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SUBSIDIES AND FISHERIES.

As is well known to those who follow the discussions in the New Brunswick Legislature, the local government has for some years been putting forth diligent efforts for a satisfactory readjustment of the subsidies paid from the federal treasury to the various provinces under the confederation act, and to secure a share of the Halifax fishery award.

Though urged with great persistence by Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley on the federal government, these matters have not yet been arranged, but there is a strong hope that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues have been impressed with the local government's contentions, and that at no distant day there will be a satisfactory solution of both questions.

The contention of New Brunswick has an able second at Ottawa in the person of Mr. F. B. Carvell, the energetic young Liberal M. P. for Carleton, who brought the subsidy question up in parliament Monday by moving for correspondence between the federal and provincial governments relating to a readjustment of provincial subsidies.

He said the cost of the various provincial services had increased, but their revenues had not increased proportionally. Their greatest financial items were for bridges, roads, education and railway subsidies.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier welcomed an opportunity of laying the correspondence before the public. In 1887 the conference of provincial premises at Quebec had asked that the subsidies be increased as the population grew. The government had since received requests from the various provinces individually for an increase in that way, except British Columbia which asked for even more. Two years ago the Quebec resolutions had been reiterated at a conference of provincial premiers at Ottawa.

The system of subsidies adopted at confederation was not as wise as it could be made, but they must abide by it loyally. It was too drastic and should be more elastic. There were other matters in which the relations between the Dominion and the provinces were not satisfactory, such as fisheries.

Previous to 1899 the conditions were rather satisfactory, when they were disturbed by the privy council judgment giving certain jurisdiction to the provinces, but now the difficulty was to know where the authority of the Dominion ended and that of the provinces began.

Speaking for himself, he thought the public interest would be served by vesting the fisheries wholly in one authority, either the Dominion or the provinces, for himself he preferred vesting them in the Dominion. It was a question upon which the provinces might very well be consulted.

Again speaking for himself, he would like to see the subject of subsidies considered at a meeting of the representatives of the provinces. He could not say he would entirely agree with their demands. He would, however, lay his views before his colleagues. The motion passed.

THE YARMOUTH DISASTERS.

The usually prosperous town of Yarmouth, N. S., is in considerable of a panic over the failure of the Reddings, who conducted a shoe factory there and the consequent suspension of the Bank of Yarmouth, which made very large advances to the bankrupt firm. The Bank has closed its doors, and its affairs are said to be in such a bad way that not only will the stockholders, many of whom are women, lose the amount of their holdings, but may be called upon to pay double liability. Most of the stock is held in Yarmouth, and the bank's suspension will have little effect outside that town and county.

The Bank of Yarmouth was rather a small affair, controlled largely by the Lovitt and Cann families, and

its president is Hon. John Lovitt, a Senator.

The Redding shoe factory employed about one hundred hands, and its suspension is a serious matter for them and their families.

It is quite a long time since a bank in the lower provinces closed its doors, one of the most recent being the Maritime Bank of St. John, the suspension of which proved a serious loss to a number of Fredericton capitalists and business men.

A VETERAN LEGISLATOR.

Mr. Urbain Johnson, the veteran M. P. for Kent, is the first to arrive for the legislative session and he blows in just as bright and cheery as ever. It is thirty-five years since Mr. Johnson first came to Fredericton as a member of the legislature, and with the exception of four or five years he has sat in that body ever since. Only two other gentlemen who sat with Mr. Johnson in the first legislature to which he was elected are now alive, Mr. McLeod of Kings and Mr. Montgomery of Restigouche. No less than sixty-three of his fellow members have died.

The member for Kent passed the 81st anniversary of his birthday in January last, and he and his good wife have celebrated their golden wedding, yet his step and his heart are as light as they were twenty years ago, and his numerous friends give him a hearty welcome to Fredericton.

Mr. Johnson is one of the fathers of the legislature, and a very kind and indulgent father he is, although occasionally like Senator Wark to the Senate, he chides the House for not getting along faster with their work.

Wellington Ward, without a contest, has secured two very good aldermen in Mr. D. J. Stockford and Mr. Moses Mitchell. Mr. Stockford has been at the board for three years, and, while The Herald has not always agreed with him, we are free to admit that he has rendered the city good service. His special knowledge of fire department matters have been much appreciated and useful in the consideration of questions affecting that branch of the civic business. Mr. Mitchell is a respectable man, a successful contractor, and should prove a useful alderman. That he will be conscientious in the discharge of his duty, goes without saying.

It must have been a pretty mean specimen of a man or newspaper that insinuated that Mr. Borden, who was as well known, called to Halifax by the death of a relative, was really absent because he was seeking to dodge the school question. Mr. Borden thought fit to mention the matter in the House Monday, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier scorned the suggestion of which the Opposition leader complained. There is not much fear of Mr. Borden dodging the school question. He represents an ultra-Protestant constituency, and his party are feeding and growing fat from the present Liberal difficulties.

What a solace it must have been to Mr. Fielding to receive the assurance from Mr. David Russell, that if the finance minister resigned from the cabinet on the school question he would have the support of Mr. Russell, his friends and the Telegraph and Times. Such unsolicited devotion is most rare. It will be observed however, that Mr. Fielding has not incurred the risk of Mr. Russell's political friendship, doubtless remembering that it proved fatal to one ex-cabinet minister.

It will be heard with regret that Mr. Ganong, M. P. for Charlotte, is quite seriously ill at his home in St. Stephen, and all his friends, and they are not bounded by his political party's lines, will wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Ganong has not enjoyed good health for some years, yet he has shown great business ac-

tivity, and his great industrial enterprise at St. Stephen is in a flourishing condition.

Ottawa despatches say that the western members have submitted to the government amendments to the educational clause of the autonomy bill, which if accepted will go a long way towards bridging over the present difficulty in the government ranks.

The Fredericton ratepayer with a vote in the civic elections is an important man this week, when the candidates for the mayoralty and aldermanic board are pushing their claims for recognition next Monday. Let the best available men be selected.

Evidently Mr. Wyndham whose resignation as chief secretary for Ireland has been accepted, was forced out by the Ulster unionists, who thought he was coquetting too much with the Home Rule party.

If, as reported in our despatches today, the government has withdrawn the objectionable feature of the autonomy bill, our Conservative friends will be robbed of a very potent political cry.

C. H. Cowperthwaite, principal of the Richibucto Grammar School, was recently run down by a wild team of horses and had a rib broken.

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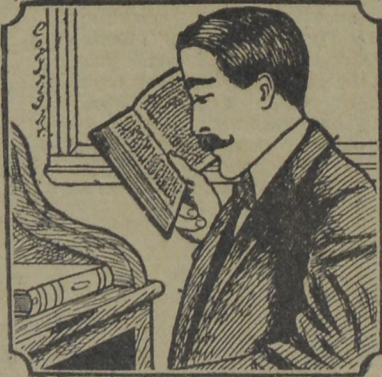
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