

## The Daily Mail

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### IMMATURE LEGISLATION

The manner in which legislation was hustled through the House during the last week of the session was not creditable either to the government or the legislature. Private bills of an important character which required careful examination, to protect the interests of the people, were hustled through in a few hours. Valuable franchises were thus disposed of without the public being in any way considered or having any knowledge of what was done. This sort of thing has been prevalent in New Brunswick quite long enough and the time has come to prevent charter breakers and hold-up men from possessing themselves of franchises which they have not the financial ability to put into operation. Why should a few men, without putting up a dollar of their own or anybody else's money, be given a franchise at all. The old government long ago set its face against this, particularly in railroad legislation and insisted upon a sufficient deposit to ensure the work specified in the charter being undertaken and carried to a conclusion. Mr. Hazen has again opened the door to the charter breaker, and, worst of all, rushes through the House the most questionable kind of legislation in a few hours.

The government treated the legislation much in the same way as private parties and held back their important bills till the last moment. The Valley Railway bill could have been presented a fortnight earlier than it was if the government had so desired it. It was drafted that length of time before it was presented. By holding it back as they did they hoped to force it through the House before the iniquity of its provisions was discovered. In this they signally failed, as the people now thoroughly understand that all that Mr. Hazen's bill will do is delay the actual construction of the Valley Railway for another year, while the survey is being made. The Public Utilities Bill was introduced early enough, but it was allowed to remain over until the last days of the session in order that Mr. Hazen might have an opportunity to eliminate an amendment he had placed in the bill early in the session as quietly as possible. This bill is not of much use for the purpose it is intended to serve but would have been absolutely valueless had it not been for an amendment placed in the bill at the suggestion of Mr. Sweeney. It is to be earnestly desired in the interests of better government that the placing on the statute books of such immature and half considered legislation has come to an end and that when the House meets next year the rules regarding private bills will be strictly observed and that the government will have their legislative program ready early in the session. If this is not done the public will properly regard delayed legislation with suspicion.

### NOT MUCH HARMONY

The St. John Standard says that the utmost harmony prevails among the supporters of the government. The Gleaner calls Mr. Slipp a "presumptuous person," and charges him with "childishness," "selfishness," and "lack of principle." The treatment accorded Mr. Slipp by his colleagues of The Gleaner office is, to say the least, unkind, and looks very much like an attempt to read him out of the party. At all events, such family warfare does not make for harmony and shows that the liberal papers were not far wrong in the statement that Mr. Hazen's majority in the House, subservient as it proved to be during the session, was only forced into line by threats of an appeal to the country or some other equally drastic remedy. It will be remembered that the leadership of Mr. Hazen was very heartily endorsed at the beginning of the session and at the end Mr. Slipp shirked a vote when the government sought to present a solid phalanx of supporters to the people. But Mr. Slipp did no worse than Dr. Landry, commissioner for agriculture and Dr. Bourque, both of Kent, who found it convenient to slip quietly away without passing on the Valley

Railway bill. The Valley Railway policy of the government is not popular on the North Shore and these two wily gentlemen, knowing this fact, found they had more urgent business at home than at Fredericton when the vote was called. It does not take much to satisfy some people and if Mr. Hazen and The Standard are both satisfied with the harmony which exists among government supporters, none of their opponents will complain. Every year makes it more difficult for Mr. Hazen to keep his supporters in line.

### CONTINGENCIES COMMITTEE

The report of the Contingencies Committee submitted to the Legislature on Saturday was as follows:—

The following accounts are recommended to be paid:—

N.B. Telephone Company .....	\$10.60
Miss Beverley .....	5.00
J. Bebbington & Son .....	5.00
T. Amos Wilson .....	54.25
J. B. Hawthorn .....	2.00
Paul Phillips .....	2.00
C. H. Thomas .....	21.40
Miss Kirk .....	77.15
Globe Laundry .....	20.00
Kenneth Green .....	8.00
Charwomen .....	43.50
J. M. Wiley .....	2.10
W. C. Burt .....	.50
M. L. Stevenson .....	8.00
Cyrus Burt .....	72.00
J. M. Chappell attending mails during recess .....	20.00
James Hunter, Coachman .....	25.00

And Your committee recommends that Mr. Fred M. Sproule be paid the usual allowance of \$50.00 as Deputy Speaker.

Your Committee recommend that the Clerk Assistant under the direction of His Honor, The Speaker, be authorized to secure suitable uniforms and caps for door keepers and caps for messengers.

J. K. FLEMMING,  
Chairman.

### FUNERAL OF LATE GEO. R. LOGAN.

The funeral of the late George R. Logan, of Gibson, took place Sunday afternoon and was attended by a large number of citizens. The funeral was under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Interment was made in Lower St. Mary's.

Service was conducted at the house by the Knights of Pythias. The body was taken to St. Mary's parish church, where service was conducted by Rev. A. B. Murray. The 71st Regt. Band headed the procession. The Knights of Pythias and The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers marched and also furnished the pall bearers. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Representatives of the societies mentioned proceeded from the Nashwaak bridge to the cemetery by wagonette and conducted a service at the grave.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Henderson, of McGivney, is at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McDonald, of Halifax, arrived in the city this morning. They are at the Barker House.

