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Speech From the Throne

The Speech from the Throne which was delivered this afternoon by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor outlines many matters of public interest and forecasts much important legislation which will be introduced in regard to agriculture, municipal and Federal affairs, education and other matters. According to His Honour's speech, continued efforts will be made to explore the possibilities of foreign and domestic markets for our raw and manufactured products, and the Government will continue to promote co-operation with commercial and industrial enterprises. The Government will also continue to give encouragement to trade and industry to increase private employment and to further assist in giving preference to local industries in furnishing materials and supplies required for public works.

While the Government is departing from definite participation in direct relief it will continue to assist hard-pressed people in the way of providing employment where possible. A two-year programme of hard surface road construction to be completed during the present year will not only assist domestic traffic but should do much in promoting an extended and more profitable tourist business.

In the new Department of Education, Federal and Municipal Relations a good start has been made. A general survey of our educational system has disclosed weaknesses which must be eradicated by progressive stages; and plans are being made to achieve modernizations as speedily as may be consistent with sound administration. Much needed improvements will be made in our municipal units and continued study of municipal problems will be made. It will take time for the municipal grant of the service to bring order out of the present condition of affairs as they exist in the municipalities.

The Federal Relations Branch will have considerable work to do in the direction of securing data to disclose the relative position of New Brunswick's place in the Confederation and to promote the advancement of our social and economic welfare.

The Workmen's Compensation Board has been reorganized and the system improved so as to affect the economy and to insure both labor and industry alike a fair and proper deal.

Many other measures for the promotion of the good and welfare of the Province will likely be introduced during the session which opened this afternoon. Take it all in all the indications point to the present session being one of the most important which has opened in several years.

Action Britain's Answer

Few persons in Great Britain could have been prepared for the startling announcement that the Government is to spend an additional \$2,000,000,000 on national defense over the next five years. The announcement creates more interest than such routine, if important, questions as: What will it buy? and What will it mean in taxes? are likely to satisfy. The real interest is: Why was it made?

Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain is not a sensationalist. Particularly he is not a sensationalist about anything that has to do with the Budget and Britain's finances. But the Chancellor was nothing if not spectacular on Thursday last. Even his own naive attempt to pass it off as the fulfillment of a twelve-month-old prediction did nothing to lessen the jolt. Indeed, there is reason to surmise that the Chancellor and Cabinet deliberately planned it as a surprise.

The Government did not need to ask permission to borrow \$2,000,000,000 all in one breath. It could easily have sought the permission in a series of well-spaced requests without any great alterations in the plans for financing the loans. But, had it done so, it would have sacrificed the psychological value of the Chamberlain plan. And this value is, perhaps, the most important factor.

From whatever view may be taken, the announcement fits perfectly into the current international picture and it gives a direct answer to Chancellor Adolf Hitler in the manner the Chancellor approves. It is action instead of words, a threat for a threat. In his anniversary address, Hitler reserved for Germany the right to say what her armaments would be, "determined by the degree of the dangers that threaten." Mr. Chamberlain has replied in precisely those words, and fitted the action to them.

A Lazy Writer's Out

A defense of a so-called realistic novel before a magistrate in New York brought out an interesting definition of realism by Bernard DeVoto, editor of The Saturday Review of Literature, an expert witness for the defense. Admitting the term was elastic, Mr. DeVoto said realism was "an attempt to describe the essence of human experience without haggling, without lightening it with romance of fantasy." This definition led the magistrate to ask a pertinent question: "Is realism possible without these anatomical realities and epithets?" Mr. DeVoto's reply that a novelist "writing a realistic book is forced to select significant details" is true, but isn't the answer.

Mr. DeVoto could have said "no" to the magistrate's question, because as an editor of a literary magazine it undoubtedly has been his good fortune to read many good realistic novels—unlightened by romance or phantasy—which did not have to depend upon anatomical details, profanity or outgrown Anglo-Saxon words to achieve the desired effects. The essence of human experience has been portrayed decently. There is no denying that authors of otherwise good books have stooped to obscenity to attract attention, or that they have deluded themselves and deceived critics into thinking there is a definite relationship between indecency and quality. Resort to bad usage is a lazy, if gifted writer's refuge. If he would take the time, or were influenced by the lure of sensationalism, he could write better and just as realistically in a decent vein.

SNAPSHOTS

Welcome to our Provincial Legislators!

The youth, beauty and style are gathered at Parliament Square this afternoon.

There is liable to be increased wind during the next six weeks.

The "five roses" are all in bloom this afternoon.

Old friends of Ned Melville from Carleton County are pleased to see him on deck again after his recent serious illness.

They say that the new "Clark" Assistant looks good in his gown and bib. The Major is a good looking man anyway.

