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PREMIER ROBINSON.

The reception with which Hon. C. W. Robinson, provincial premier, was greeted at Norton is an evidence of the enthusiasm that will be shown wherever that worthy gentleman appears.

Mr. Robinson, although in public life for some years, has not been one to exploit himself to win personal or political applause.

He is not of the spectacular make-up that delights in flattery and the display of fireworks, but is a level-headed, well balanced gentleman of clean reputation and excellent ability, and when the people of the province have an opportunity of getting better acquainted with him they will discover and applaud his fine many bearing, his practical appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of his position and his ability to perform the work committed to his care.

Although young in years, Premier Robinson has had quite a wide political experience, and is regarded as one of the most promising men in the younger school of Canadian statesmen.

As far back as 1896 after having served his native city of Moncton as alderman and mayor he came prominently before the public as the Liberal candidate in Westmorland against Mr. H. A. Powell, and came within fifteen votes of defeating that gentleman in spite of the heavy expenditure of money to elect the Tory nominee. The constituency had gone Tory in several elections, and was regarded as a safe Tory seat but Mr. Robinson's great personal popularity and his effective campaigning broke the back of the Tory party in Westmorland and led the way to its subsequent redemption by the Liberals in 1900.

In the meantime Mr. Robinson had entered in legislature where his talents were soon recognized by his election as speaker, a position he most satisfactorily filled for a period of six years.

His accession to the government his appointment as provincial secretary and finally as premier were natural promotions, and recognized as deserved reward for the service he had rendered his party, and he is well equipped for the dignified and responsible position he has achieved.

Mr. Robinson is not only a good parliamentarian but as a platform speaker he has few equals in this province. He is always gentlemanly in the treatment of his opponents, but when occasion demands he is an aggressive, plucky fighter as the opposition will discover before they are many months older.

Nobody doubts Premier Robinson's sterling honesty, sincerity of purpose, ability, and devotedness to the duties of his position, and it is safe to say that as leader of the government he will make a record that will not only reflect credit on himself, but will be satisfactory to the country which will be found expressing full confidence in him and his administration.

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

There is no subject of provincial interest that has been more persistently misrepresented by the local opposition than the government's connection with the Central Railway and the most malicious and untruthful statements have been made by Mr. Hazen and others to prejudice the administration in the matter.

In answer to Mr. Hazen's fiction, an article in another column quotes figures from the official records proving that the very statistics which Mr. Hazen uses in his public addresses are absolutely misleading and unreliable.

It is a wonder that the opposition leader can have the hardihood to present to the public figures which can be so easily shown to be incorrect by reference to the official record.

The Central Railway for which the opposition express such contempt, which they misrepresent and malign every time one of their orators gets upon his feet, was so valuable to Mr. Hazen's mind in 1906 that when responsible parties offered to lease it for 999 years at a rental representing three per cent. on every dollar of the province's investment in that road, the opposition leader and every member of his party voted in the legislature against accepting the proposition, yet they ask the people now to believe that the road is practically a valueless asset.

The government, with a patriotic

desire to develop the coal areas of Sunbury and Queens, and to give those counties efficient railway service, have endeavored to pull the road out of its difficulties, and are meeting with the success their enterprise deserves. The railway is being put in condition to develop the large traffic that awaits it, that has already increased enormously under the new conditions, and it is believed will sooner or later become a part of the Transcontinental railway, with a return of every dollar the province has invested in the work.

If we are to believe present opposition utterances, their policy would have been to abandon the road, throw it into the junk heap and thus not only sacrifice a property in which the province had a large financial interest, but shut out Sunbury and Queens from profiting by the development of the coal mines now assuming large proportions.

That, however, was not the disposition of the government which by taking over the road has protected the provincial treasury and made possible the progress and prosperity of the important section of the country traversed by this railway.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Rev. John Potts the eminent Methodist clergyman, died Wednesday at his home in Toronto, aged 69. He had been suffering from diabetes for twenty years.

The Tories of London, Ont., professed great anxiety for Mr. Hyman to resign his parliamentary seat there but now that it is vacant they have been unable to find a candidate and the contest is only a few days off.

As was anticipated by the Herald yesterday, Col. H. H. McLean has received the nomination of Sunbury-Queens Liberals for the House of Commons, the choice being unanimous.

Dr. Hetherington had strong support in the convention but declined to permit his name to be put in nomination.

