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Hon. Francis B. Gregory

News of the death at Victoria yesterday of Hon. F. B. Gregory, former judge of the Supreme Court in that province, will be learned with regret by many old Fredericton friends.

Judge Gregory was a son of the late Hon. George F. Gregory who was in his day one of the leading lawyers in New Brunswick, and later a judge of the Supreme Court. Both the father and the son were Supreme Court judges at the same time, the father in New Brunswick and the son in British Columbia. This was something unique in Canadian history.

Many of the older generation will remember Frank Gregory during his student days in this city. At times when he returned to Fredericton on a visit he was always heartily welcomed by these old friends of his boyhood. He was of a kindly, genial disposition, an able lawyer and an eminent jurist.

To Mrs. Hedley V. B. Bridges and Miss Edith Gregory, sisters of the late Judge Gregory, The Daily Mail extends sympathy. It was only recently these ladies were called upon to mourn the death of a sister who had passed on.

Taschereau Resigns

As indicated in The Daily Mail a few days ago the crisis has come in Quebec political circles. Hon. L. A. Taschereau, after sixteen years as head of the Provincial Government, has resigned. He resigns under a cloud. The Legislature has been dissolved and a general election will be held on August 15. In the meantime Hon. Adelard Godbout, Minister of Agriculture, will form a new ministry and will carry on the duties of premier until the result of the general election is known.

Premier Taschereau, who is seventy years of age, may retire from public life and either go to Paris as Federal Government representative or may get a seat on the bench. He was first elected to the Legislature in 1900 and has sat in the House for thirty-six years. For sixteen of these years he was Premier, succeeding Sir Lomer Gouin in 1920.

Taschereau and the Liberal party gave the Province of Quebec good government extending over a long period of years. But governments can make mistakes whether they be Liberal or Conservative. One mistake is made when Ministers try to deal out the cards to their relations. Premier Taschereau did this and it caused dissatisfaction within his own party as well as amongst the Conservatives. As a result the A. L. N. was organized and came near defeating the Taschereau government at the polls less than a year ago. The road for Taschereau has been a rocky one ever since.

The Result in Victoria

Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, former Conservative Premier of British Columbia, one-time Federal Minister of Agriculture, and Victoria's representative to Ottawa from 1917 to 1928, retained that seat for the Federal Conservative Party in Monday's by-election by the slim margin of ninety-four votes. This majority over Prof. King Gordon, the C.C.F. candidate, was less than a tenth of the majority given his predecessor, the late D. B. Plunkett, at the last general election, when Professor Gordon also ran second.

The shrinkage that has taken place in the interim emphasizes the change of heart and mind that has been creeping over the Island City. There were 3,741 fewer votes cast on Monday than in October last, but this fact does not explain away the change, particularly when the totals of the three candidates, Conservative, C.C.F. and Liberal, are compared with their October vote. Victoria has been resolutely Conservative in opinion since 1871, except for two Liberal victories at the by-elections of 1902 and 1908, and the conclusion that must be drawn is that it is now Conservative by representation only. Certainly when the 11,592 C.C.F. and Liberal votes recorded on Monday are compared with the 5,980 given to Dr. Tolmie it is not Conservative in opinion.

It is difficult to account for the strong showing Professor Gordon has made on a C.C.F. ticket in the last two elections. This also is significant of the change in Victoria's political views, and, granting him the great majority of the worker's votes, it is reasonable to assume that his big appeal is personal.

King Challenges Senate

Prime Minister King has let it become known that, although the Senate may throw out some Commons legislation, there are limitations. He has declared that the amendment to the Railways Act providing for appointment of a Board of Directors to replace the Trustees is a responsibility of the elected House, and has given warning that "the present Administration is not going to be tied by any clause in an agreement which says that, with respect to great transactions involving the finances of the country, this House of Commons is to be controlled by the other House."