What will happen to Karl if the fire alarm rings out whilst he is making his little bow before His Honor?

A Canadian campaigner sets a new high for our metaphor-mixers to shoot at: "The fierce light of public opinion shall dog their footsteps until they swallow the bitter pill."

The old fashioned boarding house is said to be coming back to former popularity in New York. It may have been discovered that, after all, the food wasn't any worse there than the places we have been trying ever since.

Queen

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The King and Queen temporarily will occupy the so-called Belgian suite on the ground floor until their permanent quarters on the second floor—overlooking the garden entrance and formerly occupied by the late King George V and Queen Mary—are redecorated.

Queen Elizabeth voiced her "Buy British" sentiments when she visited the Industries Fair to purchase, in addition to the long velvet nightgown, a boudoir robe, three dozen pairs of stockings and several bundles of furnishings for Buckingham Palace.

"British silk stockings wear marvelously," she said. "I bought some here last year."

The Queen bought the nightgown, which may set a new style for thousands of British women, at a Co-operative Society stall.

The boudoir robe, of lagoon velvet, was cut in "Coronation robe" style, draped from the shoulders and trimmed with a ruche edge. It had a high ruche collar.

The proprietor of the boudoir robe stand, asked about the price of her Majesty's new garment, looked shocked, turned on his heel and walked away.

London Has

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to authorize the government to raise defence loans totalling £400,000,000 (\$2,000,000,000) during the next five years and the whole defence plan, involving a total five-year expenditure of £1,500,000,000 (\$7,500,000,000) was placed before the house.

Chamberlain minced no words. Members gasped a little as the chancellor frankly declared even £1,500,000,000 was no final figure. He opened a two-day debate on defence before a crowded House.

Would Welcome Agreement

The government would welcome an agreement with other nations, he said. If circumstances permitted either a slowing down or a reduction in the programme, "we shall be thankful enough to do it. On the other hand, as conditions have changed to our disadvantage since we first contemplated this programme they may change again.

"It may be in the end," the chancellor warningly added, "that we shall find £1,500,000,000 does not represent the total amount this country has been obliged to spend in this direction."

Britain, he said, could never use her power for aggressive purposes. "This country will exert her influence to preserve peace not only for herself but for others."

Bridgewater Defeat Lunenburg Six

BRIDGEWATER, N. S., Feb. 18—Bridgewater Hawks fought their way to a 5-3 victory over their ancient rivals, Lunenburg, in the first of a two-game, total goal series for the championship of the South Shore Hockey League tonight.

Referee in chief Jimmie Smith left the ice midway through the first period following a dispute, and Donnie Burns of Lunenburg finished the game with referee Fox. A dispute arose when Smith handed a penalty to defenceman Walther of the visiting team.

Highly Esteemed

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wel known in the community in their day.

Mrs. Hughes upon her marriage moved into the city and for a long number of years has resided on Queen Street. In her earlier years she took an active interest in the affairs of St. Dunstan's Church and was a faithful attendant at all its services and a worker in its cause until advancing years and increasing infirmities compelled her to remain at home. Up to the last few years, however, she went about her household duties in an active manner as many women several years younger.

Mrs. Hughes' husband passed away many years ago. She is survived by three sons, Peter Hughes, secretary of the Provincial Department of Public Works; Lawrence Hughes, of this city, and a third son, Gregory J. Hughes, who is a member of the Executive staff of the International Harvester Company at Hamilton, Ont. One daughter, Mrs. James McGuire, of Stanley, also survives. The late Mrs. Patrick Farrell, mother of J. P. Farrell and W. E. Farrell of this city was a twin sister of Mrs. Hughes.

On June 22 last Mrs. Hughes celebrated her 96th birthday when citizens called to extend their good wishes and she received telegrams from all over the country congratulating her on the event.

The funeral will take place on Saturday morning leaving the home 667 Queen Street, at 8:40 o'clock for St. Dunstan's Church where High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan and interment made at the Hemmidge.

BROKEN WORD SEEN AS CAUSE OF PRISON RIOT

GUELPH, Feb. 18—Growing resentment among prisoners for not having received certain privileges promised if they observed reformatory rules 'to the letter' and proved themselves worthy of trust, was a major contribution to the cause of the Ontario Reformatory riot Jan. 17, the public inquiry into conditions at the institution was told today.

"Privileges promised the prisoners included pajamas, mattresses, butter with meals, and more freedom in visiting," said a well-educated young prisoner, who had held a responsible position before being sentenced for forgery. "Grill gates were not to be locked and prisoners might visit freely between dormitories."

"None of the privileges was granted and there was a growing resentment causing discontent. There was no time stated for the continuance of good behavior, and no reason stated for privileges not being granted," the youth said.

