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THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Lowell, Mover and Seconder.

MADE GOOD SPEECHES.

Mr. Hazen in a Critical Mood--Tries to Make Capital Out of Carleton Election.

Mr. Speaker, in attempting to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne I cannot, as has been very frequently done in the past, ask the indulgence of the house as a new member, but I think I can justly ask your indulgence on account of the shortness of the time I have had to prepare for the performance of this duty. While I recognize the fact that many of the members of this house could, with short notice and little effort, do justice to the different subjects mentioned in His Honor's speech, yet I freely acknowledge that I feel it very embarrassing to me under existing circumstances. I have listened many years to the eloquent and graceful remarks made at the opening of the Legislature, and I cannot help but feel that the house will be disappointed this afternoon listening to me, but I accept the duty cheerfully, and will do the best I can.

Since I have been honored with a seat in the house, many changes have been made in its membership. Old and familiar faces have been removed, some by death, some by the will of the people, and some by choice, but I think, Mr. Speaker, we can congratulate ourselves on the kindly manner that Providence has dealt with us during the past year, and, knowing as I do the individual members of the house, I feel that each, irrespective of party, will not only be willing but anxious to contribute something to the improvement of our province, both socially and financially, in order that it may take a respectable position among the other provinces of the Dominion and the sister colonies of the empire in conjunction with the mother country, to develop and unite the greatest empire the world has ever known.

And now, in turning to the subject of the speech itself, I feel that, however much we may differ on some of its paragraphs, this house and this country will all agree with what is contained in the first three paragraphs. Those relating to the departure of Lord and Lady Minto, and to the reception of His Excellency Earl Grey, Lord and Lady Minto paid this province two visits, the second on the memorable occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and we all know how they were received and how popular they became with the people of the different provinces, and how, when they left this country they took with them the best wishes of the whole people. We welcome His Excellency Earl Grey as a man of great ability, large in experience, and one who has long since taken an interest in Canada. I feel that the people of this province unitedly look upon him as the proper person to assist the Canadian people to thoroughly develop the magnificent resources of this Dominion. He is looked forward to as a constitutional ruler and a wise administrator.

Those portions of the address referring to the matter of the decreased representation of New Brunswick in the Dominion Parliament are not without importance. I think it will be regretted by members on both sides of the House that the contention set up by the Government of this Province before the judicial committee of the Privy Council has not prevailed. It is certainly detrimental to the interests of the Province, that its representation at Ottawa is decreasing while some other portions of the Dominion are in-

creasing their representation. I am strongly of the opinion that the efforts which it is suggested in the speech, will be put forward to prevent a further decrease in our representation, will be heartily supported by the whole House.

The next two paragraphs deal with the general prosperity of the country and with our great lumbering interests. It is true there has been a depression in the lumber industry and while it is to be regretted that this great industry should receive a check, yet it has borne some good fruit. When the prices of lumber were very high small operators were forced to cut a class of trees that should have been allowed to grow, consequently our forests were much depleted. Besides the fact that it is unprofitable to cut lumber has turned many to agriculture and I am sure that the House will agree with me that the increased interest taken throughout the Province in this important branch of industry has been productive of great development.

That portion of the address which refers to mining is very brief but its importance is far reaching. Referring to the coal areas of this Province, the assistance granted by the Government has been productive of important results. Largely from the assistance thus supplied some 7,000 tons of coal were raised in Queens, Sunbury and Kent counties during the past season. The work has been going on all winter and I am informed that large quantities of coal are being mined and will be ready for shipment in the early spring. The Government has also taken a forward step in developing the oil fields of the eastern section of the Province. Quite recently I was at Memramcook and saw what was being done in that locality. Many people scouted the idea that oil or coal could be obtained in paying quantities in this Province. I have already referred to the coal mines and I am informed that a car load of crude oil is being taken weekly from the Memramcook wells, notwithstanding the most inclement winter New Brunswick has experienced for many years.

In the line of development in the natural advantages of the Province comes the Grand Falls water power, was also referred to in the Speech. You will all very well remember the action of the Government in the past to obtain control of different water powers in this Province, and I am sure that it must be gratifying to members of the House to know that the result of last year's legislation is bearing good fruit and that the large sum of \$50,000 has been deposited with the Government as a guarantee for future development at Grand Falls. It is reliably stated that the Grand Falls power alone, if properly developed, is sufficient for all the enterprises it is proposed to operate at that point, and that there will be power for transmission even as far away as St. John.

