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NEW BRUNSWICK FINANCES

Premier Robinson, in an announcement, which he is able to make today, knocks the bottom out of the Tory falsehoods that the provincial financial condition is deplorable; and that the government is unable to make necessary loans for the retirement of outstanding debentures.

When the money market is tighter than it has been for many decades, when the bonds of such wealthy cities as New York and Boston go begging, and when commercial business of all kinds is feeling the stress of the scarcity of money, the Premier of this province is able to negotiate a loan at a figure less than five per cent., an accomplishment which gives the lie to the Tory campaign of de-traction, and misrepresentation. Another gratifying matter is the assurance that the increased federal subsidy will be paid from the first of last July, adding \$130,000 to the financial revenue every year hereafter. This, with the prospect of a largely increased return from the Crown lands, will give New Brunswick a larger revenue than ever before, and will amply provide for the various public services, including the increased aid to education, authorized at the last session of the legislature.

When Mr. Hazen and his organs declare that the province is bankrupt, when they say its credit is so poor that it cannot go into the money market and negotiate a loan at a reasonable rate of interest, they are grossly maligning New Brunswick, but evidently the financiers who have funds to invest, take no stock in the opposition falsehood campaign, are convinced that the province is wisely, prudently and economically governed, and have confidence in the solid character of its credit and financial responsibility.

CHANGED CONDITIONS

A cable from Pretoria, Transvaal, last week says that Premier Botha announced in Parliament that he would move a resolution authorizing the government of that colony to purchase the Cullinan diamond, valued at \$1,000,000 for presentation to the King, as a mark of the Transvaal's appreciation of its new constitution.

How times have changed. Less than ten years ago, Premier Botha and his Dutch fellow-countrymen of the Transvaal had bullets ready for King Edward's soldiers, but they have come to recognize that the best thing that ever happened to their country was its subjugation and annexation by the British Empire.

From a Boer general, leading an army against the British, Mr. Botha has become premier of the new British colony, with its system of self-government, under the generous British constitution.

The world has furnished few such remarkable conditions, which are possible only under British rule.

The Boers were not long in learning that the British people were their best friends, that British civilization and British rule is the most elevating and the most progressive.

A \$1,000,000 diamond tribute from the Boers to the British monarch. What a theme for moralists, who raved against what they called the unholy war in South Africa.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Speaker Sutherland, of the House of Commons, denies that he is seeking a cabinet position.

The many friends of Colonel Dibblee, of Woodstock, regret to learn of the serious accident which happened to him and hope for a speedy recovery.

Sometime Girl, the sensational trotter of the year, has been sold to an actress for \$30,000. The mare has a mark of 2.06 1/2.

The Moncton fire chief indignantly denies the assertion of a clergyman that the recent firemen's tournament in that city was "a dizzy, drunken bonnet hop."

Mr. Foster has been "a disappointment," says the independent Toronto News, "his usefulness is gone," and "his attacks have lost their cogency." Cruel, isn't it? but true.

The vice-regal party reached Charlottetown last night and to-day were tendered a hearty reception. His Excellency has now seen every province of Canada and has also inspected Newfoundland.

Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P. for North Lincolnshire, England, now in Canada, says the Liberal party in the British Parliament will cordially support Sir Wilfrid Laurier's "All-Red" line steamship project.

More than a quarter of a million new settlers in Canada for the year ending June 30. The Liberal government is doing something for Canada. In the last year of Tory government there were only some 25,000 new arrivals.

Miss Harriet Fraser, of Toronto, to whom the British Columbia government last week voted an annuity of \$600, in recognition of her late father's discovery of the Fraser river, did not live long to enjoy the gift. She died Monday at Toronto, aged 81.

Judging from the heat displayed by Woodstock editors in discussing politics, they must be under the impression that a general election is already on. Our brethren of the quill up-river town, will have ample time to cool off during the long winter that will intervene before the struggle at the polls.

Toronto News, (Ind.): The Tory leadership in New Brunswick seems to have drifted into the hands of Mr. Fowler, whose qualification is that he blurted out the personal scandal which drove Mr. Emmerson from office, and that he did that piece of work, which at the best, must be classed as a sort of political scavenging, not from public spirit, but to avenge references to his own business affairs.

Mr. S. D. Scott, who writes the Tory syndicate letters from Ottawa, is much distressed at the decadence of the Liberal government, and sees nobody in sight fit to occupy places formerly filled by the late Mr. Blair, Mr. Emmerson and others. Yet when Mr. Scott was in New Brunswick journalism his pen was eternally dipped in gall to discredit Mr. Blair's ability and personality, and to represent Mr. Emmerson as no good. Perhaps Mr. Scott, who writes more political fiction than truth, might find a fruitful theme in the decadence of his former idol, Hon. George Eusless Foster, of land deal fame.

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All persons therein assessed are hereby notified that they will be entitled to a discount of five per cent. on the amount of their respective taxes, if the same be paid to the City Treasurer, at his office in the city hall, Fredericton, on or before the 20th day of August next, after which date executions will be issued, and 50 cents costs incurred on all taxes remaining unpaid after the said 20th day of August.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that there will be no extension of time this year.

Dated at the Office of the City Treasurer this 15th day of July, 1907.

ISRAEL R. GOLDING,
City Treasurer.

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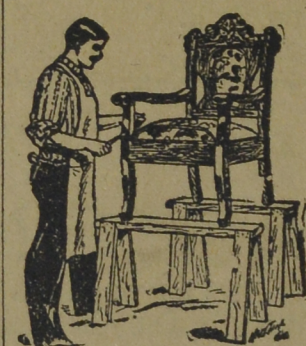
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