The attitude of the Senate toward the change has been a cause of speculation. The Railways Act of 1933 originated in the Red Chamber, which possible desires to "point with pride" to a major achievement. But the Prime Minister is on sound ground in refusing to accept the legislation as untouchable. He is right in saying that financial matters are within the prerogative of the Commons and has ample reasons for stating that C.N.R. operations involve public finances. He is correct also in declaring that one Government is not justified in attempting to impose its policies on a successor. The sanctity of contracts in making official appointments cannot be carried too far. If one Government can abolish titles and the next one can reinstate them; if a Tariff Commission appointed by one Administration can be superseded by a Tariff Board upon a change of Government; if a Radio Commission can be displaced in favor of a Manager and Board of Directors, there is little reason for a Board of Trustees to assume that its term of office and jurisdiction are unalterable. A Government, in any event, can decline to vote funds for a purpose it does not approve.

The present Government made a definite issue of the Canadian National Railways in its election campaign. Obviously its programme required a measure of control of railway policies, which would be impossible if the present set-up were continued. Were it to admit the independent responsibility of what is virtually a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees its hand would be tied effectively. It served notice also by opposing this feature of the 1933 legislation.

The Government is held responsible for the implementing of its promises, and obstruction by the Senate would invite the wrath of the electors. The Senate might not care, but the electors has a way of enforcing their wishes in the long run.

SNAPSHOTS

The Police Commission and School Board believe in taxation without representation. The chain store magnates believe in representation without taxation.

What do those people who send their money out of town for goods, which our Home Merchants sell, think of the kickers over the Corporations tax?

The Board of Trade has done a good work. It will do well to keep away from political and controversial matters, if it wants to continue to be a success.

Which chain store man signed the petition for the Thursday half holiday, then signed the other for the Saturday half holiday, and brings his hands in the back door to work on public holidays with the blinds down?

It is to be hoped that the Motor (Carrier) Board will decide the bus situation more quickly than it took to decide other questions.

If all the bus franchises are granted New Brunswick will look like an ant hill, and there will be no money in the business for anybody.

Further Applications

(Continued from Page One) trains between both Fredericton and St. Stephen and Fredericton and Edmundston.

Mr. Carr—"In the northern part of the province buses could not operate several months of the year."

Mr. Hughes pointed out that Sullivan Bros. had sold out their rights to operate on the Fredericton-Woodstock route.

Mr. West—"Sullivan Bros. still have an interest in the Fredericton-Woodstock route."

Hon. A. P. Paterson

(Continued from Page One) of the Government of New Brunswick and must be treated accordingly.

"Teachers will be held responsible for the books provided and will be called upon at fixed intervals to give an accounting."

"Certain immediate changes are being made in text books. Nelson's 'School Geography, Maritime Edition,' introduced in Grade V, will be replaced by 'Geography of New Brunswick' by R. B. Wallace, a native of this province and formerly associated with the Department of Education. This substitution, however, applies only to Grade V. Nelson's text remaining in classes beyond Grade V, at least, for the present.

"Weaver's text on Canadian History will be supplemented immediately by a pamphlet so that the text plus the supplement will serve as an improvised History study until such time as a more suitable history text can be prepared.

"The text book 'How Canada is Governed' (Bourin), introduced in Grade X, is eliminated from the curriculum."

COUNCIL TO MEET

The Fredericton city council will hold a special meeting on Monday evening, meeting in committee at 7.30 o'clock and in regular session later. Communications and reports of committees will be heard, as well as uncompleted business. A delegation from the Children's Aid is expected to appear before the council.

C. M. Aughterton, of Woodstock, is registered at the Queen hotel today.

House Dissolved

(Continued on Page Four) real Mercier, the majority dwindled to four over the combined forces of Conservatives and Action Libérale Nationale.

Hardest Blow

It was the hardest blow Mr. Taschereau suffered since he met with the only defeat he ever knew—he lost out when he first sought election to the Legislature for Dorchester when only 25 years old.

For 36 years he has been active in politics, always representing the constituency of Montmorency—29 years as a minister, and 16 as premier.

The quiet, unheralded proceedings today were typical of the former premier's almost taciturn ways when making announcements or public comment.