The next paragraph of the speech refers to the provincial subsidies, a subject of great importance to the province. If my memory serves me correctly it has been asserted by the leader of the Opposition from his place in this house that the province would never get any further consideration from Ottawa in this particular. I remember in years that have passed members of the Opposition spoke along the same line with reference to the eastern extension claims. Yet the present government succeeded in effecting a settlement of these claims with the Dominion Government and obtaining therefrom the large sum of \$270,000. There is equally good reason now to believe that the claims of the provinces for additional subsidies will meet with favorable consideration. This question came before Parliament at Ottawa a day or two ago on motion of Mr. Carvell for a return of the correspondence between the Federal and Provincial Governments on this question. In reply Sir Wilfrid, according to the telegraphic report, said he welcomed the opportunity of laying the correspondence before the public. In 1887 the conference of provincial premiers 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 Quebec.

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 the fisheries.

I am pleased to observe that in the same speech Sir Wilfrid Laurier draws attention to the unsettled fisheries question. This, like that of the provincial subsidy, is a matter of the highest importance to the people of New Brunswick. From time to time the government of this province has urged a settlement of its claims and will continue to urge this matter until some satisfactory arrangement is reached.

I can congratulate the government on their method of dealing with the over crowded condition of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases. This was a difficult matter to deal with, but when the report is submitted to the legislature it will be seen that the government has dealt with it most satisfactorily. There are two or three other matters dealt with in the speech, all of which are of considerable importance. Last year a commission was appointed to make enquiries into the condition of labour in the factories of the province. This commission has done the work and the report will be laid before the house at an early date. It is very necessary that all reasonable precautions should be taken to protect the lives and health of those employed in manufacturing establishments. As a resident of a rural community, I have a direct interest in school consolidation wherever it is practical, and I feel assured that the experiment which is being conducted at Kingston, largely through the munificence of Sir W. C. McDonald, will be watched with interest throughout the province and copied in many localities. In concluding my remarks I have much pleasure in moving the following address in reply to the speech from the throne.

May it please your Honour.

We, His Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to humbly thank your Honor for the gracious speech which your Honor has addressed to us, and we assure your Honor that we will give our most careful attention to the matters referred to in your Honor's speech and to all other matters that may be submitted to us.

MR. LOWELL'S SPEECH.

New Member for St. John Acquits Himself Well.

Mr. Lowell, in seconding the address, said: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to know that a member who undertakes to second the address is not expected to occupy the attention of the house at any great length, and I am sure that the kind indulgence of the members will not criticize too harshly one who is placed in the embarrassing position of being called to fulfill the duty upon the first day on which he has the honor of a seat on the floor of the house. Then again I am the representative of one of the rural constituencies of the province, which does not send to the Legislature legal men who are supposed to be more ready of speech.

I have not been selected as one of the representatives of the county of Saint John because I claim to possess any ability as a speech maker, but rather because the voters of that constituency recognize in me one of themselves, and because they were glad to have an opportunity of setting the seal of their approval upon the acts of the present administration which has so successfully carried on the affairs of this province. I hope that it will not be considered unfitting for me to regret that I have not the parliamentary skill possessed by my predecessor, Hon. Albert T. Dunn, who for so many years gave to my constituency as well as to the province at large, his best efforts as a representative and as a legislator. For a considerable period of time he had the honor to sit in the executive council of this province as one of His Honor's advisers, and the County of Saint John has great reason to congratulate itself upon the efficiency and skill with which he performed his work. I can but hope, Mr. Speaker, that in my hands the interests of the county may not suffer, and that the Legislature will continue to give favorable attention to the needs of that important constituency. The honorable gentleman who has moved the ad-

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dress, has dealt so thoroughly upon the subject matter it contained that I feel that it will not be necessary for me to elaborate upon what has been said.

