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THE NEW GOVERNOR.

The sudden and lamented death of Lieut. Governor Snowball called for some changes in the political affairs of New Brunswick, and these are being brought about without serious friction, and to the satisfaction of the great mass of the people.

The announcement on Saturday of Hon. L. J. Tweedie's elevation to governorship created no surprise, his accession to that exalted position being accepted as a natural and well-deserved promotion for a gentleman who for over thirty years has been conspicuous in the public affairs of this province.

That Lieut. Governor Tweedie will fill his new position with dignity and good judgment and tact is admitted, on all hands, and the Herald unites heartily with his numerous friends in wishing him success and happiness in the gubernatorial chair. In his successive positions of surveyor general, provincial secretary and premier he has shown marked executive ability, industry and force and after a strenuous political career will enjoy the calm atmosphere and dignity of his new position.

One satisfactory feature of the appointment is that the new governor is in the prime of life, a gentleman of physical strength and energy as well as mentally active, and while he may not meddle in the political arena, there are many ways in which he can assist in advancing the best interests of the province.

The force of his character and the prestige of his position may well be employed in many fields of activity, and if we judge the new governor aright, he will not be satisfied to become a mere figure-head, but an active agent in the advancement of his native country, in all that makes for its good.

PREMIER PUGSLEY.

The call of Hon. Dr. Pugsley to the Premiership of New Brunswick, is a part acknowledgment of the great public service he has rendered New Brunswick in various capacities during the past twenty-five years, and will be received with acclaim throughout New Brunswick.

In ability, in energy, industry and popularity no man stands higher in this province than the new premier, who had he asserted his claims on his party might long ago have attained to greater prominence in the public life of Canada.

His conspicuous ability long ago marked him as a gentleman well qualified to take his place with the leading statesmen of the country, but Dr. Pugsley has been content to fight in the ranks, while others have reaped from his sowing.

His friends, however, (and what man is there in public life in Canada today with more devoted adherents) rejoice that the time has arrived when Dr. Pugsley's ability and public spirit are partially recognized by his elevation to the premiership of his native province, and predict for him a successful and honorable career in that responsible position.

A gentleman of great attainments, a distinguished lawyer, an eminent politician, a man of advanced ideas, imbued with a desire to promote the best interests of the province, an astute leader, of high character and winning personality, Dr. Pugsley will doubtless prove himself one of the most popular and successful statesmen who has ever controlled the destinies of New Brunswick. He will receive a faithful and enthusiastic support in the legislature and throughout the country, and will lead his party to a signal victory in the general election which must take place within the next few months.

DESERVED PROMOTION.

Friends of the local government throughout the province and all who appreciate high character in our public men, will be pleased with the announcement that Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, the present speaker of the legislative assembly is to be called to the ministry, with a view to his becoming provincial secretary at the close of the session.

Mr. Robinson is one of the most popular and esteemed of the younger generation of New Brunswick politi-

GOV'T RECONSTRUCTION

Hon. C. W. Robinson Will Enter Ministry Without Portfolio, Later Becoming Provincial Secretary--
Mr. Osman for Speaker.

The reconstructed local government of New Brunswick, under the Premiership of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, will differ in personnel in only one particular, Hon. C. W. Robinson, the present speaker of the Assembly, succeeding Hon. L. J. Tweedie, but without portfolio, until the close of the present session, when he will become provincial secretary.

The new Premier will reach here tomorrow at noon from Montreal, in company with Lieut. Governor Tweedie.



HON. C. W. ROBINSON.
New Member of Government.

die, and may be able to announce his ministry to the House when it meets in the afternoon.

Mr. Robinson will likely be succeeded in the speaker's chair by Mr. Osman of Albert.

An Ottawa despatch says: "Hon. Lemuel J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick, was appointed lieutenant-governor of the province at Saturday's cabinet meeting. Mr. Tweedie will be sworn into office at Fredericton on Tuesday next.

Rodolphe Boudreau, clerk of the privy council, left last night for Fredericton. He will be there on Tuesday to administer the oath of office of lieutenant-governor to Mr. Tweedie.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, attorney-general, will be called on by the governor to form a new government. Just as soon as this is done the constitutional usage is that Mr. Pugsley can take whomsoever he likes as his colleagues, just in the same way as the governor can call upon any one he desires to form an

administration, a gentleman of excellent ability and with quite a wide experience in political life.

