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A GOLD BRICK BRIGADE

The members of the provincial government and their supine followers in the Legislature are believers in the principle that the people like to be humbugged and live up to it. There never was a cheaper outfit in control of the affairs of any province of Canada. Lying, or rather existing, between the devil and the deep sea, the members of the government are afraid of their own shadows. Their whole object is to fool and bamboozle the people and, worst of all, the people are compelled to pay for the stupidity and incompetency of their rulers.

It was announced in the government press that the Legislature was to prorogue on Friday evening. Well, it hasn't prorogued yet and will not do so before the middle of next week. A caucus of government supporters was held yesterday and it was decided to adjourn until Tuesday afternoon. The reason for the adjournment is that members of the government and Legislature want more time to fight and squabble over the St. John Valley Railway bill. The government was given ample time last week to prepare a measure but it fell down on the job. A bill was prepared for submission to the House but it failed to satisfy the grafters and hangers on of the administration and has been held up. The government was told that the measure must be changed and was given three days of grace in which to complete the job. When the House resumes on Tuesday it is hoped that the government will have something definite to lay before it in regard to this troublesome problem.

The present session opened on March 11 and if prorogation takes place on Thursday next the session will have lasted eight weeks. This will be one of the longest, if not the longest, session since confederation. In former times when the session was prolonged there was a strong opposition in the House and legislation of a contentious nature was dealt with, but this is not the case today. There has been no contentious legislation this session and no speeches of any length from the opposition side of the House. The prolonged session is due to the glaring incompetency of the government and to no other cause. The people are getting a gold brick from the present administration and it is about time they were beginning to find it out.

Halifax Chronicle:—Apart from the extra cost, the new stamp taxes as applied to the postage are the cause of great inconvenience to the public. When this proposal was before Parliament Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that inasmuch as the Government were determined to impose an extra cent on letters, it would be preferable to issue a three cent stamp. The Government rejected this reasonable proposal, because it apprehended that the people would recognize at once that the postage rate had been increased. Apparently their object has been to cause the maximum of political difficulties for themselves. What does it matter to the Government whether the letter bears one or two stamps, so long as the Department receives the extra postage which it has levied? Away with the nuisance!

Mr. Stewart Tupper, K.C., son of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., and heir to the baronetcy, died in England a few days ago. He had been ill for some time and was under the care of Sir William Osler. The deceased practiced law in Winnipeg.

Miss Adelle Hugo, daughter of the late Victoria Hugo, the famous novelist, died recently in Paris, aged eighty-five years. When quite young she ran away with an English officer and for a time resided in Halifax, N.S. Eventually she was placed in an insane asylum.

The only people around the Legislative Buildings who are pleased over the prolongation of the session are the official reporter, the doorkeepers and messengers. It means dollars to them.

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Mr. Pinder, when he spoke in the Legislature Thursday and condemned the highway act voiced the sentiments of a score or more of members of the Legislature who are afraid to speak out for fear of loss of patronage.

It looks as if Rogers had won out in the struggle and will force an election on the country in June.

APRIL SHOWED DECREASE IN DUTY COLLECTED

L. C. Macnutt, collector of customs for the port of Fredericton, in his statement of returns for the month of April, which closed yesterday, shows a decrease of \$637.26 in duty collected. The total value of imports was greater than in April, 1914. The report is as follows:

APRIL, 1915.
Free goods, \$7,824.00
Dutiable, 57,774.00
Total value, \$65,598.00
Duty collected, \$8,577.67

APRIL, 1914.
Free goods, \$24,055.50
Dutiable, 39,770.00
Total value, \$63,825.50
Duty collected, \$9,274.93
Decrease in duty collected for April, 1915, as compared with April, 1914, \$637.26



WET WEATHER

BAD FOR MOVING

With snow last night and rain falling today the conditions for moving were scarcely of an ideal nature, consequently many people postponed the trying ordeal until next week. A few had taken time by the forelock and finished the job before the weather conditions became quite so bad. Among those who are changing their place of residence are:

Mr. R. W. L. Tibbitts is moving to the flat on St. John street vacated by Mrs. I. R. Golding.
Mr. W. S. Hooper is moving to his new concrete dwelling near the head of George street.
Mr. H. C. Jewett is moving to the Cameron house on King street vacated by Mr. Hooper.
Mrs. James Lawrie is moving from the Lemont house on St. John street to Needham street.
Mr. Edward McElvaney is moving from St. John street to Needham street.
Mr. P. W. S. Dawson is removing from the Johnston house on George street to a flat on Westmorland street owned by Dr. H. H. McNally.
Mrs. Henry Hobbs is removing from Allison to one of the Tibbitts houses on Charlotte street.
Conductor Hickson is removing from Carleton street to Mrs. Harvey's house on Charlotte street.

