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THE BUDGET SPEECH.

Premier Tweedie's budget speeches are always frank statements of the provincial finances, and the one which he commenced last night in the legislature is no exception to the rule.

He spoke for a couple of hours with eloquence and force laying full details of all matters under discussion before the House and country, and is completing his task today.

As custodian of the finances the premier exercises prudent supervision and no man who ever occupied the position has had a firmer grasp of the questions coming within the domain of his duties.

It requires pretty close figuring to make revenue and expenditure meet without cramping the public services, but New Brunswick's finance minister is able to effect that desirable end, and to have something to the good.

The expansion of the territorial revenue under the wise management of the Crown Lands is a matter for congratulation, and this has been accomplished without oppressing the lumbermen. The premier sees promise of an early improvement in the lumber market and with this industry buoyant the condition of a large proportion of our people will be advanced.

The opposition have made some criticisms of the apparent falling off in certain lines of agriculture, but as the premier observed, the government cannot be held responsible for unfavorable weather and consequent poor crops. They are doing all they can with a limited revenue to stimulate the farming industry, and have reason to feel gratified with the excellent results achieved.

One of the most hopeful features of the budget speech is that which dealt with the anticipated development of the Grand Falls water power. The company which is undertaking that enterprise has \$50,000 on deposit with the government as evidence of their intention to carry forward the work, and the premier quite properly took credit for the government in encouraging the great enterprise. That it will soon be a reality with results most beneficial in the development of this province, is evident from the following despatch which comes on the heels of the premier's interesting statement to the legislature on this subject:

"New York, March 21.—The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. are preparing plans, specifications and estimates on contracts for the complete electrical construction and equipment of a huge electrical power plant to be developed at Grand Falls, N. B., by a syndicate of New York, New England and Canadian capitalists. It is learned the plans provide for an extensive electrical ferro-manganese reduction works, big pulp, paper and saw mills, power plant for the operation of international electrical trolley line and transmission of current for lighting and manufacturing along the St. John river to St. John city. The complete or approved figures of the estimates are not closely computed yet, but they approximate between four and five million dollars."

THE AUTONOMY BILL.

The House of Commons at Ottawa for the next few days will be the scene of an animated debate on the Northwest autonomy bill creating the two new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The battle commenced today, and will, it is hoped, be conducted temperately on both sides, yet this is scarcely possible where there are men whose chief public business it appears is to arouse sectarian feeling to achieve party advantage.

The chief discussion will doubtless be over the school clauses of the bill, but much of the controversial matter is removed by the amendments, which the premier proposes to the original measure.

The attitude of the opposition leaders on the subject is uncertain. When the bill was introduced Mr. Borden expressed the hope that the discussion would be without rancour, that Christian forbearance would be shown on both sides, but, while he has given little indication of his own attitude, some of his supporters in parliament have been doing their best to work up a sectarian agitation.

An Ottawa despatch says that the Conservative party considered the

bill and its amendments yesterday in caucus, but could not agree exactly as to the course they would pursue. However, it is hinted that these will be no organized opposition to the measure from the party, but that members will be left free to do as they choose.

These conditions, however, will not prevent Dr. Sproule from leading an assault on the measure, backed by the ultra Protestant element of the Tory party, and on the other side it is expected that Mr. Bourassa will take the other extreme view. "So far as can be learned," adds the despatch, "only two Liberals are dissatisfied with the settlement—Bourassa and McCarthy. McCarthy is opposed to separate schools in any form and Bourassa considers that the class schools granted under the clause, which are the existing schools in the Northwest, are not sufficiently separate."

A SENSELESS CRITICISM.

The Sun, which is always unreasonable and unjust in its criticism of the local government, finds a cause of complaint in the fact that some member of the administration belonging to the legal profession is not at Ottawa opposing the Winding Ledges bill, but it should have sense enough to know that these gentlemen are busy at their legislative duties, and that they can do quite effective work against the objectionable measure in their places in the legislature. If any of these gentlemen left their duties here and went to Ottawa to do what the Sun says they should, it would attack them for neglecting their work in the legislature. So there you are, "You'll be damned if you do, and you'll be damned if you don't."

We assume that the provincial ministers have long since abandoned all efforts to please the Sun and its party, and they go about attending faithfully to their public duties, which is much better than trying to satisfy unreasonable opponents.

Mr. Murray, the new member for Northumberland, delivered his maiden speech in the legislature yesterday and created an excellent impression. Although this is his first experience in public life he has been a close observer of political questions and speaks with a readiness, directness and energy that commend attention. Mr. Murray will prove a valuable member both in the debates and the committee work of the legislature, and his pleasant personality is already making him a favorite among his fellow members.

CANADA IN THE ARCTIC.

How Canadian Explorers Visited Franklin Graveyard—Pictures of the North—The Neptune Expedition.

