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THE LEGISLATURE

It is to be earnestly hoped that the session of the Legislature opened today by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will not be quite so tame and disinteresting to the general public as the session of a year ago. The House is a very one-sided affair—too much so for the good of the province, but surely among the forty-eight members there are some with sufficient independence and regard for the public interests who will not be content to act as mere voting machines, but who will carefully consider all matters brought before them and not be backward in registering a protest against questionable legislation.

Last session the business of the House was transacted in caucus and the people of the province had little or no means of ascertaining the views of their representatives on important measures which ultimately became law. The discussion took place behind the closed doors of the caucus room and when the measures finally reached the House they were usually railroaded through. The most flagrant case of this kind was in connection with the act relating to the Provincial Hospital, which imposed nearly twenty thousand dollars of direct taxation upon the people. This bill was introduced by Premier Fleming, who in his most suave tones described it as an "excellent arrangement." The "vote it thru" contingent accepted his word for it and passed the bill without even a cursory examination of its provisions. Some of them, it is safe to say, had not the slightest idea what they were voting for but they have since found out and it is to be hoped that the lesson will not be lost upon them during the ensuing session.

Premier Fleming meets the House with a new attorney general, a new provincial secretary, a new commissioner of agriculture, a new speaker, and two new members. The government's following is as strong as ever, unless there is some foundation for the rumors which have been in circulation for some time, that the two independents from Northumberland will be a little more independent than they were last year and that several other members will join hands with them. As there is plenty of room in the House for independence it is hoped that the rumor is well founded. Not since Confederation has there been a government which needed watching more than does the administration led by the Hon. J. Kidd Fleming. It is spending vast sums of money, it is rolling up the public debt and it is adding millions to the liabilities of the province. "Let us dash away and spend the money" was the doctrine laid down by an exuberant Tory in the federal parliament a short time ago. He expressed in very few words the policy which the Fleming government adopted some time ago. When the present premier was in opposition and the government's liabilities were much less than they are today, he thought that the province was on the verge of bankruptcy. If the situation was bad then it has certainly not improved under Hazen-Fleming rule. As a matter of fact the financial condition of the province was never so desperate as it is today. The government meets the legislature with an empty treasury and unless relief comes from Ottawa new schemes of taxation will surely have to be devised in order to meet the interest charges on the enormous capital expenditure incurred during the year.

The members of the legislature one and all are ensured of a cordial welcome from the citizens of Fredericton, and The Mail sincerely hopes that any troubles they may encounter while here will be entirely of a political nature.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money and Makes Better Food

BRILLIANT SCENE

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substantial development has taken place at the coal areas at Minto. The railway is assured a paying traffic and a populous community is being built up in the mining district. The New Brunswick Coal and Railway has been operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway under agreement to lease since June first last. Work on the St. John Valley Railway has proceeded throughout the entire season. The grading is practically completed between Centreville and Gagetown, a distance of 120 miles. Between the above mentioned points over ninety miles of steel is laid. The superstructures of the bridges are being placed at present. Considerable ballasting has been done and this work will be prosecuted vigorously with the opening of spring. It is hoped that the three sections from Centreville to Gagetown will be ready for operating by mid-summer. Work on the remaining sections will be proceeded with.

The ordinary revenues of the Crown Land Department are slightly less than last year, the cut of lumber being smaller than for several years. The ordinary revenue, exceeding half a million, does not include the receipts from the sale of lands, the proceeds of such sale going to the "Crown Land Sinking Fund." The above amount does not include the receipts on account of the new Timber Licenses issued under the authority of the Crown Timber Act of 1913.

Bills to amend the Succession Duties Act, Public Utilities Act, etc., as well as other measures, will be submitted for your consideration.

I have directed that the accounts showing the income and expenditure for the past year, together with a statement showing the receipts and payments for the current year up to the opening of the present session, be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the present year will be submitted to you.

I am confident that you will find that proper attention has been paid to the needs of our public services and due regard to economy in administration.

