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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

The Speech delivered from the Throne at the opening of the House of Commons yesterday proposed partially all the reforms mentioned by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, in his different radio addresses.

The Speech forecasts, among other things, legislation to provide: Unemployment and health insurance.

Minimum wage and maximum working week.

Extended facilities for long-term and intermediate credit.

Expansion of the provisions for old age pensions.

A change in the basis of taxation towards the principal of the capacity to pay.

Safeguards for consumers and primary producers against unfair trading practices.

Regulation of concentrations in production and distribution.

Protection of investing public against exploitation.

The setting up of an economic advisory council.

The reorganization of government services.

Penitentiary reform.

Improvement of the national debt structure.

Consolidation and expansion of Empire trade, and of world trade generally.

Extension of the scope of the Natural Products Marketing Act.

If one is to judge by the speech and also by the fact that the session just opened will be the last one before a general election the present session should be a lengthy one. It will probably also be one with lots of kick in it.

For residents of York and Sunbury the session should be interesting because our Federal representative Hon. R. B. Hanson, occupies for the first time a ministerial position. As the new Minister of Trade and Commerce Mr. Hanson should give a good account of himself. He is a hard worker and a man of energy and ability.

He has given good service to this riding during the time that he has been a member.

The resignation owing to ill health of Hon. George Black, as Speaker of the Commons, is learned with regret by friends here. George Black spent his boyhood and his student days in Fredericton and his romantic career as miner, lawyer, commissioner for the Yukon, as a soldier in the war, as well as member for the Yukon in the Dominion House of Commons has been watched with interest.

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and people lost confidence in the Society. The museum, which contains some really fine documents, books and historic articles, should be catalogued and all articles that are not historical taken out. There is sometimes a tendency for people to use museums for storehouse purposes for trash which they want to put somewhere. A live museum committee would soon sort out the good articles and separate them from the trash. The York & Sunbury Society has had museum committees the majority of whose members never visited the museum from one year end to the other. On the museum committee was one member who removed all his own historical belongings from the museum and then advocated removing the whole museum to Saint John. This same individual is now a director of the York & Sunbury Historical Society. Does the Society endorse the idea of removing our local museum to Saint John after all the trouble that the earlier members experienced in getting it here?

The citizens who so heartily endorsed our local historical society and our local museum in the past should not lose interest in the work. It does not belong to the executive. It belongs to the members. If Society members had been interested they would have attended the meetings; perhaps they will regain whatever confidence they seem to have lost in the Society and not let it fall to pieces. Some societies are controlled by persons with only their self interest to look after. As long as they get their name in the paper, or use a society to advance their own personal business they do not care what the results may be. Those who have the York & Sunbury Society's interests at heart should see to it that this element—if there should be such an element—does not creep into their Society and its work—as it has done in other societies.

Let those who have dropped out return to the fold and help put some real life into the body. There are very many active people who can help build up this Society. Do not let it drop.

SNAPSHOTS

The story is told of the late Jim Paul well known Indian guide. At each annual election for Chief Jim would always get up and say "I nominate me Jim Paul for chief. I move nominations close." Jim always appointed himself a nominating committee to nominate himself for chief.

The city is paying for the school children's skating at the Arctic Rink. The hours are from four to six Tuesday and Thursday and on Saturday morning. These children are under no compliment to the rink as their way is paid. It is hoped that the rink authorities remember this. The children have been imposed on in past years.

Old friends of Hon. George Black will be sorry to learn of his illness and to hope for a speedy recovery.

President Hubbard's appeal at the Board of Trade meeting to the farmers as well as the city people to Support Home-Owned-Stores rather than the imported brand is timely.

The rural residents have received good support for many years from Fredericton merchants. They should remember this when they purchase their home supplies.

Between Dominion and Provincial Parliaments and two election campaigns in New Brunswick this year the people will have more than their share of politics.

A letter from Montreal says the eye of both political parties in Canada will be centered on New Brunswick this year. It is the keystone to the situation.

Are people's funeral arrangements made in advance at the hospital? Is there a "tradition" that any particular undertaker is favored?

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Parliament to Help Producer-Consumer

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To Extend Existing Acts
Reform measures approved by you at the last session of Parliament are already in successful operation. I observe with especial gratification the manner in which the Natural Products Marketing Act and the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act are already serving the great and urgent needs of agriculture and other primary industries. You will be invited to consider certain amendments to these acts which will extend the sphere of their usefulness.

The organization of the Bank of Canada is nearing completion, and it will commence operations at an early date. My ministers are convinced of the value of this institution as an instrument of national policy to direct the better utilization of the credit resources of Canada.

Legislation enacted at the last session of Parliament respecting the metallic coverage of our note issue and the initiation of the public works program have eased credit conditions and stimulated business enterprise.

Greater Security for the Worker

Better provision will be made for the security of the worker during unemployment, in sickness, and in old age.

