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SESSION FIRST.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has authorized the statement that it is the government's intention to summon parliament to meet at an early day, to consider besides ordinary business, certain proposed modifications in the agreement with Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. This statement precludes further speculation as to the probability of an election before a session, and will be a great relief to the country, an election being most undesirable during the winter season. No doubt the bye-elections will be called on immediately. There are eight vacant seats including Westmorland where Mr. Emmerson will have to seek re-election, in consequence of having accepted office in the government, and St. John city vacated by Mr. Blair's resignation.

AN ANGRY ORGAN.

The Sun which all along has been casting reproaches on Mr. Emmerson and forecasting that he would not arrive at a cabinet position much less the portfolio of railways, is evidently very much annoyed because its prognostications have not been verified, and it continues its attempts to discredit the new minister, referring to his record in the provincial arena, and clearly insinuating that there may be dishonest methods in the department as administered by the member for Westmorland. This coarse and uncalled for attack on Mr. Emmerson will meet with the strong disapprobation of the people of New Brunswick, including the fair minded members of the Conservative party, and it should be strongly reproved by Mr. Hazen whose recollection of the charges against Mr. Emmerson in the bridge matter in the legislature will no doubt be aroused by the Sun's reference. Mr. Hazen will be able to recall the fact that after making charges which implied personal dishonesty on the part of Mr. Emmerson, he discovered that he had no basis for the same, and from his place in the legislature he withdrew every sentence of the indictment which might be considered as impugning Mr. Emmerson's personal honor. In the face of this condition the Sun is mean enough and coarse enough to intimate that in view of Mr. Emmerson's connection with the provincial department of public works, it will be necessary to closely watch the operations of the railway department now under his control. The Sun insinuates what it dare not openly charge, lest it might be brought to the same position as Mr. Hazen found himself when he started out in the legislature to prove Mr. Emmerson a boodler. Mr. Hazen was compelled to promptly swallow his charge, and to declare to the House that he had no thought or expectation of proving personal dishonesty on the part of Mr. Emmerson. It is rather late in the day therefore for the Sun to insinuate what Mr. Hazen was glad to publicly withdraw on the floors of the legislature to escape the censure of that body and of the electors of New Brunswick.

The Sun is also good enough to assert that Mr. Emmerson has no record as a political leader. If such a statement were not so stupid it would be irresistibly funny. Let the Sun ask Dr. Stockton and some other Tory politicians who were driven from public life under Mr. Emmerson's leadership in the legislature, what they think of Mr. Emmerson's ability to direct a party. Mr. Emmerson was premier and leader of the local government party in New Brunswick for three years, and it was during his leadership that the province was swept from end to end by the government, only

a remnant of the Tory party finding seats in the new House. Did Mr. Emmerson give no evidence of successful leadership in that contest, when he secured the scalp of every member of the opposition with one single exception?

The Sun has never given Mr. Emmerson half a show, and it never will so long as he remains the stalwart Liberal that he is, and is able to administer crushing defeats to the Tory party of which the Sun is a pretty mean exponent.

AN IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO.

The portfolio of Railways and Canals to which Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been called, was created May 20, 1879, the railway business of the government previous to that having been under the direction of the minister of public works. Sir Chas. Tupper was the first occupant of the office, and he was succeeded Sept. 25, 1885, by the late Hon. J. H. Pope, of Compton, and then on Nov. 28, 1889, by the late Sir John A. Macdonald. The next occupant of the office was Hon. John Haggart who came in Jan. 11th, 1892, and held the position until the defeat of the Tory government, July 8, 1896, when the ministry were forced to resign by the adverse verdict of the elections on June 23, of that year. On the formation of the Laurier government, Hon. A. G. Blair was called to assume charge of the department, continuing until he voluntarily resigned last autumn. Since then Hon. W. S. Fielding has been acting minister of railways and canals, and he now makes way for Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who is the second New Brunswicker to fill the position.

The department is the most important in the government, and carries with it extensive duties and large responsibilities, but Mr. Emmerson's friends are confident that he will be equal to all calls made upon him. He will exercise an enormous patronage, the employees of the department numbering some six thousand, and its expenditures running up into the millions.

It is settled that the army service corps to be organized in New Brunswick will have its headquarters at St. John. The announcement is made in the Canada Gazette. There is a mistaken idea abroad that the new establishment is to form part of the permanent military force of Canada. Instead, it will simply be an arm of the militia service, for service at the annual camps of instruction. It is pretty well understood that Capt. A. E. Maessie, of this city, a very capable officer, will be in command of the corps.

The Ontario legislature has been in session three days and the Ross government with its majority of only three has not yet struck a snag. The government will undoubtedly carry North Oxford, and there is every reason to believe that the session will be concluded without the necessity of Governor Clarke calling on Mr. Whitney, the opposition leader, to form a new administration.

The railway commission has been organized by the appointment of Hon. A. G. Blair, chairman, Hon. M. E. Bernie and Prof. Mills, president of the Guelph Agricultural College. The salary of the chairman will be \$10,000, and of the other two members \$8,000.

The New Brunswick Tory newspapers have been demanding the name of the Liberal leader in this province, in succession to Mr. Blair. They have it now, and it is not out of place for Liberals to enquire who is to lead the Tory forces since Mr. Foster has disappeared.

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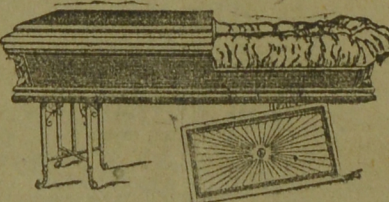
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