The good wishes and friendship of the whole Canadian people centre around our late Governor General, Lord Minto, and in laying down the duties of his important position and returning to his home in the Motherland he carried with him the best wishes and respect of all Canadians, who recognize in him and Lady Minto worthy representatives of the crown to which we delight to bear allegiance. The position of Governor General of the great Dominion is a visible link which binds Canada to the Motherland, and its important duties I feel will be worthily performed by the distinguished statesman Earl Grey, who has taken up the burden of this work. At that time in the history of the empire, when much is thought and said concerning the future of the Dominion, we recognize the pleasure that the appointment of each representative of the crown as Lord Minto and Earl Grey will do much towards upholding the respect and fealty which now exists between the Dominion and empire at large. I join with the honorable mover of the address in his expression of regret that the construction of the British North America Act, by the highest court of the empire has decided that the representation of the Province of New Brunswick as well as several other provinces shall not remain a fixed question but shall in the ordinary course of events grow smaller.

New Brunswick has every reason to be proud of the position which its representatives have taken in the larger field of federal politics.

We recognize that in the formation of the confederacy representatives from our own province took a distinguished and important part and I have no doubt that while our numbers have decreased in the years which have gone by, and possibly may continue to decrease, yet the ability of those who now occupy representative positions at Ottawa from New Brunswick will be such that our interests shall not be overlooked in federal matters. It is a matter of sincere satisfaction that the members of this government are continuing to press with their utmost strength the claims of New Brunswick for readjustment of the provincial subsidies and that satisfactory progress is being made in that particular as well as in their efforts to procure a just portion of money which is due to us from the Halifax Fishery Award.

During the years which it has held the confidence of the people this government has always been alert to foster our resources and to carry on the internal affairs of the province in a satisfactory way and while doing so they have not lost sight of anything which would advance the material interests of New Brunswick and their continued efforts with reference to the readjustment of the subsidies and Halifax Fishery Award I feel are deserving of the highest commendation by the people of this province.

We recognize that to a very large extent the development of the natural resources of this province in all particulars depend upon the assistance and encouragement which it receives from the administration and its wise and patriotic policy in the development of the coal areas of the country in building up and fostering the iron and oil industries and in taking full advantage of the water powers are subjects for congratulation and show that the present government is worthy of the confidence of the people.

I am pleased to know that in the western section of my constituency large developments are being made looking toward the establishment of the iron industry at Lepreau upon an extensive scale. A company has been formed with a capitalization of a million dollars for developing the well known deposits at that place and it will be satisfactory to all the members of the House to learn that the indications are most favorable and that at no distant day iron industries will be established at Lepreau.

I recognize that the development of the natural wealth of the country is the safest and surest method of progress, and I cannot avoid expressing the utmost satisfaction that the great mineral wealth is to be developed, knowing that the establishment of this industry the Province itself will reap the benefit and a large employment will be given to the people of my own constituency.

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I am entrusted by my constituency to represent them in this Assembly as a supporter of the present administration. Ever since this Government assumed office the county of St. John has voted favorably to its supporters and I feel confident that the patriotic policy, which has been outlined in the speech which has been read, will commend itself not only to the constituency which I have the pleasure to represent, but to the people of the whole Province.

MR. HAZEN'S ADDRESS.

Opposition Leader Puts Forward Some Criticisms.

Mr. Hazen said: I felt that it will not be inappropriate that I should preface any remarks I may make on the Speech by extending a hearty welcome to the two new members who have just been introduced from the city and county of St. John. I know that they are two men who from their experience and knowledge will be likely to exercise a beneficial effect upon legislation. Both gentlemen have had much experience and both have been Wardens in the county of St. John. Mr. Maxwell has represented the largest ward in the city of St. John, and Mr. Lowell has for several years been a member of the municipal council. I feel therefore that their knowledge and experience must be of much value to the deliberations of this body.

It is in accordance with a time honored custom that I should offer some remarks on the Lieutenant Governor's speech. But as I looked over it today I observed that it was lacking in the helpfulness and sparkle of previous deliverances. It sounded to much like a funeral dirge. Its only noticeable feature was its length and it is filled with stale platitudes and bad English. Viewing it in that light I almost thought that the custom of commenting upon it might today be given up. The past few years has been very barren of useful legislation in this province. It is true that the Highway Act deals with a very important subject, but that Act has been received with a

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