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THE SENATE AND HIGHWAYS

At the recent meeting of the York Municipal Council several of the members were inclined to blame the senate of Canada for the bad roads which exist in this county. They seemed to have entirely overlooked the fact that the members of the present government when in opposition, promised to give the people good roads, and they promised that they would be paid for out of the revenues of the province. The Dominion government or the senate did not figure in the case at all at that time. The people were told that the road money was being wasted and that the only remedy was a change of government. Well we have had a Tory government in power for the past six years. It has at its disposal a half million dollars a year greater than was available to the old government. It has plenty of money to assist doubtful railway schemes worked up by its supporters, but none for the roads and the latter are in a more wretched condition today than they ever were under the old administration. Of course partizan followers and hangers on in the municipal councils must find some kind of an excuse for this state of affairs so the blame is laid at the door of the wicked senate. They declare in tones of anguish that the senate killed the Highways Aid Bill and as a result we have had roads.

What did the senate really do? Did it throw out the Highway Bill? No. It simply tacked on an amendment providing for an equitable distribution of the fund among the several provinces. Here is the whole story as told to a Halifax audience by Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., and we would advise some of the Tory councillors for York to peruse it carefully.

"They say they brought in a Highway Bill—a bill to spend some money on the highways of this country and if that Highway Bill had passed they would have constructed roads through out the country, but the senate killed the bill. Sometimes they say the senate killed it; sometimes they say the senate threw it out; sometimes they say the senate rottled it. These are phrases I have culled from the speeches of the members of the Conservative party. In regard to the principle of the Highway Bill, we were absolutely at one with the government. The need of highways we conceded and we did not stickle for the objection that it was not a matter with which the federal government had anything to do. But let me give to you the facts. When a government speaker says the senate throttled the bill, you get hold of that fellow if you can and say: "Just what do you mean by throttle; what happened? Give us the facts."

"The Highway Bill consisted of six clauses.

"The senate passed five of them. I suppose the lawyers would say these five clauses were the enabling clauses of the bill. Under these the government could have carried out any proper steps with regard to the construction of highways. The sixth clause, the lawyers of good repute on our side of the House said, put it into the power of the government if the bill became law, to spend the money where they liked, and when they liked not only for the purpose of building railways but in such a way just before election as to debauch the electors and the senate cut that clause out of the bill and amended the bill by inserting a clause—passing the five clauses intact—amending the sixth by providing that the money should be spent according to the population of each province and that it should be spent by the government of the province, whether it was Liberal or Tory, and as was the intention of the British North America Act, and then God speed to our highways. Could anything have been fairer?"

The following reference to York's new M.P., from the Regina Leader would seem to indicate that the gallant Colonel is known in the west: "He lacks the ability and the capacity for hard work which marked his predecessor who is now Judge Crockett of the New Brunswick Supreme Court bench."

Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., describes the Borden outfit which is now misruling the country as a government of "funks."

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Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. H. F. McLeod now occupies a position which will necessitate his absence from home six months of the year, the York County Council re-appointed him to the office of auditor and increased his salary from \$150 to \$200 per year. A man who has been selected to fill the highest office in the gift of the country ought to be magnanimous enough to turn the small job which he holds over to another and less fortunate person, but this is not the case with Col. McLeod. It may be said of him, he has no great objections to some other person doing the work, so long as he is permitted to draw the salary. The position taken by the County Council in this matter would have been easier to defend had they simply voted Col. McLeod an annuity of \$200 to partially reimburse him for the sacrifice he claims to have made in abandoning a front bench in the Local Legislature for a back bench in the Federal Parliament.

One of the burdens which the old government unloaded upon the municipalities was a share of the receipts of the record office. Last year the Municipality of York gathered in over \$700 from this source.

SOME THINGS WE KNOW

That Mr. Pinder is destined to acquire fame as a railway builder.

That the councillors put in 4 days at the job this week at \$2.50 per day and mileage.

That there is scarcely sufficient snow yet to justify a snow-shoe party.

That it is most fitting that the municipal legislators should assemble in Fredericton during the week of prayer.

That the boys who stole that hide this week should have been given a hiding and sent home.

That some people are getting tired waiting for that expected drop in the price of furnace wood.

That the Arctic Rink is more popular than ever this season.

That the local game warden is right on the job when there is anything to seize.

That only good looking men are now eligible for the office of warden.

That the little deaf man from Andover is some witness.

That the lawyer on the other side tried to break down his testimony by declaring that he wasn't as deaf as he pretended to be.

That the chief wishes it understood that he is no tan-go dancer.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE

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culars of each stage of the work were not given but the witness gave from memory the total amount paid his firm, as \$60,000, while \$21,000 additional, part of which is claimed as damages, is being contested for in an action at law.

Discussion between lawyers was quite acrimonious at times and the spectators appeared to take a warm interest in the proceedings. When court adjourned it was announced that at the close of the Saturday afternoon session, adjournment would be made until Wednesday, January 14, when the case will be resumed.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Major General J. Franklin Bell, U. S. A., 50 years old today.

Julius C. Burrows, former United States senator from Michigan, 77 years old today.

CHURCH SERVICE

METHODIST CHURCH

11 a. m., preaching by Rev. W. F. Smith of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

7 p. m., preach by the pastor, Rev. Neil McLauchlan.

2.30 p. m., Sunday School, Senior Bible Classes and Bible Study Union will meet.

10 a. m., Prayer Meeting.
In the evening the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the preaching service.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith
11 a. m., Subject, The Uniting Bond.

7 p. m., Preacher, Rev. J. E. Wilson, B.A.

2.30 p. m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.
All welcome.

MARYSVILLE MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. G. Pincombe.

11 Morning, 7 Evening

3 p. m., Service at Penniac.

The pastor is exchanging with the Rev. Thomas Hicks in the evening.

All seats free.

Everybody welcome.

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. A. F. Newcomb, M.A., B.D. Pastor.

11 a. m., Preaching by the pastor, Subject, "The Virtue of Vision."

7 p. m., Preaching by Rev. Neil McLauchlan.

2.30 p. m., Sunday School with Bible Classes for all ages.

7.30 p. m., on Tuesday evening Y.P.U.

8 p. m., Friday evening, regular prayer and praise service of the church.

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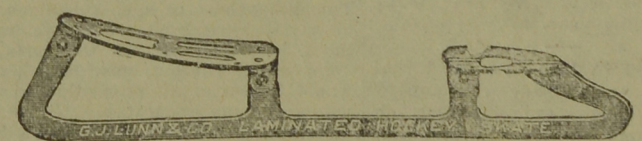
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