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STILL ANXIOUS.

When the bill to give effect to certain provisions of the New Brunswick judicature act was up for its third reading in parliament, Friday, Mr. Foster and Dr. Stockton again tried to draw out the government, especially the premier, with respect to the reappointment of the present judges, and the government's intentions towards Chief Justice Tuck, but Sir Wilfrid had nothing to add to what the minister of justice had already said on the subject.

The judges will all be reappointed but what their respective positions will be, is not revealed. The present chief justice may be the new chief or some other judge may be selected for the position. Time alone will reveal what will happen.

In the meantime it is well to remember that the present Chief Justice having served the required time, can retire on his full salary allowance of \$7,000 a year, which is a privilege, a gentleman who has passed his seventy-fifth year, no doubt appreciates.

When parliament was legislating last session with respect to the judges, it should have fixed an age limit for their retirement. We believe there is an instance in one of the provinces in which a judge from his advanced age and impaired mental powers is entirely unfit to discharge his duties and there is no way of getting him out of the position. This of course does not refer to New Brunswick, but the like might occur in any province if no age limit is fixed for a judge's retirement.

In the meantime people are wondering why Mr. Foster and Dr. Stockton grow so hot under the collar at their suspicion that something is going to happen to the New Brunswick chief justice. If he had been an appointee of the Liberals, would they be so much interested in his welfare?

The bill relating to the judicature act, however, has passed the house of commons, and will doubtless pass the senate and become law, so that all obstacles to bringing it into operation in this province will be removed, and the new law will be proclaimed within the next few weeks.

With respect to the placing of the judges respectively in the appeal and trial divisions, no doubt the minister of justice will be able to recommend appointments that will be satisfactory to the country, although there is said to be a possibility that the business may not be entirely satisfactory to some of our Tory friends.

GOOD FOR EVIL.

Senator Ellis has appeared in the Senate as a champion of Chief Justice Tuck, having discovered, as he alleges, a dark conspiracy in the New Brunswick Judicature Act to deprive the Chief Justice of his position.

The Senator is reported as follows: "Senator Ellis said he did not favor the change. It had been made by the New Brunswick legislature and this bill sought federal authority to give it effect. At present, of the six judges of the New Brunswick Supreme Court, all but the Equity one, went on circuit. This law provided only three would go on circuit and three sit on appeals. The result would be the three circuit judges would be overworked and the three review judges not have enough to do. No one could charge him with being unduly prejudiced in favor of the present chief justice, however he said he had the ordinary feelings of a man for him. There was a general feeling in New Brunswick, he said, that this act was aimed at the chief justice, and was a plan to get him out of the way. The proper way would have been to have retired the chief justice, and then made the change in the court if it were thought best, which was not his opinion."

The Senator's defence of the chief justice is most magnanimous, returning good for evil.

Some years ago the Senator in his capacity as a newspaper editor believed it to be his duty to make certain reflections on a member of the supreme court bench, and he was prosecuted and punished but his home going was in the nature of a triumph.

Senator Ellis, like a good Christian has forgotten and forgiven that episode, and comes valiantly to the

defence of the chief justice.

He is however, mistaken in opposing the judicature act. The new law had practically the unanimous approval of the bar of this Province, and is generally welcomed as a much desired improvement in legal procedure.

The necessity of re-appointing the judges is only an incident of the change, and if some personal sacrifice is necessary this should not stand in the way of the general public good.

Senator Ellis, in opposing the judicature act does not represent public opinion any better than he did when declaring that Canada is shaping for national independence, or when he showed a leaning towards annexation.

MINISTER WHO DOES THINGS.

When Hon. Mr. Emmerson visited Moncton just after the disastrous fire which destroyed the I. C. R. machine shops, and before the ashes of the conflagration were cold, he assured the people of that city, somewhat dejected over the disaster, that new and better shops would soon take the place of the destroyed property, and he is keeping his word.

