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### THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The session of the Legislature which was brought to a close on Saturday afternoon has been one of the longest and in some respects one of the most important since confederation. The usual number of bills were passed but with the exception of the Valley Railway bill, which adds the sum of two million dollars to the liabilities of the province, none of them were far reaching in importance. With a do-nothing government in control of affairs, it is perhaps, too much to expect it to enact any great amount of legislation likely to improve the conditions of life in this province. Legislation of this kind calls for the exercise of the qualities of statesmanship and these qualities are of course, sadly lacking in the members of the present administration. They seem to labor under the belief that they have been placed in office to spend money and increase the public debt and add to the taxation of the people. In this respect we are bound to say that the Flemming government has been more successful than its predecessors in office.

As is usually the case, private bills made up the bulk of the legislation enacted during the recent session. This legislation relates to cities and incorporated towns and is not of general interest. The legislative program laid down by the government in the speech from the throne at the beginning of the session was of a meagre nature and with the exception already noted there was no radical departure from this program in the public interests.

One of the most important government measures was one to set aside twenty thousand acres of crown land in the Counties of Sunbury and Queens for colonization purposes. We were told that an English syndicate was concerned in the enterprise and are hopeful of being able to place a large number of desirable settlers on the land. We hope that the somewhat rosy predictions made by the premier in regard to the plans of the company will be fulfilled but just at the present time we have our doubts about it. Similar predictions were made in regard to another company which was granted very liberal concessions four years ago and fell far short of fulfillment. Indeed, it would be a decided novelty for the Flemming government to get into touch with a syndicate or company which knows how to live up to an agreement.

The opposition in the House, although consisting of only two members, has been very active and has undoubtedly rendered valuable service to the province. Not being proficient in the use of the English language, Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier did not indulge in a great deal of talk, but adopted another course which was apparently just as effective. They directed an avalanche of questions at the ministry and while satisfactory answers were not always forthcoming, yet a lot of interesting information concerning the different departments was extracted from the government and spread before the people of the province, thus giving them a good insight into the peculiar business methods employed by the men who went into power on a platform of retrenchment and reform. It is safe to say that as a result of the industry shown by Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier in asking questions the ministers during the coming year will be much more careful than they have been during the past two years.

The outstanding feature of the session was the graft charges preferred by Mr. Dugal in connection with the timber land bonuses and the operations of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. Although rumors of graft and wrongdoing had been in circulation for months, the action of Mr. Dugal struck the government and its followers like a bolt from the blue. The most surprised man of all was Premier Flemming and he has not yet recovered from its effects. The original plan of the government was

to deny the charges by means of affidavits, jam through the Valley Railway bill and prorogue the House on the Thursday before Easter. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed and another course more in keeping with the principles of responsible government was finally adopted. Public sentiment as voiced by the press compelled the government to take action in regard to the charges and the result was the enactment of legislation authorizing the appointment of a royal commission to investigate them. This is satisfactory to the public so far as it goes but they will expect the commission to be composed of capable men who will fearlessly and thoroughly investigate the charges, regardless of whose reputation might suffer.

The collapse of Premier Flemming, following the Dugal charges, threw the burden of leadership for the balance of the session upon the shoulders of Attorney General Clarke and there is no doubt that he acquitted himself well in a trying situation. He was up against a very difficult proposition but his diplomatic skill and coolness seem to have pulled the ship of state through a tight place. It is to be regretted however, that he did not take steps to prevent the Valley Railway bill from becoming law until a thorough investigation of the charges had been completed.

The session has been a very trying one for the members of the government, especially Premier Flemming, and they must be mighty glad that it has come to an end. So far as the premier is concerned, it seems to be the general impression that no matter what the outcome of the charges may be, his political career is at an end.

### THE POWER OF THE PRESS

On Saturday the attorney general withdrew the bill containing the obnoxious amendment to the New Brunswick Railway Act. The withdrawal shows the power of the press. If this bill which was promoted in the interest of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, had not been criticized in the newspapers it would probably have passed—in fact, the local organ of the government said it was an admirable bill. But in view of the exposure which it received it was killed in committee and a new bill was passed which makes the single change in the existing act by which appeal shall be had to the Court of Appeal instead of to a Supreme Court judge.

Mr. Guthrie tried very hard to have further amendments made in the interest of his clients but he was opposed strenuously by Mr. A. R. Shipp, with the result that his amendments were lost.

The announcement is made in the government press that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will appoint a royal commission to investigate the graft charges. The further announcement is made that the commission will likely be composed of the two chief justices. Who gave the Tory scribes this information?

The discovery has been made that a number of young ladies who move in Ottawa's exclusive social set are cigarette smokers. Goodness gracious, what is the world coming to.

The session of the legislature which prorogued on Saturday has been one of the longest since confederation. It lasted seven weeks and three days.

The long drawn out session of the legislature is at an end but it looks as if the worst was yet to come.

### ROMANIAN RULER

IS SEVENTY-FIVE

Bucharest, April 20—Felicous messages from many of the sovereigns of Europe were received by King Charles today on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birthday. The King was born April 20, 1839 and belongs to the non-reigning branch of the Hohenzollerns. He was elected the throne of Rumania in 1886, at the age of twenty-seven years. Three years later he married Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the late Prince Hermann of Wied, who, under the name of "Carmen Sylva" has distinguished herself as a writer of prose and poetry.

### FRIDAY

Opening of twelve-day meeting of Kentucky Racing Association, at Lexington.

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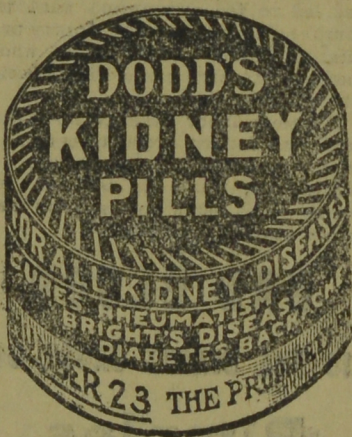
The young German who had his sight destroyed in an explosion at Minto during the winter and who was sent from the Victoria Hospital to the county jail, is being taken care of by John Jones at his home. The case is a particularly sad one and there is a feeling that the public should take some step to assist the man instead of permitting the burden to be borne by any one citizen. The young German was able to walk about the city yesterday with Mr. Jones as guide.

### CLOSING OF LEGISLATURE

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Supreme Court and makes it possible for one commissioner to take evidence in the absence of his colleagues. Any person may serve a summons in any place in the province. Reasonable expenses are allowed witnesses, and no evidence taken before the commission is admissible in other civil suits. The sittings of the commission shall be public and the publication of the evidence is privileged. Provision is also made for payment of the commissioners, who shall report to the lieutenant governor.

The government will meet in Fredericton Wednesday night when it is expected the personnel of the royal commission will be announced.



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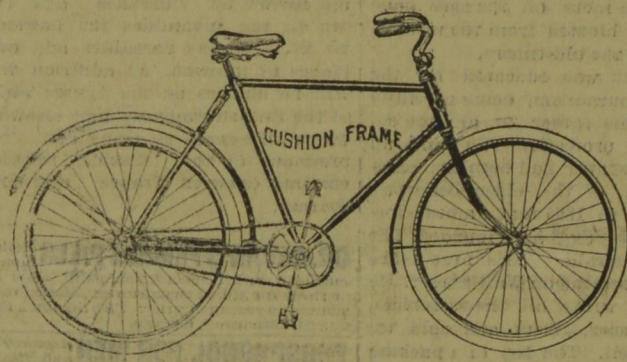
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