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THE N. S. LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia prorogued last week after a session which lasted nine weeks. There were one hundred and sixteen bills passed some of which were of considerable importance. One of its most important features is that it obviates all necessity for litigation and there is practically no room left for dispute except on the question of fact.

The government of Nova Scotia is straight Liberal and has held office continuously since 1882, a period of thirty-three years. The late Hon. W. T. Pipes held the premiership for a short time during the year 1882 and was succeeded by Hon. W. S. Fielding, who continued as head of the government until July, 1896, when he was called to join the famous Laurier cabinet as minister of finance. He was succeeded by Hon. George H. Murray, the present premier, who has continuously held office for the long period of nineteen years.

Referring to the work of the present session, The Halifax Recorder says:

"The opposition, led by Mr. Tanner did not show up to advantage during the session just passed. They were ludicrously inefficient in attack and their objections to legislation introduced were merely factious. No new reputations were made and few laurels were added to, but the session showed in a vivid manner the immense pre-eminence of the premier in personality, in intellect and in debate. In the field of provincial politics in Canada at the present time, Hon. George H. Murray has but one rival in eminence, Hon. Lomer Gouin of Quebec. In experience and in the length of his premiership, he has no living rival and in the entire history of the dominion he has had only one equal in length of service, Sir Oliver Mowat."

Cable despatches state that the Canadian troops have covered themselves with glory in Flanders. They saved the day for the Allies in fierce fighting at the north of Ypres. Canadians are made of the right stuff and can always be counted upon to give a good account of themselves in the presence of the enemy. They lost four big guns but refused to allow them to remain lost. All will regret that the casualties were heavy but there is some consolation in knowing that the brave men who laid down their lives died in a high and honorable cause.

A circular issued by the postmaster general warns the public that letters cannot be delivered in Canada except through the mails and threatens prosecution to those who attempt to dodge the fake war taxes in this way. It states that all letters delivered in contravention of the Post Office Act will be seized and steps taken to prosecute the offenders. This means that merchants who have been in the habit of employing somebody to deliver accounts for them in sealed envelopes must quit the practice and pay double postage on them in future.

It will be remembered that when the agriculture report was brought down in the Legislature, Hon. J. A. Murray, the commercial traveller of the government devoted nearly two hours to a speech on farming matters. He forgot however, to mention the fact that some of the potatoes sold by Tory patriots to the government for patriotic purposes were condemned by the inspector after they had been delivered at St. John. This information was extracted from him by Mr. Dugal in the Legislature on Friday last. Only a rotten government would buy rotten potatoes for the "use of the army and navy" in war times.

A New York paper publishes a cable quoting Berlin newspapers as declaring that the German warships have left the Kiel Canal and are now scouring the North Sea in search of the British fleet. Yarns of this kind are only intended for German consumption.

The St. John Globe thinks it would be a calamity if Sir Richard McBride, the prodigal Tory premier of British Columbia, should enter Dominion politics. With all due respect to the Globe it is not as consistent as it is used to be. Only a few months ago it advocated the removal of Mr. Kidd Flemming from the provincial political arena but it has uttered no word of protest over his debut as a federal candidate in Victoria and Carleton. The Globe if it wants to be taken seriously should advocate Flemming's transfer to the political banehan, before it starts in making suggestions in regard to British Columbia affairs.

The St. John Globe is anxious to know the names of the members of the Legislature who tried to put one over on the factory inspector. As Mr. John A. Young, M.P.P. for York, has been operating a sawmill at Taymouth without a licensed engineer and after the violation of the law was exposed by The Mail, had some correspondence with the factory inspector, perhaps he can enlighten our St. John contemporary.

The farmers of York County who are today selling potatoes for forty cents a barrel should envy the noble patriots who had sufficient pull to get in on the provincial government's patriotic gift of potatoes to the empire. Something like fifty thousand barrels of potatoes more or less were sent across the Atlantic last fall at a cost to the province of \$150,000. Mr. B. Frank Smith, M. P. P. for Carleton, bagged \$3,000 of this amount.

"BACK DRAIN" TO BE REPAIRED AND EXTENDED

Four committees of the City Council were in session last night, and transacted important business. The Street Lighting Committee, City Hall Committee and Water Committee awarded contracts for coal and the Roads and Street Committee decided to extend the "back drain" to Smythe Street to intercept water which now comes off the mill and floods low land near the St. John and Quebec Railway tracks.

The coal contracts were awarded as follows:—

For Street Lighting Plant, A. H. VanWart, Springhill Coal with the option of using Grand Lake Coal.

For City Hall—A. H. VanWart, Springhill Coal.

For Pumping Station—A. H. VanWart 500 tons of Springhill Coal. Minto Coal Co., 500 tons Minto Coal.

