell of Halifax, N. S., is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. H. E. Knapp of Toronto is stopping at the Barker House.

Mr. J. K. Villevik of Montreal and Mr. P. C. Simpson of Montreal are registered at the Barker House.

Miss Jack of Boston is visiting Mrs. J. B. Kinghorn, Smythe St.

Died In New York.

Word was received Thursday by his son, Harvey of St. John of the death at New York, on February 22 of Capt. J. Frank Day who had been undergoing treatment in the Brooklyn hospital. Captain Day is survived by three sons, Temple of Fredericton, Grenville of New York and Harvey of Saint John; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Estabrooks of Lincoln N. B., and Miss Hattie Day of New York; two brothers Dr. R. G. Day of West Saint John and Capt. Edward Day of Inchby, Queens County, and one sister, Miss Annie Day, New York.

Members Absent.

Five members of the Legislature have not yet put in an appearance for the session. Hon. B. F. Smith is at his home at Florenceville suffering from a severe cold. Mr. G. C. Grant is undergoing treatment at the Victoria Hospital here. Hon. Dr. Taylor is detained at home by pressure of work. Messrs Dlotte and Leger have not yet arrived.

Man is said to have invented an engine that is operated by static. What a racket that thing must make!

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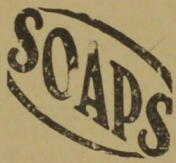
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