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THE OPPOSITION LEADER

The members of the provincial opposition passed a resolution in caucus yesterday endorsing all that their leader, Hon. C. W. Robinson, had done, and unanimously expressing confidence in the ability, integrity and industry displayed by him during the present session. No leader had a more devoted band of followers than has Mr. Robinson. They believe in because they know the honesty of purpose which inspires every move he makes. They respect him because of his zeal for the right. Mr. Robinson has shown throughout his political career that he was inspired by the highest motives; that he has always placed country before party. His speeches have the ring of fairness about them and the atmosphere of provincial politics does not make strongly for fairness. The government party are never fair and seldom honest. Their statements have always to be weighed carefully before being accepted. The same may be said with regard to the returns laid before the house. During the session more than one member of the government has made reply to enquiries which entirely contradicted previous statements and which were not in conformity with statements published by officials of the government. Mr. Robinson's statements are always reliable and his facts unassailable. Mr. Fleming has discovered this to his sorrow. The provincial secretary is not always careful in stating facts and Mr. Robinson has been in a position to contradict many of the assertions made by Mr. Fleming and at the same time furnish corroborative proof that the secretary had fallen into a previous error. As a debater Mr. Robinson takes a first place in the house and no man is more intimately acquainted with the course of events in New Brunswick in the last decade than he. His speech on the budget was a complete exposure of the Fleming method of financing the province, an exposure which Mr. Fleming will not soon forget. This speech furnished a convincing argument that the financial policy of the government, however good it may be in theory, was much abused in practice. Mr. Robinson's facts were unanswerable and were sustained by a convincing argument. It is not to be expected that the followers of the Hazen government in the house which has shown such complete subservience would alter their allegiance to their leader as the result of Mr. Robinson's puncturing Mr. Fleming's surplus bubble, but it is different in the country where the people have accepted Mr. Robinson's plain statement of facts, rather than the fierce partizan appeal of Mr. Fleming. Mr. Robinson's success as a leader is assured and while no resolution of a renewal of their confidence was necessary it is gratifying to the people and the party that he is so strongly endorsed by his following in the house.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

As an answer to the demand of the people for public ownership of all public utilities, the corporations have replied that the best method of dealing with these utilities is by proper and efficient regulation. A public utility is necessarily a monopoly. Unless the community is very large competition among public utilities is practically impossible. This is particularly true of the telephone. To establish competitive telephone lines means that a business house must of necessity patronize both and pay two rentals instead of one. The business of necessity is a monopoly and when such a condition exists it is necessary that there should be public control. For some time past the New Brunswick Telephone Company has been steadily increasing rates. First the long distance rates were advanced and the time for conversation lessened. This practically amounted to two increases in rates. Now the telephone company are insisting on a large increase in the rates charged for local service in St. John. No doubt the company will be logical and when the people of St. John have been compelled to pay higher rates, attention will be turned to other places. In St. John the question of the telephone rates has been taken

up by the Board of Trade with the hope that something might be done to prevent further increase.

Mr. Hazen saw that something would have to be done to allay the popular impression that the Telephone Company with the assistance of the government was overcharging the people. To meet this he brings in his public utilities bill—a genuinely harmless measure in its present form. Mr. Hazen says the commission appointed under the act will be in a position to reduce the rates of telephoning if the evidence showed they would be justified in so doing. This is Mr. Hazen's interpretation of the new law. If it does this the public will be satisfied for the present, though there will be a demand to give a more comprehensive law at the next session of the house. Mr. Hazen can hardly be congratulated of the scope of the law he has put through the house. It apparently does not give the protection for monopolies that the people favor.

THE SESSION OVER

The legislative session of 1910 came to a conclusion just after noon today. In many ways it has been an important session of the house. If there is any one feature that stands out more prominently than another it was the fact that the charter grabber was abroad in the land. More charters have been granted this session than are usually granted in half a dozen. From the names of the incorporators of more than one company it is evident that the legislators themselves seem to see some personal advantage in tying up franchises. The government legislation was not important. Outside of the valley railway bill the public utilities bill the juries act and the amendments to the public health act there were no other measures of importance. Another feature of the session was the haste with which all legislation was crowded through the house. Some of the acts which have been railroaded through during the past few days contain provisions of a very questionable character. It is time this sort of thing was put an end to and all legislation given proper and mature consideration. The session has been shorter than usual this year.

Twenty minutes were given to the consideration of the Gibson and Minot railway by the legislature. If the company carry out the programme marked out in that bill they will establish a complete monopoly of the coal mined in New Brunswick. Does anyone suppose that this incorporation with a beggarly and insufficient capital of \$140,000, will consider the other miners and furnish them with the equal facility to market their coal as they have for themselves.

CAPT. DU DOMAINE WON

THE PIGEON SHOOT

On the afternoon of Good Friday, there was a clay pigeon shoot on the Flats. It was a fifty-bird shoot and Capt. du Domaine was winner with a score of 36. Mr. Chas. F. Randolph was second with 28.

