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### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The long talked of and much needed changes in the provincial cabinet have at last been brought about. Hon. George J. Clarke, K.C., becomes attorney general; Hon. Dr. Landry takes the portfolio of provincial secretary, and Hon. J. A. Murray succeeds the latter as minister of agriculture, while Hon. J. E. Wilson, the only remaining forecastle member, in consoling with the somewhat dignified but rather unimportant office of president of the council, which means that he will preside at meetings of the executive. No appointment has yet been made to the position in the forecastle left vacant by the promotion of Hon. Mr. Murray and the chances are that it will be left dangling for a while.

The Mail is inclined to the opinion that the changes will make for better government in this province. Hitherto the Tammany element of the party have had things pretty much their own way. They exercised a potent influence over members of the cabinet that was certainly not for the good of the country. The result was extravagance and graft, the dismissal of faithful public officials, questionable appointments to office, flagrant partisanship in the administration of public affairs and lax enforcement of the criminal laws. Things were bad enough when Hon. Mr. Hazen gave up command of the ship of state two years ago but they have grown infinitely worse under the regime of Premier Flemming. It may be said in extenuation of the latter's course that some of his troubles were inherited from his predecessor, although incapacity and lack of firmness on his part undoubtedly augmented them. He found his crew in a state of mutiny; several of the ministers were morally certain that they knew more about the political game than he did; they were constantly squabbling and he had to shoulder the blame for their incompetency and indifference to the needs of the public. Being unable to make the changes which the public interests demanded, he could do nothing but sit down and wait for something to turn up. Federal patronage at last came to his rescue and two vacancies in the ministry quickly followed. These vacancies have at last been filled and the old ship of state, with Captain Kidd still at the helm, and her sails trimmed, is once more running along smoothly before the wind. When we say that New Brunswick has a more capable government today than it had six weeks ago, we make a statement that will be concurred in even by the Premier himself. It would be a very unfortunate thing for this province if it were not a fact.

In calling Hon. George J. Clarke to the cabinet, Premier Flemming is rectifying an unpardonable blunder committed by Mr. Hazen in 1908. Hon. Mr. Clarke is not a swashbuckling politician or a gallery performer but he is a lawyer of recognized ability, who has proven his faith in the heritage by more than the word of mouth. He is not only an able lawyer but he is a man of good, sound common sense and high ideals of public life. Although a pronounced Conservative he has retained the respect of his political opponents and his appointment will not only add strength to the ministry but it will be popular with all classes. Hon. Mr. Clarke is a man first and a politician afterwards.

We cannot but believe that Hon. Mr. Clarke only accepted office in the Flemming government with the distinct understanding that he will succeed to the premiership at an early day.

Hon. Mr. Murray, the new minister of agriculture, has been a member of the legislature since 1908. He is a man of gentlemanly instincts and is generally respected. The fact that he represents a fine agricultural county of course, does not make him a farmer. As a matter of fact, when at home he carries on business as a manufacturer's agent. When members

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### PROVISIONAL SCHOOL

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In command of the 71st Regt., has issued the following regimental orders:

Fredericton, Jan. 23, 1914.  
Regimental orders by Major W. H. Gray, present commanding 71st Regt.

Authority having been granted for voluntary classes for officers and N.C.O.'s of the 71st Regt., to qualify for promotion, all officers and N.C.O.'s desirous of availing themselves of this opportunity will report at the Drill Shed Monday evening, January 26th, at eight o'clock, p.m.

All officers of the corps are requested to attend as much as possible.

J. P. McPEAKE,  
Capt. and Adj.

Mrs. L. W. Sherman of St. John street, is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. Reed McManus of Memramcook is a guest at the Queen.

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### DIED YESTERDAY

Adelaide Doonan passed away yesterday at her home in Marysville after a brief illness with scarlet fever. The deceased was aged twenty-two years. The remains were taken to Blackville this morning for interment.

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