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THE LATE DR. STOCKTON.

Death continues to make serious inroads on New Brunswick's prominent public men, the latest to succumb being Dr. A. A. Stockton, Conservative M. P. for St. John who passed away at Ottawa this morning after quite a lengthy illness.

The record of this year includes Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. J. B. Snowball, Mr. J. L. Black, ex-M. P. P., and now Dr. Stockton.

The late M. P. for St. John has been a prominent figure in political life for many years, and was recognized as a gentleman of much ability, particularly on the platform and in the legislature and parliament in both of which he occupied a seat for some years.

A man of liberal education, genial presence, a mind well stored and trained, he easily took front rank among the public men of this province, and although he never attained to a position in the government, he exercised considerable influence in political affairs, and was highly regarded and esteemed among the people.

Originally he was a very strong Liberal and had he continued to act with that party he would have doubtless attained greater prominence than he achieved. He separated from his old friends at a time when their fortunes commenced to rise, and had he remained a Liberal, he might have occupied some of the leading positions in the political arena.

Dr. Stockton was a very scholarly man, and took a hearty interest in education, he was a clever lawyer, an astute politician and personally enjoyed a large measure of popularity. In political leadership however, he lacked some essentials that made for success, but even those who were opposed to him will drop a sympathetic tear at his death, and remember only the many excellent features of his personality, his life and public career.

A RAILWAY PROPOSITION.

The people of the St. John River Valley have had their hopes raised so often with the prospect of railway communication through the country embraced between Woodstock and Westfield, only to see them rudely dashed, that they will demand something more substantial than promises before again becoming aroused at the probability of obtaining the much desired facilities.

The decision of the federal government to locate the Transcontinental Railway by the back route is a disappointment to the St. John Valley residents, but there will be compensation if a scheme now being discussed by public men should eventually materialize.

The matter came up in the legislature Thursday afternoon and the great need of a railway down the St. John valley was admitted by both the premier and the opposition leader, and Hon. Dr. Pugsley went so far as to declare that as leader of the government he was prepared to entertain and seriously consider any reasonable proposition to provide the very necessary line of railway.

The Premier suggested as one solution of the difficulty, the extension of the Intercolonial railway from Fredericton to Westfield and Woodstock, and the proposition is one which is well worth discussing and urging on the attention of the authorities.

The route has been surveyed and surveyed until every farm along the route has been driven with engineers' stakes, but the people are still without the railway and it is now up to the politicians to come forward with some practical scheme to solve the difficulty.

Spectious promises, surveys and the like will not suffice. The country urgently requires railway communication. It embraces one of the most fertile sections of New Brunswick with a large population and the facilities for great development if the needed railway facilities are furnished, and it is hoped that before the present sessions of the legislature and parliament are concluded some advanced, practical step will be taken to meet the wishes of the people.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

New Brunswick Will Receive Increase of \$180,000 a Year from the Federal Government.

Ottawa, March 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night gave notice of an amendment to the B. N. A. Act, concerning the scale of payments to be made by the Dominion to the several provinces.

The amendments asked for are as follows:

(a) Instead of the amounts now paid hereafter payable yearly, by Canada, to the several provinces, for the support of their governments and legislatures to be, according to the population, and as follows:

(1)—Where the population of the province is under 150,000, \$100,000.

(2)—Where the population of the province is 150,000, but does not exceed 200,000, \$150,000.

(3)—Where the population of the province is 200,000, but does not exceed 400,000, \$180,000. (This includes New Brunswick.)

(4)—Where the population of the province is 400,000, but does not exceed 800,000, \$190,000.

(5)—Where the population is 800,000, but does not exceed a million and a half, \$220,000.

(6)—Where the population of the province exceeds 1,500,000, \$240,000.

(b) Instead of an annual grant per head of population, now allowed, the annual payment hereafter to be at the same rate of 80 cents per head, but on the population of each province, as ascertained from time to time by the last decennial census, until such population exceeds 2,500,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head for so much of said population as may exceed 2,500,000.

(c)—An additional allowance to extent of \$100,000 annually, for ten years to the province of British Columbia.

THE INCREASED SUBSIDY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice in parliament, of the terms of the proposed amendment to the Confederation act for the purpose of readjusting and increasing the amount of federal subsidies to be paid annually to the various provinces.

The terms extended to New Brunswick are very gratifying and show an increase of \$50,000 a year over the amount at first announced as coming to this province.

The revised sum is \$180,000 a very substantial increase to our revenues, and one which will enable the local government to make much more liberal provision for the public services.

The local government is entitled to the hearty thanks of the people for New Brunswick for the persistent and successful manner in which they urged the increased subsidy.

It was largely through their efforts that the interprovincial convention was called at Ottawa, resulting in the readjustment and increase of the subsidies to all the provinces.

Hon. Messrs. Pugsley and Tweedie pushed the matter with all the zeal and energy at their command, and received little but sneers from the opposition, but the government and its friends now have the satisfaction of realizing that the campaign for the increased subsidies has borne excellent fruit.

One result of New Brunswick's increased revenue will be an advance in the teachers' salaries and other services needing greater assistance will doubtless receive consideration. The time has arrived when the capacity of the University of New Brunswick should be increased. Technical education is demanding recognition, and thus can be obtained by the addition of new departments to the university and otherwise extending and strengthening that institution.

A WISE CHANGE.

Evidently it is the intention of the legislature to restore to St. John the old ward system for civic elections. The bill to that end has the recommendation of the municipalities committee and will doubtless pass the house. In principle and practical effect the measure is what was wanted, and it is hoped that Fredericton too, will soon secure the same kind of legislation.

All the arguments used in support of the St. John bill apply with equal force to this city. The plan of electing the aldermen by the vote of the whole city, adopted here some years ago has proved a huge mistake which should be rectified at the earliest possible moment. The city council has steadily deteriorated in its representative character since the change was made. Good men who might be induced to offer their services in civic affairs, absolutely refuse to enter a contest in which it is necessary to canvass the whole city for election, and on election day under present conditions, it is possible and indeed the common practice for election heeled to make combinations, that will defeat the best men who may offer.

CURRENT COMMENT.

An increase of \$180,000 a year in the federal subsidy for New Brunswick is not to be sneered at. The government that secured it will receive full credit from the people of the Province.

What will come of legislative talk with respect to a St. John Valley railway?

The death of Dr. Stockton will necessitate a federal bye election in the City and County of St. John.

Death is said to love a shining mark, and it is creating havoc among New Brunswick's prominent men.

The late Dr. Stockton was one of the keenest, most polished and eloquent speakers who ever occupied a seat in the legislature of this Province. His addresses often had a strong literary flavor and he was always heard with attention and interest.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co., has lost two presidents within the past few weeks by the death of H. A. G. Blair and Dr. A. A. Stockton. The late Mr. J. L. Black, ex-M. P. P., who died a few days ago at Sackville, was a director of the Company.

Three members of parliament have died at Ottawa within a few days, Mr. Cochrane of East Northumberland, Ont., Mr. Martin of North Wellington, Ont., and Dr. Stockton of St. John. Since the present session opened the death also occurred of Mr. Charlmagne Laurier, M. P. for L'Assomption and half-brother of the premier.

The opponents of Fredericton's sewerage plans threaten all kinds of things because of their defeat on the legislative vote, but what they promise is not likely to happen. Under the vote Fredericton has been told that it may proceed to the completion of its sewerage system and all that is necessary to give the specific authority is the passage of a bill embodying the principle of the resolution passed by the house. The same majority that carried the resolution will see to it that the necessary measure is enacted, and the work will proceed to a finish, as originally planned.

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