Tucked away in a slender blue-book is a twenty-one page narrative of a really remarkable piece of Arctic exploration. Mr. A. P. Low sailed from Halifax in the Neptune on August 22, 1903, and entered that harbor again on October 11, 1904. His expedition had been absent for a year and fifty-one days. His ship had steamed 10,900 miles, and of this 1,800 was ice-mileage, probably the best season's ice work on record. He had gone very far north, visiting Ellesmere Land and the scene of disaster to many famous Arctic expeditions. He had to his credit a mileage of surveys amounting to over 2,000, and a long list of geological and natural history discoveries. Under most circumstances such an expedition would receive profuse notice. Mr. Low came and went most modestly, and the tale is told with great brevity in his official report to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

"At eleven o'clock, on the morning of the 15th (of August), we dropped anchor in Erebus harbor, at Beechy Island, near the southwest end of North Devon. This is one of the most interesting places in the Arctic. Here Franklin wintered for the last time, before passing, with his ships the Erebus and Terror, to the westward; where finally all perished, on the shore of King Williams Island; or, in the attempt to reach civilization, to the southward. Here also established the headquarters of all the Franklin relief expeditions sent out for years afterwards in search of his missing ships. After fifty years, numerous traces remain of these expeditions; the frame of a large storehouse stands on a single terrace, a few yards from the western shore of the harbor, and close under the hill forming the point. Inside, and in rows outside the building, are many casks of provisions, including peas, flour, oatmeal and cheese, all destroyed by the weather. Scattered about are hundreds of tins; which once contained the infamous Golden Patent rations, supposed to have been one of the direct causes of the loss of the ill-fated expedition. Remnants of clothing and many leather boot soles also were seen, together with a two-wheeled cart of Admiralty pattern. On the beach, below, are the wrecks of a large sloop and a life-boat, left by the relief expeditions. Both have been badly broken by the ice; and portions of the mahogany planking of the life-boat were taken for souvenirs. On a small terrace, immediately behind the house, is a wooden cenotaph erected to the memory of Franklin and his crew; and lying along side is the large marble slab sent there by American citizens; and left by McClure.

took in 1858; who attached a brass plate to it. We raised the slab and photographed it; and again laid it, inscription downward, alongside the wooden monument. Should a cruiser again visit this memorable spot, material for a solid foundation for this slab should be taken as it cannot be erected in the strong winds that blow there without some such precaution.

"About half a mile in rear of the house, on a desolate plain, are five graves containing the remains of some of Franklin's companions who died here, and some of the members of the relief expeditions. Leave was given to as many of the crew as possible to land here; but the ice coming out of the inner bay forced us to leave before the graves could be photographed. We brought away the cart."

Yet another picture of these dreary regions may be given:

"Cape Sabine was reached at one o'clock, on the morning of the 11th, and the heavy bumping in crossing was but a foretaste to the excitement of that day. The ship was stopped behind a small island, just south of the Cape, where, accompanied by the captain and the doctor, I landed on the rock granite shore, about half a mile south of Parry's last headquarters. We walked over to his house, which was originally the deck-house of the Windward. Close to it is another small house, built of rough lumber, the residence of the Stein party. Both are very small, and the surroundings dreary, while the amount of decaying walrus blubber, scattered about, rendered the rocks slippery and the air slimy. A few bodies of dead Eskimos, wrapped in musk-ox skins, were covered with small piles of rock, within a few yards of the houses, and must have proven pleasant company during the dreary winter. A couple of photographs were taken, and a copy of the proclamation, taking formal possession of Ellesmere's Island, was tacked on the inside of the house.

"We then returned to the boat, and found that during our absent a heavy floe some miles in extent had come in, and had forced the ship to leave for safety. The ice was fast closing on the shore, and we had a narrow escape from being caught between it and the land, but finally reached the ship in safety. All night ice was forming between the pans, showing the first signs of the coming winter.

"We now steamed southward, across the bay to Cape Herschell; when about half way across the ship struck violently upon the summit of a sharp rock, but luckily had way enough to carry her over without hanging. Several icebergs were close alongside, and a sounding taken within a hundred yards, gave seventy fathoms of water. An inspection was immediately made, but no apparent damage could be found, beyond an extra amount of water to be pumped, the keel appearing to have taken all the blows.

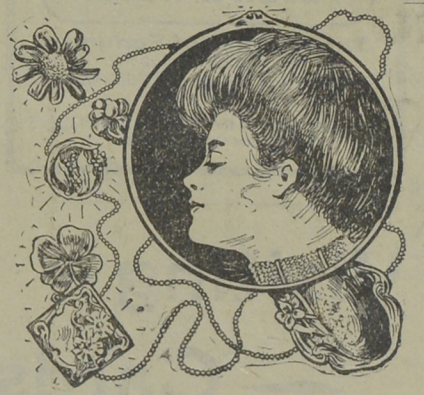
"We landed at Cape Herschell, where we hoisted the Canadian flag; read the proclamation taking formal possession of Ellesmere Island and adjacent islands, in the name of the King, for the Dominion; and a copy of the proclamation was deposited in a large cairn, on the extreme point of the cape."

Mediaeval Monarchs.

Almost every mediaeval monarch claimed the whole or a part of the dominions of almost every other and insisted on inserting his claim in his list of official titles. In treatises and all official documents the whole list was religiously copied, and as it often happened that the two negotiating monarchs had some of the same titles it became usual to insert a clause in the list, non praedjudicando, in order to indicate that, no matter how absurd, inappropriate or untrue were the titles, they were understood to be inserted because they pleased the monarch who claimed them, that they did not confer a valid claim, and so no harm was likely to result from their use.

An Ingenious Scheme.

A story is told of a Chicago girl whose verses were always "declined with thanks" who hit upon the following unique plan for having them published. She would send a line of verse from one of her poems to the query column of some newspaper and ask from what poem such a line came, the name of the poem and of the author. A friend, also a rhymester, would send the querist's own poem to the paper with the desired information, and of course it would appear in print. The querist would do the same for the friend and so on until between them they had all their "poems" printed.



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