The Roads and Streets Committee had before it a report upon the proposed scheme of drainage for the West End south of the St. John and Quebec Railway tracks. Included in the report was a complete plan of the "back drain" and the adjacent land from the river to Smythe Street. This plan was made from a survey by Ald. George McKnight. The committee decided to repair the "back drain" and extend it from the line of Westmorland Street to Smythe Street. This extension it is thought will receive and carry off the water which now lies along the railway.

It has been suggested some weeks ago so lay a surface sewer down Argyle Street to empty into the "back drain" at York Street. Mayor Mitchell objected to the laying of this sewer and to the order of terra cotta pipe for its construction. His objection was that the necessary grade could not be secured. It was found afterward by survey that his contention was correct.

SERGT. MAJOR ARRIVES.

Sergt. Major Ford of the 55th Battalion, arrived here last night and is giving the local detachment of the battalion some special instruction. Sergt. Major Ford formerly was on the Instructional Cadre.

Chas. V. Pickard of Millville is a guest at the Barker House. E. R. Teed of Woodstock is the city. His Honor Judge McKeown registered at the Barker House.

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BIG INCREASE IN DEBT OF PROVINCE

(Obtham World.)

It appears by an article in Friday's Gleaner, evidently dictated to the editor by the provincial secretary, that we were altogether too considerate when we interpreted the minister's hazy statements to mean that he had sold the \$2,282,800 of five per cent bonds instead of an equal amount of bonds he had authority to issue at 4½ per cent. It appears by the ministerial editorial that the minister issued all of the authorized bonds, \$2,575,979, except \$293,000, and that he sold the \$2,282,800 of unauthorized five per cent bonds in addition. Against the new issue there is \$293,000 of bonds held over, showing an actual increase of \$1,982,800 in the debt.

The effort to get from the provincial secretary a lucid statement of the provincial debt is still in progress. Mr. Stewart has asked for a detailed statement of all interest-bearing obligations of the province, but, judging from previous replies of the minister, it is not at all likely that his questions will be properly answered. The government does not want to confess that Mr. Stewart's charge, that it increased the debt \$1,600,000 last year, is correct. It has made no denial, and it is now apparent that the increase is even greater than the amount mentioned by Mr. Stewart.

AN OFFENCE UNDER THE POSTAL LAWS OF CANADA

Under the Post Office Act, Sections 65 and 66, the Postmaster General has the exclusive privilege of receiving, collecting, conveying and delivering letters within Canada. Bills and accounts whether in open or sealed envelopes, as well as circulars or other printed matter enclosed in envelopes sealed or ready to be sealed, are "Letters" within the meaning of the Post Office Act.

There is a penalty under Section 136 of the Post Office Act which may amount to twenty dollars for each letter unlawfully carried.

It has been brought to the attention of the Post Office Department that some business firms desiring to avoid paying the war tax which became effective on the 15th of April propose making arrangements for the delivery of accounts, bills, circulars, etc., through means other than the post office, contrary to the Postal Act, and a warning is hereby given that the Post Office Department intends to insist that the law shall be rigidly lived up to, and will in no circumstances allow these parties to avoid paying the one cent tax which has been imposed for war purposes.

All letters conveyed, received, collected, sent or delivered in contravention of the Post Office Act will be seized and necessary steps immediately taken for the prosecution of the offenders in all cases where the law has been contravened.

AT UPSET PRICE.

The tolls from wharfage and anchorage and also the fees from the city weighing scales were sold at public auction at the City Hall this morning by E. H. Allen, auctioneer. The upset price was secured in each case, the wharfage and anchorage for the year beginning May 1st next, going to H. C. Mackey for \$400, and the weigh scales fees for the same period to J. I. Atherton for \$100.

PRESENTED WITH AUTO.

Lieut. Col. J. W. Bridges, A.M.C., who is now with the Canadian troops in France, has been presented with an automobile by friends in Montreal and Fredericton. Charles E. Neill, assistant general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, was collector of the fund. Both Col. Bridges and Mr. Neill are former Fredericton men.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

No. 2 Hose Company, at a meeting held last night, elected officers as follows:—Captain, Wm. Grannan; 2nd captain, Robert Coombes; secretary, Fred Shea.

Mr. J. B. Hachey, M.P.P., has returned from a visit to his home at Bathurst.

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FORESTRY EXPERT HERE.

Clyde Leavitt of Ottawa, of the Forestry service of the Dominion, is here in connection with his work in this province. He is at the Barker House.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

The Public Utilities Commission is meeting in St. John today. F. P. Robinson of this city, secretary of the commission, went to St. John last night. Little of importance is to come before the commission.

Mrs. Jacob S. Mitten of Renous, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Frank Dickson, at Barker's Point, returning home by I.R.C. express last evening.

For Farmers

A new Waterproof Shoe, Oil Tanned Tops. Heavy Soles, Bellow Tongue. Made by The John Palmer Co. Sold by

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PERSISTENCY IN ADVERTISING

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