The work of rebuilding the shops has actually commenced and they will be of a character and capacity to meet the increasing demands of the railway.

Mr. Emmerson in the discharge of his public duty is sure and energetic, and parliament backs him up in his vigorous administration of his important department.

No wonder his constituents in Westmorland are enthusiastic over him, and that even his political enemies, praise his energy and foresight.

Mr. Emmerson buoyed up the drooping spirits of Moncton when the conflagration occurred. He spoke of the greater Moncton which is to arise, and so far as he could relieve the situation he has done it. The new shops are rising already. The manager of the New Freeman who is just back from Ottawa has this to say of the New Brunswick minister:

"Speaking with the writer, a leading Ontario Liberal said: 'No man has more fully come up to the expectations of his friends than Mr. Emmerson. He came into office as the successor of a very able man, and it was predicted in many quarters that his administration of the department of railways would be a failure; and among the prophets of evil were some who should have been Mr. Emmerson's best friends. The splendid showing that he has been able to make with respect to the finances of the road as well as his work in the House and in the department, has lifted him into a front rank position and now he is generally regarded as one of Sir Wilfrid's ablest colleagues.'"

CURRENT COMMENT.

The popularity of Dr. Atherton, among his fellow citizens, is attested by the numerous enquiries as to his condition. It seems the distinguished Montreal specialists who are considering his case have not yet decided on an operation, and in the meantime the Doctor is resting comfortably.

The Tories in parliament are trying to make the New Brunswick judicature act a political question, but it is recognized in this province as a wise measure, passing the legislature with practically an unanimous consent.

The statement of revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the twelve months ended June 30 last shows a revenue increase of \$8,521,802 over the previous year.

The Telegraph repeats a current rumor that Principal Crockett is to retire on a pension, and will be succeeded by Inspector Bridges. As a matter of fact the changes have not yet been made by the board of education, but it would not be surprising if official announcement is made to the effect mentioned within the next few days.

The Scott Act inspector has reason for feeling disappointment at the lack of support he is receiving from some avowed temperance members of the county council.

The Lord's day bill is getting terribly mangled by parliament, and it is doubtful if it will achieve the objects of its enactment. The premier and minister of justice have manfully stood up for the measure, but complaint is made that Mr. Borden who is advertised as a vice president of the Lord's Day Alliance is not giving the bill much assistance. Neither does Mr. Foster appear to be helping it very much.

"There's just one thing I wanted to say to you," began Mrs. Acid to her better half.

"Only one, M'ria? queried he, solicitously. "Aren't you feeling well?"

BITS OF NEWS.

Dr. Alexander Crichton, of Ceston, Ontario, was found guilty of infamous and disgraceful conduct in a professional sense, and by a vote of 25 to 1 dismissed from the register of the Ontario Medical Council as a practising physician. The infamous conduct consisted in his advertising that he could cure grip and kindred diseases in a few hours at a stated sum.

W. J. McCamon, a prominent lawyer and society man of Belleville, Ont., was found dead about three a. m., Friday morning at the bottom of a flight of stairs in the rear of the East Robertson block, Front street. Deceased's neck was broken and his face badly cut and covered with blood. He is supposed to have fallen downstairs.

The handsome summer residence of E. R. Machum at Molokotoo, near Westfield, was totally destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$3,500. Mr. Machum carried \$2,000 insurance on the house and \$400 on the furniture in the Law Union and Crown, of which he is the agent. The fire broke out about three o'clock in the afternoon. An engine has been at work during the last two or three days near the house drilling for water and it is thought that the conflagration was the result of a spark from it which had fallen beneath the house.

At a special meeting of the Dalhousie town council held Friday evening, a resolution was unanimously adopted, asking for a vote of the ratepayers to take place on the 17th inst. for the power to issue debentures for the sum of \$57,000 to place a water system by gravitation from McNish's Brook, a distance of two and a half miles from the town.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Methodist Church.—Rev. Dr. Rogers will preach his farewell sermons tomorrow. An able preacher, much esteemed pastor and good citizen, his removal from Fredericton will be generally regretted.

