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A CHANCE OF TUNE

It is gratifying to know that Premier Flemming now has a very exalted opinion of the officials in the employ of the local government. He entertained them to a banquet on New Year's Eve and in the course of a lengthy speech, warmly praised the deputy heads of departments and others for their long service and efficiency. When Mr. Flemming was an opposition member of the legislature his regard for officials of the government was not quite so pronounced as it is today.

In criticizing the policy of the government in his anxiety to make capital against the administration, he did not hesitate to attack it over the heads of the officials. For instance, during the budget speech of 1902 we find him reported as saying:

"Executive government cost the province \$27,917.33. It will thus be seen that the expenditure on executive government has increased \$8,386 since 1895."

"He also observed that there had been a disposition of late to increase the salaries of officials employed in the departmental buildings. For instance, G. N. Babbitt's salary was increased from \$1,700 to \$1,800, R. W. L. Tibbitt's from \$1,700 to \$1,800, C. S. Brannan's from \$750 to \$800, P. Hughes' from \$600 to \$800. These gentlemen are not overburdened with work, being called upon to labor about six hours a day, which would make their remuneration about \$1 per hour."

Mr. Flemming was then a carping critic of the government and unfamiliar with the details of the work performed by departmental officials. In other words, he did not then know what he was talking about but has since acquired wisdom. Now, instead of criticizing the officials, we find him entertaining them at a banquet. The officials are certainly to be congratulated on having put one over on the head of the government.

During November the cost of living according to the Labor Department's scale, showed an increase of two points being 138.4 as against 136.8 in October. The main increases were in the necessities of life, such as beef, mutton, potatoes, milk, eggs and similar articles, all of which were markedly dearer. The general average was reduced by lower costs of such useful articles of home consumption as pig iron, iron piping and other large manufactured products.

It is admitted that this great increase in the cost of foodstuffs was caused by the natural trend of prices to level upwards to the United States markets since they had been opened by the Underwood system of free food. If the abolition of the U. S. tariff on food can raise the price to the Canadian householder, surely giving Canada free food can reduce the cost of living to the Canadian consumer.

London Advertiser: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's free food policy places him with Bright and Cobden, the men who rid England of the tyranny of the cornlaws. The present food duties are even worse for Canada than the old corn tax was for the Mother Country. There large numbers of landlords and farmers did seem to benefit to some extent though not in any far-sighted view, but here in this modern age every single citizen outside the combines is directly injured by the taxes on dressed and manufactured food. Just try Laurier's prescription for the high cost of living. The Government's commission, tenderly considering the Big Interests, will be a most deliberate body. It will be a long time about helping us. Mr. Borden might do worse than try the free food plan in the meantime. But who put Mr. Borden in power?

A Board of Trade with a membership of over two hundred should be a potent factor in promoting greater industrial progress for Fredericton.

Somebody with cash to spare should get busy and erect some desirable tenement houses in this city next year.

It is reported from Ottawa that Col. McLeod is going to be asked to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne. If the colonel gets this honor he will no doubt consider himself repaid in full for the sacrifice he claims to have made by abandoning provincial for federal politics. The mover of the address at Ottawa has a splendid opportunity to play to the galleries.

Fredericton should be much interested in the announcement that Mr. Gould has completed a survey of a line of railway across northern Maine, which will connect the Valley road with existing lines in Quebec. It means that Fredericton, which has hitherto been commercially side-tracked, will be on the shortest and most direct line from Quebec to a Maritime Province seaport.

NEWS FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK

Washington, D.C., Jan. 3—Following the holiday recess the Supreme Court of the United States will reconvene Monday, when decisions in several important cases are expected. Hearings in the government's suit against the so-called moving-picture trust will be resumed in Chicago on Tuesday.

The fourth hearing of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, accused of the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, millionaire and philanthropist, in 1909, is scheduled to begin Tuesday in Kansas City.

Rev. J. Poyntz Tyler, rector of a church in Hagerstown, Md., will be consecrated Tuesday as Episcopal bishop of North Dakota. The ceremony will take place in Hagerstown. Wednesday will be "Jackson Day," the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, when Democratic organizations in many states will hold banquets and conferences. The Democratic National Committee has called upon the party organizations to celebrate the day with special reference to what has been accomplished by the present administration.

A meeting will be held in Nashville Thursday to form a National Andrew Jackson Monument Association. It is proposed to establish in Nashville a Jackson national park. A federal appropriation of \$1,000,000 will be asked.

The Progressive party of Iowa has called a state-wide conference to be held in Des Moines on Friday to discuss plans for the next election.

The first national conference on race betterment will assemble in Battle Creek, Mich., on Thursday for a session of four days. As the name implies, the object of the conference is to point out a way for general improvement on race conditions. Eugenics will be among the leading subjects of discussion.

MARYSVILLE

Personal Notes of Interest---Wedding Bells---Scarlet Fever Assumes Serious Proportions

Marysville, Jan 5--The Misses Helen and Flossie Robinson who have been spending Christmas and New Year's with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, left Saturday for Montreal to resume their duties as teachers in the schools of that city.

The many friends of Miss Hattie Robinson of Sandyville will be sorry to learn that she is confined to her home suffering from a heavy cold.

Mr. Eugene Savage who has been carpenter foreman on the Canadian Eastern branch of the I.C.R., will shortly remove to Newcastle with his family, and in the future will reside there. Newcastle being on the main line of railway will make it more convenient for him.

There are still sounds of wedding bells.—The head clerk has got them all guessing.

Miss Jennie Gamble of Fredericton spent New Year's in town. Mrs. Robt. Gamble also made a few calls on Thursday last.

Superintendent Samuel Woodside returned Saturday from Calais where he was spending New Year's.

Although the members of the local Board of Health have taken up the scarlet fever situation, it seems to be spreading. It has been decided not to reopen the schools for two weeks yet on account of the large number of cases.

The picture house has been closed down for the present and it looks as if the churches will have to follow suit, notwithstanding the fever being of a mild type.

A large number of Marysville people went to Fredericton Saturday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the Marysville band played at the Arctic Rink.

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SOUTHAMPTON RY.

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ery of \$1,200, the amount of a promissory note made by the defendant. The McDonald & Son, which firm is composed of Wm. McDonald of Temperance Vale, and Robert McDonald of this city, were contractors on the line building a large portion of it. McLeellan & Hughes are acting for the plaintiffs.

BRAZIL ADOPTS GREEN-

WICH TIME

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 1—The decision of the Brazilian government fixing the meridian of Greenwich for reckoning the official hour throughout the country, was put into effect today. Some surprise has been expressed at the government's decision, since it has been thought natural that the Washington meridian might be adopted for the regulation of the official time.

MISS HALDEMANN

WEDS IN LONDON

London, Jan. 1—Many persons prominent in Anglo-American social circles attended the wedding of Miss Charlotte Haldemann and Lieut. Victor Marryat of the Royal Navy, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bride is the daughter of D. C. Haldemann, former president of the American Society in London.

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