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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1904. CAPABLE AND POPULAR MINISTER.

The address which Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner for agriculture, delivered at the opening meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, was a common sense, practical deliverance and was very favorably received by the gathering. The commissioner makes no claims to oratory, but he is able to express himself on public questions in a very attractive way, and his addressees always bear the stamp of earnestness and candor.

In his official position Mr. Farris has proved himself a wise, successful administrator, bringing to his office a wide personal experience in agricultural matters, and a fairness of judgment that is much admired. His practical sympathy with the farmers, his knowledge of their vocation, and his genial manner have greatly aided him in performing the duties of his position, and he has been able to render splendid service to the province—a service that is very sincerely appreciated by the farmers all over the country.

In Mr. T. A. Peters, the deputy commissioner Mr. Farris has an able lieutenant, and the interests of the agricultural department could not be in safer or more competent hands.

When the portfolio of agriculture was created, the government's move was strongly criticized by the opposition, but the experience of the past few years has more than justified the change, which is very much appreciated by the farmers.

AN EFFORT THAT FAILED.

Mr. Hazen's amendment to the highway bill, to vest the appointment of road superintendents in the municipal councils rather than in the government, met the fate it deserved in the legislature. No reasonable argument was presented in favor of the change, and the amendment was merely intended to create political capital for the opposition, and in this it will entirely fail. Why should the government which is quite as much representative of the people as the municipal councils, strip itself of authority long vested in it, to provide patronage for the councils, often very strongly partizan, and less able to judge of the capability of men for superintending road operations than the members of the legislature who advise the government seeks in all such appointments? The legislature would be foolish indeed to hand over the expenditure of the road money to the councils, whose narrowness and the selfishness of whose members are in many instances notorious. The expenditure under the councillors' charge would be made to meet the political necessities of those gentlemen, and the interests of the roads would suffer.

The government is endeavoring to give the country a highway act as near perfection as possible, and the progress of the measure through the legislature should not be impeded by opposition efforts to make cheap political capital.

There is an impression that the work of the Fredericton S. P. C. A. would be a much more effective if the persons who are convicted of illtreating dumb animals were forced to pay the fines imposed on them for their brutal conduct. We know the secretary is a very merciful man, but when he is able to prove beyond a doubt, that animals have been illtreated, and has secured conviction of the offenders, he should permit the law to take its course, as an example to other inhuman creatures who illtreat their dumb brutes. Mult a few of the offenders of a few dollars, and the example will prove a very healthy one.

The statement which the Attorney General made in the legislature respecting the assurance the government has received from the federal authorities as to the probability of additional subsidies for the various provinces, is confirmed by the speech opening the Quebec legislature, in which Governor Jette said: "My government has every reason to believe that the importance of the readjustment of the provincial subsidies which was approved by you last session, is being seriously considered by the government of Canada."

The Sun insinuates that some of the government's supporters dodged yesterday's vote on the highway bill. The allegation of course is incorrect. However supposing it were true, should not the Sun's lash be also applied to its opposition friends, Clarke and Glasier who were not in their places when the division was taken?

Mr. Tarte is in poor health and has not yet been heard in parliament, but he will wait a long time before Sir Wilfrid Laurier refers publicly to the ex-minister's misfortune. In the meantime the Premier is in excellent physical condition.

An Ottawa telegram says it is understood there, that the report of the government engineer who recently inspected the Canada Eastern railway is favorable, and that it is believed the federal government may take over the road.

A resolution in the Iowa legislature expressing sympathy with Russia in the present war, was voted down almost unanimously.

Upper Queensbury.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.) March 14.—The Rev. Mr. Rutledge preached a very impressive sermon in the Baptist church yesterday afternoon, and also conducted the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. in the evening.

Barry Whitehead who has been keeping books for Mr. Frank Ingraham since the resignation of his former accountant has with the assistance of Mr. Ingraham succeeded in transacting the business in a very creditable manner.

Sydney Miller and John Avery, of Caverhill, were in this place quite recently on business.

Surprise parties seem to be the order of the day here at present.

Nearly all the traffic is carried on by way of the river now on account of the main roads being in such poor condition.

Petersville.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.) March 18.—We have been enjoying a few fine days here in the past, and the last rain reduced the snow in these districts and made the roads much better for travelling than they have been for some time. The lumbermen have got a better chance to haul their logs from the yards to the streams and some of them have finished up their winter's operation. Others have saw mills in the woods and are sawing the logs into boards and deals and are hauling the sawed lumber to the railway stations in several places along the line.

Some men give their wives an allowance so he will be able to borrow part of it back at the end of the week.

Some women do not object to their husband smoking because they think he looks so well in a smoking jacket.

Fastidious Burglars.
Not only did burglars who entered a flat in Chicago take jewelry and silverware valued at \$400, but they remained long enough to enjoy a bath.

Sackcloth and Ashes Still Prevail.
An Arabian woman literally sits in sackcloth and strews ashes on her head at the death of a husband or son or the apostasy of any near relative, for when one becomes a Christian he is mourned as dead.

Ecuador Marriages.
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