Salvation Army.—The meetings at the Salvation Army Sunday will be conducted by Captain J. Donovan who just arrived home from Bermuda. The captain has worked for over two years on the Island, being at every corps there and has a good experience of our work in that place. Come one, come all. All are welcome.

St. Dunstan's R. C. Church.—8.30 a. m., low mass, catechetical instructions. 10.30 a. m., high mass, sermon. 7 p. m., vespers and benediction.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—The service at this church will be held at 7 p. m. There will be no morning service.

All Saint's church, Marysville.—Morning service at this church at 10.30 a. m. There will be no afternoon service this Sunday.

RACES DON'T PAY.

Betting has been stopped at Rockingham Park and Track May Close.

Rockingham Park, the new race track built at Salem, N. H., by John A. Drake and Andrew Miller, and said to be one of the finest in the east, having cost a fortune to build this spring, closed on July 4, instead of running until July 21.

The same disease which afflicted the Washington Park track, which ended its existence, as attacked Rockingham park, namely, stopping betting in the big ring. For two days the track at Salem tried to operate without betting when officials of the state put an end to the gambling ring. As was the case at Washington park, as soon as that end of the game was killed the public had no desire to attend and on Saturday, at a time when a big crowd was naturally expected, less than 300 people were on the grounds and probably only half of those represented paid admissions. The directors were naturally discouraged and called a meeting at which it was agreed to close the track on July 4, providing they could get the sanction of the Jockey Club, which granted the dates to run from June 28 to July 21.

Horsemen gathered in the secretary's office after the last race had been run and "wanted to know." The stewards couldn't tell them much, but John A. Drake and Andrew Miller made short talks in which they said they would be willing to stand the expense for the horsemen in shipping wherever they wanted to go, but that it did not look as if they could run the meeting out. John A. Drake who shipped all his horses from the east to Rockingham park, said that he was a big stockholder in the new track, but that he would be willing to sell his interest for two cents on the dollar. Mr. Miller told the owners that without betting the venture would be a losing game and that they had concluded to close on July 4. He was sorry to make such an announcement, but that inasmuch as the state officials had stopped betting naturally the public stopped attending and without someone there no meeting could or would be run. On the other hand, should the Jockey club decide that the meeting must run through the dates allotted, out of fairness to the horsemen who had shipped there and that the purses must be paid as announced in their books of the meeting, then the order will be obeyed and horsemen will run for the purses.

It has been announced that the Jockey club will insist that the meeting fulfill all its duties.

IMMIGRATION MENACE.

A grave danger in connection with our rapidly growing immigration is declared to be the admission into the country of the mentally defective. In a recent statement to the press Dr. T. W. J. Burgess, Superintendent of the Protestant Hospital for the In-

sane at Verdun says:

"I have recently completed our annual report for last year, and it shows that 113 out of a total of 190 insane patients received here during 1905 were natives of Canada, 48 were born in other portions of the British Empire and 49 were of foreign birth. Could there be a more striking commentary on the inefficiency of our immigration laws than this record, which shows over forty per cent of our admissions to have been of persons born outside of the Dominion of Canada?"

As a safeguard against the admission of such defectives and of all persons mentally or physically unfit to become desirable settlers, Dr. Burgess recommends that every immigrant should have a passport which would contain evidence of identification, of mental as well as of physical health and also of ancestry, as far at least as one generation goes. This

is in line with the suggestion which the Chronicle has made, namely that immigrants should be carefully inspected by officials of the Canadian government at the port of departure as well as at the port of arrival. With this double inspection in force the chances of undesirables entering the country would be reduced to a minimum. We cannot be too particular in this matter. Laxity in enforcing the laws is a menace to the future of the Dominion.

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