Mr. A. B. Maggs, of Sussex, is in the city.

Mr. and Miss L. M. Hall, of McGivney, are at the Barker House.

Messrs. J. A. Kelly and J. E. McGinn, of Halifax, are at the Barker House.

Mr. F. J. McCausland is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Regina Neville is spending the Easter holidays in Boston.

Ald. Weddall is confined to his home by an attack of lagrippe.

Messrs. P. McKenzie and C. Lutz, of Campbellton, are at the Queen.

Mrs. J. Fred Payne, of Lincoln, is spending Easter with her sisters, the Misses Reynolds.—St. John Telegraph.

Miss Florence Caples is visiting her sister in Fredericton.—St. John Telegraph.

Mr. J. B. Gilliatt, of Chipman, spent Easter in the city.

Premier Hazen and Solicitor General McLeod left Sunday evening to be present at the inter-provincial conference in Ottawa.

Mrs. J. H. Barry and Miss Mollie Barry, of Fredericton, were at the Royal Saturday.—St. John Telegraph.

Mr. D. Upton Hill, of McGivney, is in the city.

Dr. Keith, of Harvey, York county, is at the Victoria.—St. John Telegraph.

Mr. Grover Torrens of Moncton, is spending the Easter vacation at his home here.

Mr. Clarence McN. Steeves, of the Dominion Public Works Department, St. John, is in the city.

Mr. J. T. Hanning, of St. John, arrived in the city Saturday night.

A Highland Laird.—Andy (to plaided stranger with collie)—An' whaur may you com' frae, fren'?

Tonal—I'll be come frae ta Hielan's int'll Claymore yesterday mornin' at seven o'clock.

Andie (chaffing him)—Ay, ay; an' the Hielan's'll belang tae you, like?

Tonal—Och, shust ferry near as goot as pelang to me ant ma kien Toulgat tat wiss baiss in ta Crofters Act wiss a small rent ant a coo's gress.

## TARIFF WAR WITH U. S. AVERTED

### Arrangement Made With United States That Will Prevent Increases in Tariff.

Ottawa, March 27.—The news of the tariff agreement at Washington is received in government circles at Ottawa with satisfaction, which is not at all lessened by the fact that such an outcome has been confidently looked for ever since the conference at Albany between President Taft and Hon. Mr. Fielding.

While the Canadian government did not shrink from a tariff war, should it become necessary, still there has always been a feeling that tariff hostilities with the United States should be avoided if it were possible to do so.

It is understood that the despatches sent from Washington credit Hon. Mr. Fielding with having made rather more extensive concessions than have really been given. When the official announcement is made it will be found that the list of items on which Canada will make tariff reductions will by no means include half of the French treaty list, and it is not altogether certain here that this list has not been departed from.

It is also understood that any changes which have been made in the Canadian tariff, in consequence of the negotiations between President Taft and Hon. Mr. Fielding, will not be confined to the United States, or even to the countries which now have the most favored nation arrangements with Canada.

In fact any changes in the Canadian tariff as the result of the negotiations will be made general by Canada, and will apply to goods from all countries. The net result of the negotiations will therefore be that the Canadian tariff will be slightly reduced on a small number of articles and that Canada will get the benefit of the United States minimum tariff.

### THE DICTIONARY OF EXCEPTION.

When a woman steals a buttonhook she's a thief.

When she steals a sealskin coat she is a kleptomaniac.

When a man steals a picture post card he's a thief.

When he steals a \$6,000 Millet he's a connoisseur.

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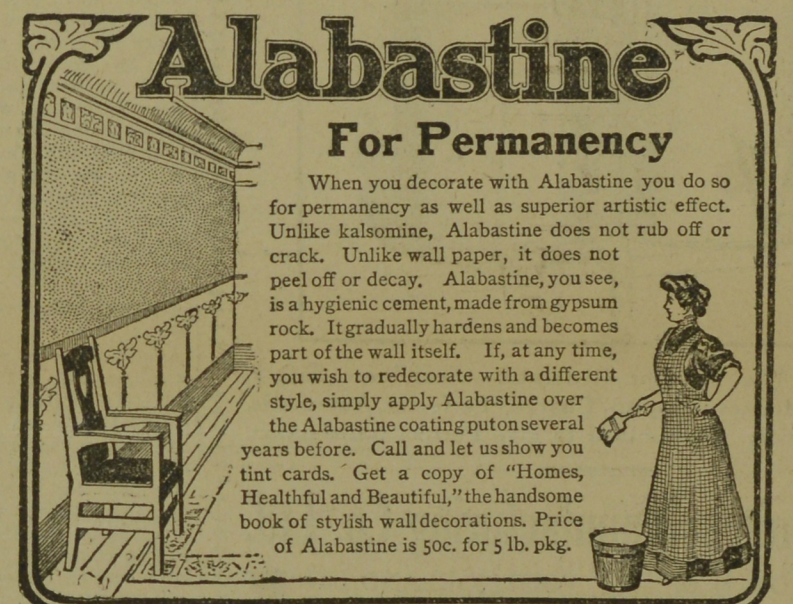
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