In the speaker's chair for two terms he has presided with dignity and success, and besides being a lawyer of ability he is a shrewd business man, and a worthy citizen in every respect.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Things are moving in New Brunswick political circles.

The North Shore captures the governorship for a second successive term.

The legislative session tomorrow will present some interesting features.

The Opposition leader will not be able to talk back to Mr. Tweedie the next time he addresses the legislature.

Governor Tweedie's last speech in the legislature was a eulogy on the late Governor Snowball, spoken on Monday last.

The Foresters of Canada will sincerely mourn the death of Dr. Orontytkha, whose services to the order have been of a most conspicuous and valuable character.

Tomorrow will be nomination day for the House of Commons in Victoria-Madawaska, and the probability is that Mr. Pius Michaud, Liberal, will be returned by acclamation.

The premiers of New Brunswick since confederation in 1867, have been: Hon. A. R. Wetmore, Hon. Geo. E. King, Hon. J. J. Fraser, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. James Mitchell, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Hon. L. J. Tweedie and Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

The Carleton Sentinel hoots the idea that Liberals of that county will be induced to support Messrs. Flemming, Smith and Munro for the legislature. The Liberals of Carleton are

administration. Had Premier Tweedie been retiring, and a governor in office to whom he would retire, he could recommend his successor, and the governor would have to give him a trial to form an administration. If he failed, the governor would then be free to do as he pleased.

It is pretty well understood that Dr. Pugsley will carry on the government as at present constituted, with as few changes as possible. A successor to Mr. Tweedie as provincial secretary will have to be appointed. The present speaker, Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, of Westmorland, will be taken into the government. For the present he will likely be without portfolio, but as soon as the session is over he will become provincial secretary.

It is not thought desirable for either side to have a political contest until the session is over.

Chas. J. Osman, of Albert, will, in all likelihood become speaker.

MR. ROBINSON'S CAREER.

Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, the new member of the government, was born near Moncton, Sept. 1, 1866 and is 41 years old. He was educated in the county of Westmorland and graduated with his degree of B. A. from the University of Saskatchewan in the class of 1886. For three years after that he was engaged as bookkeeper with a Moncton firm, but gave that up to study law with C.A. Steeves and his brother, the late A. L. Robinson. He afterwards studied with Hanington & Wilson in St. John, and was admitted an attorney in 1892 and barrister the following year. In 1892 he opened law offices in Moncton and in 1895 his fellow citizens showed their appreciation of his abilities by electing him to the town council. He filled the office of councillor for two years and in 1897 he was still further honored by being elected to the mayoralty by acclamation.

In the dominion elections of 1896 he contested the county of Westmorland with H. A. Powell, M. P., but was defeated by 15 votes. In the by-election for the local house 1897 he was a candidate for the same constituency when he was elected by acclamation. Hon. Mr. Robinson was re-elected in the general elections of 1899 and 1903. He was twice speaker of the house, having been elected to that important position in the third assembly, in 1901, and again in 1903.

Hon. Mr. Robinson married on Oct. 2 1890, Miss Annie M. Hinson, of Boringdon (Eng.), sister of Rev. W. B. Hinson, a former eminent Baptist clergyman of Moncton now of California.

In religion Hon. Mr. Robinson is a Methodist and in politics a sturdy Liberal.

not built that way. After the struggle they made to elect Mr. Carvill to parliament and redeem the constituency they are not likely to turn around and cut Mr. Carvill's political throat by aiding his enemies. Mr. Hazen's ticket will have to depend on the Tory party alone for support, and it will not be sufficient to return them to the legislature.

CURLING NOTES.

The regular monthly meeting of the curling club will be held tomorrow evening.

Moncton defeated Carleton on the latter's ice Saturday by 31 points, and the Thistles beat Moncton by 2 points.

The Thistles have decided that among the clubs challenging for the McLellan cup they will play Moncton first, probably on Thursday next. Later if they still retain the cup they will play Fredericton and Amherst in the order named.

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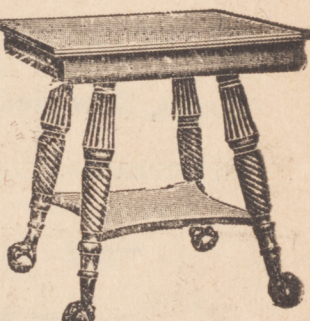
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