At the conclusion of a cabinet meeting—the fourth in three days—it was announced the House had been dissolved and that a general election date had been set. But it was not until Mr. Taschereau returned from visiting the lieutenant-governor that it was learned he had tendered his resignation. Shortly after Mr. Godbout was sworn in.

There was no ceremony for the dissolution. The writ signed by Lieutenant Governor Patenaude merely said the Legislature had been dissolved. With the Legislature went the public accounts committee.

To Be Continued

Work of the public accounts committee, however, will be continued by the next government. Opposition Leader Maurice Duplessis declared when informed of the announcement.

"We were just commencing the inquiry," said Mr. Duplessis, "and had only started to bring to light the scandal I have promised to prove. Now the government asks that the House be dissolved."

Investigation into expenditure of public funds would be continued, he said, "and I can assure you restitution will be forced from those who have pocketed public funds."

Late in the day the former premier issued his statement, blaming the opposition for "dilatory tactics" in the House. "Even private legislation was blocked," said Mr. Taschereau, "and after sitting for two months we were faced with an impasse, not having a cent of the budget voted and threatened with a session which would last indefinitely without obtaining any practical results."

"On the first of July we would have been forced to face the province without a cent to carry on its economic life . . . the only alternative was to appeal to the people . . ."

Better to Withdraw

"Faced with another general election after 36 years of public life, I believed it better to withdraw in favor of my colleagues and to enjoy in the rest which I believe I have earned the years that remain of my life."

With no money voted for the budget, administration costs of the government will be paid with money obtained on a special warrant from the lieutenant governor.

Despite the day's developments there was little activity around the Legislative Buildings. Members of the Liberal party immediately went into caucus and remained in conclave until late in the evening. There was no announcement.

Opposition groups discussing developments, dotted the corridors. But they all had disappeared before the day was over.

Mr. Duplessis was expected to return home to Three Rivers tomorrow. Before that, however, he probably will confer with Paul Gouin, son of Sir Lomer Gouin, Mr. Taschereau's predecessor.

Nearly Spelled Doom

It was the coalition of the Conservatives and the insurgent Liberal group, led by Gouin, that nearly spelled doom for the government in the last election.

It was the narrowest escape from defeat the Liberal party had since it regained power 39 years ago, after three successive Conservative administrations that followed Confederation.

Gouin would not comment on plans for the coming campaign.

"All I can say," he told reporters jocularly, "is that I have nothing to say."

Mr. Taschereau was born March 5, 1867, at Quebec. His father, Jean Thomas Taschereau, was a noted politician of his day and later became a justice of the supreme court of Canada. The premier's mother was a daughter of Hon. R. E. Caron, a former lieutenant governor.

Immediately after graduation in law from Laval University, Mr. Taschereau formed a professional and political association with Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, minister of justice in the Liberal cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

For many years they were political comrades, the combination being broken by appointment of Sir Charles to the lieutenant governorship during Mr. Taschereau's first year as premier, in 1920.

Mr. Taschereau, who previously served as attorney general, an office he retained until this year, succeeded the late Sir Lomer Gouin, whose son turned against the Taschereau regime, in which he claimed "there is nothing Liberal but the name."

The Liberal party already has held sway 20 years when the present premier took over the leadership.

But prior to the Liberal party's succession, the province was decidedly Conservative. The first three administrations after confederation were Conservative. Then there followed two violent political storms.

One was a prolonged controversy in 1878 about the powers of the lieutenant governor. The other was the quarrel that surrounded the condemning to death of the rebel, Louis Riel.

On May 11, 1897, Hon. F. G. Marchand led the Liberals in their return victory. Since that day Quebec has been Liberal.

Oppose Appointment

MONTREAL, June 11—The Canadian Alliance for Women's Vote in Quebec today sent a letter to Prime Minister Mackenzie King asking him not to nominate Hon. L. A. Taschereau to the Canadian Senate.

"After the scandals which were revealed during the last days in the Quebec Legislature, the nomination of the chief of such a regime, would be an insult to all honest people of Quebec," the letter read.

It was signed by Miss Idola St. Jean, president, on behalf of the association.

Mrs. James McQueen, of Shediac, is in the city today and is a guest of the Queen hotel.

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