Premier Robinson has evidently been reading about Fredericton's financial troubles and is able to take some satisfaction out of the fact that while his government were able to sell provincial bonds at 96, this city with its Tory Mayor who aspires to a seat in the legislature was offered only 85.

The Telegraph raises objections to the nomination of either Col. McLean or Dr. Hetherington in Sunbury-Queens, because they have been non-residents of the constituency, yet it is only a few days since the same paper applauded the nomination of Mr. A. R. Slipp in Queens for the legislature, although he resides in Fredericton. Speaking of non-residency, how long has the Telegraph's proprietor been a bona fide resident of New Brunswick, and how many years is it since the editor of the Telegraph returned from a lengthy residence in New York?

"In considering Mr. Borden's platform," said Mr. Fielding, at Halifax, "one is reminded of the story of the colored porter on the pullman car, who found some of his passengers standing on the platform outside, and advised them to go inside the carriage. Finding that they did not go he again spoke to them saying, 'gentlemen, you must go in, that's not what the platform is for.' One of them said 'Well, John, what is the platform for?' 'Well, you see, boss,' said the porter, 'platforms are only to get in on.' Mr. Borden is making pardonable efforts to get in, but his platform must not be taken too seriously."

HONORED THE PREMIER.

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Ottawa and yet remains there untouched. All this had been done through the policy of negotiating loans.

"When in Montreal recently," said the premier, "I was interviewed, and to the reporter I said that if New Brunswick should sell her public lands she could pay her debt many times over." That statement has been misconstrued, and from the Opposition press there at once arose the cry that the province was bankrupt. Such is not the case. Bankers who put out loans have every confidence in the sound financial condition of the province and put no credence whatever in the statements of the Opposition.

The premier, continuing, said that during the recent stringency in the money market, New York, Winnipeg, and Montreal all failed to sell their bonds. The city of Fredericton presided over by an Opposition candidate who was very bitter in his criticism of the government, could get an offer of only 85 per cent. for its bonds, whereas the province disposed of its bonds at 96 per cent. in St. John.

The present government had been called a "kindergarten government." He had to admit that he was young. (Laughter.) There were many young men in the administration, but also many possessing experience. If the government was in the kindergarten class, the Opposition was not fit to enter even that class.

Concerning the time of election, the premier said he was not prepared to say when that would be. From all appearances, however, he judged that when the time came the people of the province would give the existing government another lease of power and he felt confident that it would do its best to properly administer the affairs of the country. (Prolonged Applause.)

NEGOTIATIONS SUCCESSFUL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Negotiations between the C. P.

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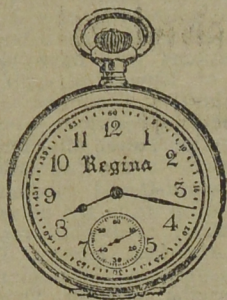
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The new schedule also provides for Saturday afternoon off without pay.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Not Much Rallying Power Shown on Montreal Exchange.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—The stock market showed little rallying power this morning, but continued feverish.

There was considerable buying in small lots by investors, but heavy buying was still kept down by the monetary stringency.

The market was essentially one for small traders, who are likely to remain a feature for some time.

Detroit opened at 38½, went off to 36½, and rallied to 37½.

Toledo, sold at 12 to 11½.

Dominion Steel sold at 17 to 16½.

Bell Telephone 121; Mexican 40½.

Montreal Power 88½; Twin City 85½.

Dominion Coal 42½; McKay pfd. 57½.

and Dominion Steel Bonds at 71.

MONCTON'S DOUBLE WEDDING.

MONCTON, N. B., October 17.—(Special.)—A pretty double wedding took place last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Bell, when their youngest daughter, Margaret, became the bride of Mr. Claude Abel, of the I.C.R., and their son, David, was married to Miss Clara Boudreau, Rev. H. Gratton Dockrell, pastor of the First Baptist church, performed the double ceremony.

SEPARATION PROPOSED.

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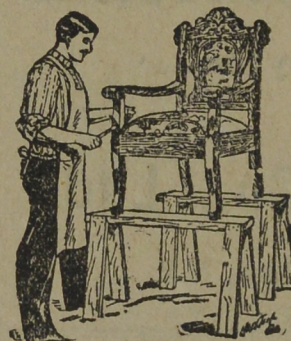
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