MAY CAME IN

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waak the crews of the Partington Pulo and Paper Co., are getting the logs of the landings and are considerably hampered by ice. The water is low but rains later are expected to improve conditions.
W. J. Noble's drive of 8,000,000 feet for Stetson & Outler on the upper St. John is reported as past Seven Islands, Kilburn's, Michael's and other drives are doing fairly well.

Mrs. W. Vassie and Mrs. W. E. Foster of St. John are guests at the Barker House.
C. E. Dillon of Toronto is registered at the Queen today.

VALLEY RAILWAY BILL

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member for Victoria, as provided for by the rules.

DID NOT MEAN TITUS

Mr. Stewart said that if his hon. friend knew only half as much about the rules as he thought he did he would know at once that he was not the Mr. Carter referred to.

Mr. Carter rose to a question of privilege and said that as far as the House was concerned he was the only Mr. Carter there and he represented Victoria County.

Mr. Woods presented the report of the committee on Contingencies.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to amend the Act respecting the arrest, imprisonment and examination of debtors.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) asked if the Hon. Provincial Secretary was ready to bring down the account of the bonded indebtedness, etc., of the province which he had asked for.

Hon. Dr. Landry said the account was in preparation and he would bring it down at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Stewart remarked it must be a very long document to take so much time to prepare.

Hon. Dr. Landry said that the hon. member must not think that the officials had nothing else to do but dig out information for him. When they had to go back to 1871 to make up a statement of the bond issues he would realize that it took some time. There were only three officials altogether and they had to keep their regular work going at the same time.

The House went into committee with Mr. Young in the chair, and agreed to the bill respecting the arrest, etc., of debtors, which the Attorney General explained merely gave power to appoint two commissioners instead of one in any city or town before whom the examination of debtors might take place.

Hon. Mr. Clarke submitted the papers asked for by the hon. member for Madawaska in relation to the Timber Limits and Valley Railway inquiries. He said it was impossible at the present time to give absolutely complete information, as all the matters had not yet been adjusted, but as soon as that had been done, the papers would be furnished.

Hon. Mr. Clarke moved that when the House adjourned it stand adjourned until three o'clock Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

ANOTHER POSITION

Mr. Wilfrid Gourley of St. Mary's who has just completed a course in Telegraphy O. P. R. Freight and Passenger service at the G. T. P. school of Telegraphy and Railroad Engineering has been recommended to fill the position as Asst. Agent and Operator at McGivney Jet on I. C. R. He takes up his duties May 15.

W. B. Howland and H. C. Grant, of St. John, C.P.R. officials arrived here yesterday and returned last night.

A. P. Keegan of St. John is a guest at the Queen.



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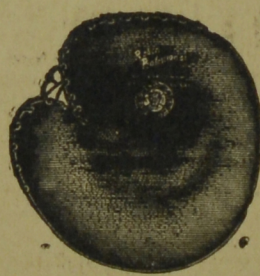
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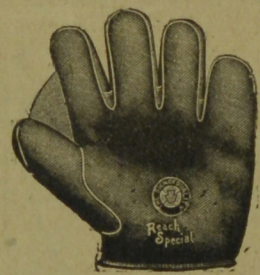
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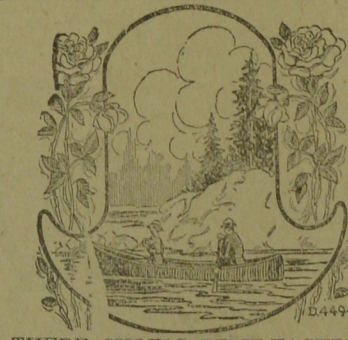
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