"Too much indiscriminate liberty was a cause of the riot," he said. He declared men were loose at night in the church playing, checkers and cards without supervision of an officer and that led to plotting. They thought they could put certain men on their honor, and it didn't work," he said. "No guard was there so the men could be impressed they were on their honor."

On instructions of the schoolmaster, all new men were subjected to intelligence tests, he told the inquiry. "If they did not secure a certain rating, they were compelled to go to school. That destroyed a man's ambition and initiative, because to attend school he had to be kept on the bull gang with a pick and shovel. Good work and fine behavior would not permit him to be changed to the easier trusty work his actions may have warranted."

The young prisoner declared the school teacher, a guard, helped to make prisoners insolent by offering to interview those in trouble. He would tell them things much different than the guards responsible for their work told them, and his actions were definitely subversive to good discipline, said witness.

Oxford University Hopes to Win Race

OXFORD, Feb. 18—Hopes of Oxford University that the Dark Blues are going to win the annual boat race with Cambridge University on March 24, ending a long period of Light Blue supremacy, were strengthened yesterday by Oxford's showing in trials.

At Henley on Saturday Oxford defeated London Rowing Club in a practice race over the full course from Marsh Lock to Hambleden Lock. Oxford finished 24 seconds and six lengths ahead of the strong London crew.

H. P. V. Massey, diminutive son of the Canadian High Commissioner, apparently is definitely out as Cox of Oxford. His place has been taken regularly at practices for the last few weeks by G. J. P. Merfield on the secondary Isis crew. Massey is replacing Merfield in that boat.

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pected, however, that he will be able to be here early next week.

The Speech from the Throne

Important legislation is forecast to come up during the present session. Some of this is outlined in the speech from the Throne which the Lieutenant Governor read this afternoon. The continuation of work on the hard surface roads was mentioned. An effort will be made to increase the production of timber and pulpwood from Crown Lands and private holdings and to promote secondary industries within the province. In connection with agriculture reference has been made to the extended markets in South America in regard to seed potatoes. And it is stated that the policy of the government will be to continue to explore foreign and domestic markets for our raw and manufactured products.

Reference has been made to the new Departments of Education, Federal and Municipal Relations and to the reorganization of the Workmen's Compensation Board. All of these matters are covered in an interesting way in the Lieutenant Governor's speech from the Throne.

It is stated that the revision of the Highway Act will be undertaken and amendments will be made to the Motor Vehicle Act and to the Motor Carrier Board. Legislation will also be put through for the regulation of insurance and for affecting reforms in the administration of justice.

It is understood that upon a suggestion made by The Daily Mail all magistrates will likely be placed on salary. It is understood also that a measure affecting the Civil Service will probably be introduced at the session which opened here this afternoon.

The Lieutenant Governor's speech is contained elsewhere in this paper.

The Assembly Chamber which has recently been renovated presented a spectacle of brilliancy not often seen at the Capital. On each side of the Throne were growing palms and ferns. Huge bouquets of cut flowers in blue and gold, gave the Chamber an air of more than ordinary festive appearance. On the floor of the Assembly Chamber were a number of ladies occupying positions near the Throne. Included in these were Miss Margaret McLaren, daughter of the Lieutenant Governor. Mrs. A. A. Dysart, wife of the Premier, and his daughter, Miss Mary Dysart. Mrs. A. P. Peterson, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Saint John, and others.

The address and reply to the speech from the Throne was moved by Dr. P. H. LaPorte of Madawaska, who made an eloquent address. Dr. LaPorte referred to the death of Stewar E. Durling, member for York Co., who passed away since the last session, and also to former Premier Hon. P. J. Veniot. He said he was proud that the present government had carried out so many of their election pledges. Dr. LaPorte paid tribute to Hon. J. E. Michaud, minister of fisheries, for his work in developing the fisheries industries in this province.

He dealt at length on "colonization" referring to the large areas of crown lands which contained excellent soil suitable for agricultural purposes. He suggested that these areas be laid out in settlements for the purpose of colonization and hundreds of new settlers could be placed on the land and would be self-supporting.

Dr. LaPorte was addressing the House at the time of going to press. He is being followed this afternoon by Major W. C. Lawson, M.L.A., Sunbury county. The addresses of Dr. LaPorte and Major Lawson will appear in full in the Daily Mail tomorrow.

DIED

HUGHES—Passed away at the family residence, Fredericton, N. B., February 18, 1937, Mrs. Margaret Hughes, widow of John Hughes, aged 97 years.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning leaving the house at 8:40 a.m. for St. Dunstan's Church where a High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan. Interment at the Hemmidge.

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I. B. ROUSE, President
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