The scores of the competitors were as follows:

Capt. du Domaine, ...	36
Chas. F. Randolph, ...	28
James S. Neil, ...	27
Dr. Bridges, ...	27
P. Boyd, ...	26
R.C. McCunn, ...	22
H. Hatheway, ...	19
R. T. Mack, ...	19
G. W. Massey, ...	18
D. Lee Babbitt, ...	8

ANGELO SAYS HE WILL

NOT CANCEL DATE

Los Angeles, Cal., March 26.—Sam Langford denied today that he would break his Philadelphia engagement to fight Stanley Ketchel in San Francisco next month.

"I am going to fight Ketchel six rounds in Philadelphia on April 27," was Langford's statement. "I have signed no articles calling for a fight in San Francisco."

U. N. B. WON AT McADAM

(Special to the Mail.)

McAdam, March 26.—The University of New Brunswick basketball team scored an easy victory over McAdam last night. The score was U. N. B., 54, McAdam 14. Smith played in place of Rigby, otherwise the U. N. B. team was the same as that which defeated St. Andrews in Fredericton.

LOCOMOTIVE DERAILED.

The locomotive of the Woodstock train was derailed in the yard of the York and Sunbury mill at Gibson this morning, delaying the train over an hour.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

On Saturday afternoon last, Mrs. W. A. McLellan was the hostess at a most enjoyable ladies' bridge of three tables, when Mrs. Bedford Phillips was the winner of the first prize.

Mr. R. V. Arnold, accountant at the Bank of Nova Scotia, will spend Sunday at his home in Sussex.

About a thousand invitations have been issued for the "Con," to be held on Monday, April 4th. The chaperones are Mesdames Jones, Bailey, and Stone, and the secretary, Mr. P. A. Eddington.

Mrs. J. Hugh Calder has invitations out for a large dance on Friday, April 1st, at her beautiful residence, Waterloo Row.

Miss Naine Seeley, of Havelock, is in the city to attend the ball at Parliament Buildings on Wednesday next and is a guest of Miss Minnie Parker.

Mrs. (Dr.) Crocker, Government Road, was hostess on Thursday evening at a charming little bridge for ladies, in honor of Miss Helen Smith, of Sackville. Miss Jennie Belmore won first prize.

Mrs. Jas. Gremley and Miss Jennie Gremley, of Newcastle, are in the city, the guests of Mrs. Eben Miller, Saunders Street.

Miss Helen Smith, of Sackville, has been spending the week with Mrs. Fred B. Smith, George Street.

Mr. Luke Morrison and Mr. Colton McKee left on Thursday night to spend Easter in Boston.

Miss Mattie Cameron spent the holiday in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Thompson left on Wednesday night for a trip to the American cities.

Mr. Arthur Tweedie, son of Lt.-Gov. Tweedie, and Mr. Ralph Neill left on Tuesday night for a two weeks' visit to New York.

Miss Nellie Killam, of Yarmouth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Day.

Miss Francis McNally, of St. John, is spending the Easter vacation with Mrs. Jas. G. McNally, Brunswick St.

Mr. Sam B. Hatheway, of Springhill, left Thursday evening for Toronto.

Mr. H. W. Binning, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is spending Easter at his home in St. John.

Mr. Guy Morrison is spending the Easter vacation at his home here.

Mr. Harold Walker, of the Royal Bank staff at Shubenacadie, N. S., is visiting his parents, Ald. and Mrs. Walker.

Miss Lou Grimmer has spent the past week with her father, Surveyor General Grimmer, at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grimmer are spending a few days in the city.

Miss Ethel Mullin is home from Boston, visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mullin, at St. Mary's ferry.

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

Any credit for a drop in the price of eggs must be given to the hens and not to the packing interests.

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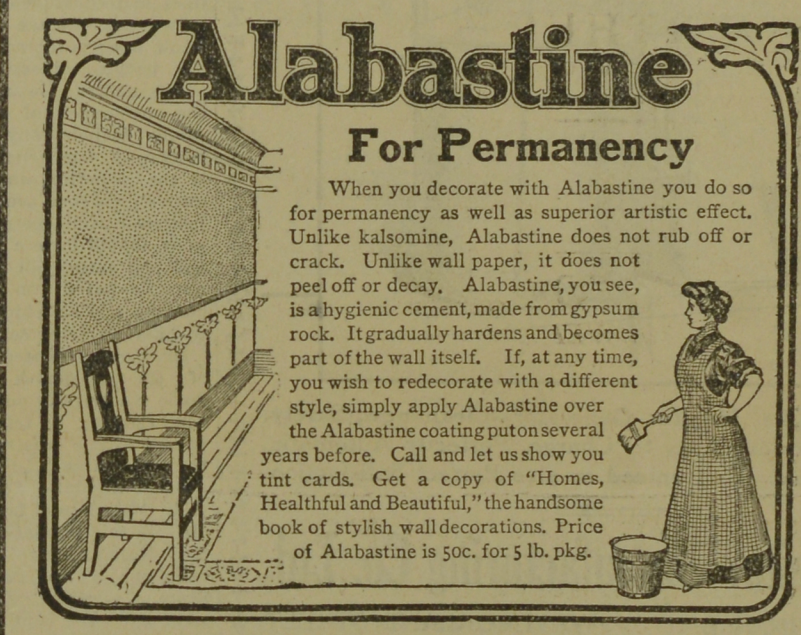
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