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A GOOD OLD AGE.

Congratulations to Hon. James Steadman, a worthy citizen of Fredericton, who tomorrow will celebrate the 86th anniversary of his birthday. Mr. Steadman was born at the Bend, now the flourishing city of Moncton, March 27, 1818, was educated there, his teacher in 1826, being Hon. Senator Wark, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1846, created Q. C. in 1867, elected to the House of Assembly for Westmorland 1854, defeated in 1856 on the prohibitory liquor law, which he favored, re-elected in 1859, and defeated on the confederation question 1865, member of the Executive Council and postmaster general of New Brunswick from May, 1860, until April, 1865, appointed county court judge for York, Sunbury and Queens, June 19, 1869, and retired from that position in 1898.

Mr. Steadman has been a resident of Fredericton since 1869, and has taken an interest in the city's welfare. He is an ardent temperance man, and was one of the leaders in the introduction of the Scott Act.

The ex-judge is physically and mentally vigorous, and his numerous friends will unite with the Herald in wishing him many more years of life.

FISH FROM THE YUKON.

According to Rev. John Pringle, the noted Presbyterian missionary in the Yukon, gold is not the only valuable product of the north country. In a recent address at Toronto Mr. Pringle told his audience that within fifteen years Toronto will be getting a supply of fish from the Yukon. Mr. Pringle said the fishing possibilities in the Yukon were almost as valuable as the mineral. He is of opinion that 90 per cent. of the Canadians east of Vancouver are ignorant alike of the resources and the climate of that country, and that even the people of the Yukon do not know its resources. The country is by no means played out. Of its 200,000 square miles but 1,000 have been prospected, and from these \$11,000,000 was produced last year. This would have been \$15,000,000 with an adequate water supply. Mr. Pringle declared the climate of Ontario abominable in comparison with the Yukon, for ten months of the year there the climate being the best in the world, absolutely dry, clear and bright. For six years Mr. Pringle said he had not had a cold, until he reached Vancouver on his way out.

Mr. Pringle contradicted the impression that rough living is characteristic of the country, 75 per cent. of the people leading as clean lives as the people in the east. The arduous work required in mining left the miner in no condition for irregular living. The saloon, however, was one of the greatest evils in the country. He said that on Bonanza Creek there were 36 within twelve miles. The church was doing a good work through the Atlin hospital, hospitals, which are an absolute need, being one of the best ways of reaching the miners. In addition to Mr. Pringle's own work, the Presbyterian church has four ministers settled in the Territory.

In Parliament Friday, Mr. Borden questioned the government as to the Quebec governor's reference in the speech opening the legislature to the readjustment of provincial subsidies, and was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the subject will have to be dealt with at an early date. This assurance will not be very comforting to the Sun and Mr. Hazen, who have sought to cast doubt on the statement of Attorney General Pageley on the same subject.

If a member of parliament uses unparliamentary language he is promptly called to order and made to withdraw the offensive epithet, but a speaker who has a good command of language may dress up an insult in such charming phraseology that it works into a debate without challenging rules or propriety. One day this week a member of the federal house of commons referred to a fellow member as one who "had for some years sought to pose in the house as a paragon of political morality, but had rather proved himself to be the conduit pipe by which the garbage of political scandal mongers was conveyed to the public."

Discussing in parliament the resolution to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes Mr. Osler, Conservative M. P. for Toronto said he did not believe in legislation of this class, as it did more harm than good. The remedy should come from the influence of parents and teachers. Might I suggest to my lady friends who are promoting this movement," said Mr. Osler, "that there is more evil done in Canada by bad cooking than by cigarettes? (Great laughter). The greatest education you could give farmers' wives in this country is to teach them how to cook."

It has been agreed between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden that when the House of Commons resumes business April 5, after the Easter vacation which begins on Thursday next, the Grand Trunk Pacific agreement shall be the first business of the House, and the debate will proceed from day to day until the matter is disposed of.

If Mr. W. P. Jones M. P. P. is not given a place in the local government it will not be the fault of the Carleton Sentinel, which in every issue strongly urges Mr. Jones' qualifications and claims. We in York county are not saying much, but if one of the portfolios should fall to this constituency we would not kick very vigorously.

Mr. Logan, Liberal M. P. for Cumberland, has given notice in parliament of the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this house the preferential tariff should only apply to importations through Canadian seaports."

The local government on Monday next is to receive a delegation who are pressing for advanced legislation on the temperance question.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the Interior, expects that 200,000 new settlers will arrive in the North West during the present year.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Militia Bill Discussed Briefly—The G. O. C.'s Salary.

Ottawa, March 26. —After routine the House of Commons yesterday went into committee on resolutions introduced by the minister of militia in connection with his bill. Borden explained some slight changes in the wording thereof, and the resolutions were adopted. He fixes the pay of the general officer commanding at

\$6,000 per annum and other officers at the old rates.

Col. Hughes held that the pay of the commanding officer was much smaller in Canada than in less important colonies. Sir Percy Girouard in South Africa got a salary of \$20,000. We will not get the best men for \$6,000 per annum. Why pay our militia head less than the chairman of the railway commission.

Sir Frederick Borden said the salary would not cover the travelling expenses and other considerable charges connected with the work of the general officer commanding. Replying to Clarke, of Toronto, the militia minister said that if a Canadian was the officer commanding, he might be pensioned by Canada at the end of the term under provisions of the law, or exchanged perhaps, into the imperial service.

Col. Tisdale argued at length that to keep up with progress of science in arms the general officer commanding should be changed at least every five years.

After a lengthy debate by Borden, (Halifax) Col. Thompson of Haldimand, Col. Sam Hughes, the premier, the minister of militia and others, the resolutions were adopted and committee rose with leave to sit again for consideration of amendments.

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