The measures taken respecting public and private debts have done much to lighten the burden of the taxpayer and to improve the position of the farming community. My ministers are now engaged upon a survey of the national debt structure to determine what action may be practicable and advisable to effect further improvement in it.

You will be invited to enact legislation to extend existing facilities for long term and intermediate credit.

Secure Wider Markets for Products

During the past year, wider markets for our products have been secured. A supplementary trade agreement has been negotiated with the Republic of France. Trade agreement with Austria has been renewed. Negotiations with the government of Poland, which it is hoped will lead to the conclusion of a comprehensive commercial convention, are in progress. It is the policy of my ministers to pursue vigorously every opportunity by which our world trade may be increased. The policy of my government of consolidating and expanding Empire markets will be vigorously pursued.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to advise my ministers upon the steps which should be taken to implement the findings of the Duncan Commission.

Pursuant to the agreement made between the Government of Canada and the Governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta, Royal Commissions have been appointed to determine what, if any, compensation is payable to these provinces in respect to the period since 1905, in which their natural resources were under the control of the Government of Canada.

Seek Permanent Solution

My ministers are co-operating with the Governments of the Prairie Provinces in a survey of these areas which have been stricken by recurring periods of drought, for the purpose of determining what steps may be taken to provide a permanent solution to this grave problem.

Action will be taken to ameliorate the conditions of labor, to provide a better and more assured standard of living for the worker, to secure minimum wages and a maximum working week, and to alter the incidence of taxation so that it will more directly conform to capacity to pay.

You will be invited to enact measures designed to safeguard the consumer and primary producer against unfair trading practices and to regulate, in the public interest, concentration in production and distribution.

To Protect Against Exploitation
You will be invited also to enact measures to provide the investing public with means to protect itself against exploitation.

You will be invited to enact legislation to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents and inventions.

My Government has under consideration the adoption, throughout the penitentiaries of Canada of a system similar to that which is known in England as the "Borstal System", and is making investigations as to its operation.

My ministers have under preparation a plan for the recognition of the government service so that they may be better equipped to discharge the onerous duties which devolve upon them. You will be invited to consider measures, the purpose of which will be to authorize the first stage in this plan of reorganization.

You will be invited to authorize the constitution of an Economic Council, the functions of which will be to advise my ministers upon all economic questions which concern the national welfare.

New Bond of Understanding With France

The 400th anniversary of the landing of Jacques Cartier was fittingly commemorated in the chief centres connected with his voyages of discovery. Representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom, France and the United States, took part. The celebration and the visit of a large and distinguished mission from France knit new bonds of understanding.

25th Anniversary of Accession, 1935

The year 1935 will be memorable for all subjects of His Gracious Majesty King George V. On the 6th day of May, we shall celebrate, throughout the British Empire, the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. On that day, all of us will wish to unite in an act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for having thus preserved His Majesty, whose wisdom and devotion to the well-being of his subjects have proved so inestimable a blessing. My ministers are considering means, shortly to be announced, by which the people of Canada may be afforded an opportunity of suitably commemorating this great landmark in the history of our Empire, and of testifying their loyal devotion to their beloved Sovereign.

Members of the House of Commons: The public accounts for the last fiscal year, and the estimates for the coming year, will be submitted to you at an early date.

Honorable Members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons:

I know you will be diligent and resolute in the country's service. Though the problems which confront you are, in essence and degree, far different from those which in the past you overcame, I know that these present ones you will surmount with the same spirit of faith and determination which has carried Canada to a forward place among the nations.

May God give you strength to support, by your unremitting labors, this great movement towards happier days.

DEATH WELL KNOWN LADY

Julia Ann Kitchen, aged 80 years, widow of the late T. Wesley Kitchen passed away early this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Wood, Saunders Street, after a short illness. Deceased, who was very well known and respected by persons in all walks of life, had lived in this city nearly all her lifetime. She was a member of the George Street Baptist church and a member of the choir for a period of forty years. She is survived by Mrs. Fenton Wood, her step-daughter, with whom she had resided for the past thirteen years. Another step-daughter is Mrs. Oscar Ballentine of Boston, Mass. Also surviving is one step-son Alfred H. Kitchen of Springfield, Ill. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon with service at the home at 2:30 o'clock and Rev. John Linton will conduct assisted by Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery extension.

DIED

KITCHEN:—Died at Fredericton, Jan. 18, 1935, Julia Ann Kitchen, widow of the late T. W. Kitchen, aged 80 years.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon with service at the home at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. John Linton and assisted by Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery Extension.

WHITE:—Died at the Victoria Public Hospital, Jan. 18, 1935, Henry J. White, aged 84 years.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with prayers at the home of his daughter-in-law Mrs. Charles White at 3:30 o'clock and at St. Margaret's Church at four o'clock. Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Forest Hill Cemetery.

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