I leave you to your deliberations, confident that you will devote yourselves earnestly in promoting such legislation as will result in the progress and development of our province.

His Honor then left the chamber and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. Guthrie of York, and seconded by Mr. Grimmer of Charlotte.

Premier Fleming then introduced the customary bill to show the right to legislate on matters not laid down in the Speech from the Throne.

ADD OPENING

His Honor was attended on the floor of the House by a large and brilliant military escort composed of the following:—

Capt. M. E. Rescoe, Royal Canadian Regiment, Major J. S. Frost, Capt. McMillan, Capt. Peters, Capt. J. R. Miller, Capt. Dawson, Capt. R. McAvity, Capt. Keefe, 2nd, St. John Fusiliers; Major J. C. Bull, 67th Carleton Light Infantry; Lieut. H. H. Van Wart, 71st York Reg.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 26—Walter Mundy, colored, was arraigned in court today to stand trial on a charge of first degree murder. He is accused of having shot and killed Bessie Childs, a colored woman, when she refused to admit him to her house. The tragedy occurred last November.

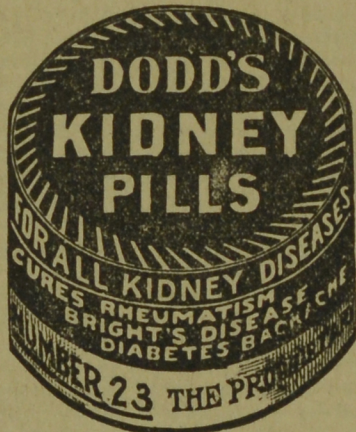
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defendant had been married thirteen years ago by Rev. L. R. Morton, then Presbyterian minister in St. John West. In connection with his occupation plaintiff had to be away from home certain times remaining away for certain periods. On one occasion after he returned home and found his wife about to give birth to a child. Since that time two children had been born to her. He had not been living with her since his return home.

Mrs. Ewart swore that at the present time the defendant and one Louis Ewart were living as man and wife. Court considers.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 26—The most representative gathering of the Democratic leaders of Kentucky that has taken place in several years is expected here tomorrow night to attend a banquet arranged by the Young Men's Democratic League of Kentucky. The promoters of the affair have secured several Democratic leaders of national prominence to deliver addresses.



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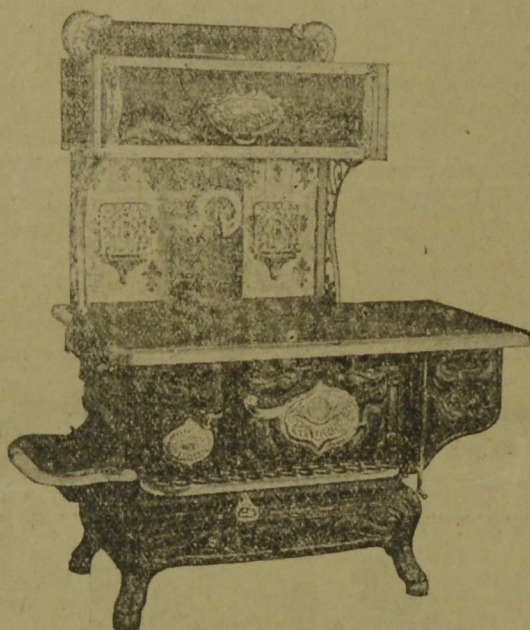
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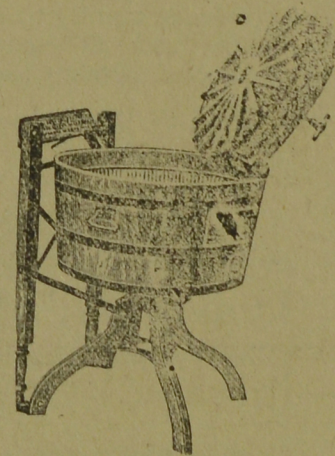
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