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A WORTHY MAN HONORED

At Halifax on Thursday a signal honor was paid to Dr. C. F. Fraser, superintendent of the school for the blind, whose wife is a former Fredericton lady. He was summoned to the bar of the Nova Scotia Legislature and publicly thanked by Speaker Ellis for the splendid service he has rendered the province in his noble work of educating the blind.

The Halifax Chronicle describes it as an event with but one parallel in one hundred and fifty four years of Nova Scotia's legislative history. Eighty four years ago Thomas Chandler Haliburton the author of Sam Slick received similar honors for services in the field of intellect and this was the keynote of eloquent speeches made by members on both sides of the House in praise of Dr. Fraser.

The resolution unanimously adopted by the House was as follows:

"Resolved that the thanks of this honorable House be conveyed to Charles Frederick Fraser, citizen of Nova Scotia in recognition of his distinguished services to the blind of this Province during the period of forty years.

"Further resolved that the Speaker be directed to invite Dr. Fraser to appear at the bar of this House and convey to him the sense of this resolution."

The resolution adopted, the sergeant at arms by direction of the Speaker, left the chamber and returned a moment later to the bar with Dr. Fraser on his arm.

When the applause in which the galleries joined unrestrained, had died down, Speaker Ellis, rising in his place, addressed him. "Charles Frederick Fraser, citizen of Nova Scotia, I am commanded by this House to express to your noble life work spent in the service of the blind." The resolution was then read to Dr. Fraser after which Dr. Ellis added a personal tribute. Clerk Dickson bearing an engrossed copy of the resolution, advanced to the bar and placed it in Dr. Fraser's hands.

Replying to the address Dr. Fraser said: "I cannot convey my feeling of gratitude for the distinction conferred on me by this honorable House. The compensation of my work has been the pleasure it has given me and I have no words to thank this body for the appreciation they have expressed of it."

Dr. Fraser is a native of Windsor, N. S., and has been principal of the Halifax School for the Blind for forty one years. When seven years of age he met with an accident while whittling with a pocket knife which resulted in the loss of his sight. He is a most worthy man in every sense of the term and fully deserves the signal honor that has been conferred upon him.

Day after day since the naval blockade began in the House of Commons on March 3, the official Tory organs have published inspired despatches from Ottawa to the effect that the Liberals would soon give up the fight and allow the naval contribution scheme to pass. At first it was said that a couple of days would be enough for the Liberals. The two days passed and these inspired despatches then declared the week-end would see the finish. A second full week came to an end on March 25 with the commencement on March 25 with the Liberals as full of fight as at the commencement on March 3. Then the government gave up for the time being at any rate. Yet the inspired Tory despatches continue to say the Liberals will quit. Well, they won't.

The Tory purists at Ottawa have decided that the Borden Government acted wisely when it appointed Captain Landry a convicted forger to a position in the marine department in Cape Breton. The Captain was "doing time" when he landed the job but a way was found out of the difficulty. He pretended that he was sick and the acting minister of Justice ordered his release.

The City Council has fixed the assessment this year at \$90,000 which is an increase of \$3000 over last year. This is an average of about \$12 per head for every man, woman and child of the population. Considering the demands made upon the city fathers from all quarters, they have done well to keep the figures within the one hundred thousand mark. Still the burden imposed upon the people is no light one, and it is of the utmost importance that the aldermen should see to it that the money is honestly and economically expended.

Young Mr. White the Tory Minister of Finance, was twice called to order in the House of Commons this week for using language which the speaker considered unparliamentary. Hon. Mr. White although without parliamentary experience has a fashion "of butting in" every time an important question is up for discussion in the House. In other words he has adopted the habit of rushing in when angels would naturally hesitate. It is not a matter for surprise therefore that his impetuosity should occasionally get him into trouble.

SOME THINGS WE KNOW

That winter appears to be lingering in the lap of spring.

That the Chief of Police has the lid banged down pretty tight.

That the new city fathers are unable to find the sinking fund anywhere except in the blue book.

That all lovers of the beautiful should go to the Opera House and see Captain Ping.

That the people of St. Mary's are convinced that affidavits sometimes tell the truth.

That the Flemming government has appointed another batch of J.P.'s

That the Superintendent of the new experimental farm has gone into the knickerbocker class.

That a short weight butter artist was recently rounded up by Chief McCollom.

That the official surveyor of wood has had an easy thing of it during the last week.

That he has not made many friends among the Royal Road wood merchants this winter.

That according to a Nackawick poet a man who rides on Mr. Pinder's railway is liable to meet himself coming back.

That we are to have another moving picture house in the near future.

That the Laird of Carleton Lodge is also the champion wing shot of the city.

That even friends of the Scott Act are predicting a heavy spring freshet this year.

That to be or not to be is the question baseball fans are asking themselves at the present time.

That you cannot have ball without money nowadays.

That the County Councillors are going to kick against the provincial hospital tax.

That it is not generally supposed that the government official who takes a nap during the noon hour is overworked.

That the alderman who voted against the exhibition grant must have thought he was still a member of the County Council.

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ON THE NAVAL QUESTION

(Continued from page five) continue his policy of contributing either ships or money as their permanent policy. No other conclusion can be gathered from his speech.

This policy of contribution will not work out to the satisfaction of the Dominions over Seas said Mr. Loggie. Australia has pronounced in favor of a policy of an Australian navy and is already well embarked on the enterprise. New Zealand's minister of naval affairs announces that his country will eventually have a navy of its own, and now it remains for Canada and South Africa to fall into line and thus have five navies co-operating with the admiralty. In times of peace these navies will be under the management of the dominions owning and maintaining them, and in war they will be under the absolute management of the Admiralty.

It is a principle of responsible government that the dominions which pay money for defence should in times of peace manage their own men and their own property, otherwise we would go back and adopting principles that we fought against when we were given the boon of responsible government. So far as I

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am myself concerned it appears to me that the broader and the more complete that autonomy of the Dominions, the greater has been their loyalty to the old land. If the United States can man a navy, we in Canada by offering similar inducements to our citizens can also do the same. The Conservatives had refused to make known their permanent policy. It must, however, be one of two things, either a Canadian navy or continued contributions of money or ships, and if I can judge the pulse of the people of Canada, said Mr. Loggie, they will not favor the continued contribution of money or ships without the management of them in times of peace. In view of that fact there seems to be no good argument put up by the Conservatives as to why we should not go on with the forming of a Canadian navy under the Canadian Navy Act of 1910 now on the statutes, an act which can be amended from time to time to suit the changing needs of the country. There has been no good reason advanced to show why this act should be repealed as the minister of Marine and Fisheries state one year ago it would be. There is no good ground for its repeal except that of political or party exigencies or emergency, viz: that Nationalist candidates at the last election promised their constituents that in the event of Borden's triumph the naval act would be repealed, and it seems to be necessary from a Conservative standpoint to repeal the act to satisfy the Nationalist element supporting the party. The latter seem to favor the giving of money to the old land but not to favor the giving of men to fight old England's battles. This is directly opposite to the policy enunciated by the Liberal party who favor both the giving of ships and of in this grand cause of the Empire.

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