

THE ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Dr. McInerney, the Mover, was Rather Vitrollic for a New Member---Mr. Sproul Used Much Better Judgment.

In moving the address in the legislature Thursday afternoon, Dr. McInerney among other things said when he considered the long list of able sons of New Brunswick, who had filled this duty in the past, he felt considerable trepidation in accepting the honor conferred upon him by the Premier on this occasion. He congratulated the people of the province that they had then exercised their rights and had given their votes in accordance with their conscience, and he believed in the best interests of their native province.

Referring to the matters touched upon in his Honor's speech, he said that the school book question, which had been so much in issue in the late campaign, was very properly a subject for consideration by the legislature. He was glad to know that progress was being made towards securing cheaper books for the people, and he hoped the time would soon arrive when even the poorest people might find it easy to supply their children with the necessary books.

The proposal to increase the powers of the Auditor General and make him an independent officer, removable only for cause by a two-thirds vote of the legislature, was he thought, entirely in the best interests of the province. He would then be in a position to prevent the dangerous over expenditures which we have been led to believe had occurred in the past. The new highway legislation proposed, was in accord with the pledges made during the late campaign, and also entirely in the best interests of the country people. The Act which was now in force spent largely of our money and gave us the worst roads in our history of the Province.

He felt that the House and the people of the province generally would be glad to know that the agricultural interests were to have special attention. He thought that upon the wisdom of the agricultural and immigration policy of the government depended very largely the success of the province. Agricultural production was the basic rock of prosperity, and the province felt the need of a policy which would develop this production to its utmost. In the past, a few spasmodic efforts before elections had been made, but these died out as soon as elections were over, and the policy left the wounded snake, dragged its slow length along. He then referred briefly to the appointment of Hon. Mr. Barnes by the late government first to a seat in the Executive Council and then when he had brought ridicule upon his colleagues by his famous pronouncement that Japanese labor should be brought into the country to work the coal mines of Miramichi, they had to drop him, but gave him a small reward, a public office worth \$2,000 per year. Needless to say, not only had the hon. gentleman come to his political death, but the office also was no more. He thought, however, that their might be an immigration policy inaugurated by the government which would bring this fair province settlers from England, Scotland and Ireland, well fitted to work out a common destiny here and help us in building up the prosperity of the province.

An investigation into the affairs of the Central Railway was due the people of the province and the government was certainly to be commended for moving in the matter at the earliest possible moment. This railway had grown to be almost an octopus and in its tentacles had apparently held the whole personnel of the late government. The people had a right to know where this money went. If suspicions that it had been spent upon the road proved correct, the matter should be probed to the bottom. When this matter had been settled, the question of either the extension of the road to Gibson or its disposal to some corporation that could run it at a profit would be before the government.

Another matter, which should be looked into was the guaranteeing of the bonds for the New Brunswick Coal Storage Company. Apparently here, there has been something wrong for it has been discovered that the only had the full amount of the bonds under the Act guaranteed for this institution.

Institution, but a guarantee of thirty thousand additional had been promised. This fact was carefully hidden from the people of the province and it was not until the promoter of the scheme, a high official at Ottawa, came down demanding with brazen audacity, ten thousand dollars additional to that already secretly promised, that the truth came out like a bolt from the blue.

He warmly approved of the reference to the visit of the Governor General and Lady Grey to the province. His Excellency had been, and was a true patriot, and his work in Canada in endeavoring to encourage all our creeds and races to live together in harmony in the cause of nation building, was patriotism and public service of the highest order.

He believed that Canada today was the highest jewel of the British crown. Our laws were the growth of the peoples' education and intelligence and promoted development and harmony. The physical characteristics of our country were unequalled. We had rivers which would float the navies of the world; we have lakes of exceptional beauty, we had

view, and I hope that the government will devise some scheme by which the money, which will be provided, may be used in assisting agriculture, and not be frittered away in the salaries of useless officials.

In conclusion, I should simply like to say in the words of the speaker, that the House will give its careful attention to the measures which will be introduced for the welfare and prosperity of the province.

Mr. Robinson moved the adjournment of the debate.

On motion of Mr. Hazen, the debate was made the order of the day for today.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Hazen Rev. Mr. McConnell was appointed Chaplain of the House.

On the motion of Mr. Hazen, the following were appointed a committee to nominate all standing committees: Hon. Mr. Hazen, Hon. Mr. Fleming, Hon. Mr. Grimmer, Messrs. Robinson and McKeown.

Hon. Mr. Fleming submitted the return of the votes polled in the different counties during the recent elections.

Hon. Mr. Fleming presented the returns of the bonded debt of the counties of Albert, Charlotte, Kings, Kent, Madawaska, Queens, Restigouche, Simsbury, St. John, Victoria, Westmorland and York, the city of Fredericton, Moncton and St. John, and the towns of Woodstock, St. Andrew's, Newcastle and Shediac, the annual report of the accounts of the University of New Brunswick, of the Superintendent of the Provincial hospital, of the Inspector of schools, of the Auditor General of provincial accounts, and the report of the commissioner on the working of the Liquor License law in Prince Edward Island, and the working of the C. T. Act in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Hazen submitted Mr. Hubbard's contract for reporting the debates, and on his motion the official reporter was assigned a seat on the floor of the House.

Hon. Mr. LaBilloy inquired what arrangements had been made for publishing the debates in the French paper.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that no arrangement had yet been made. Adjournment.

HANSARD RESIGNS

Former St. John Lawyer Quits Civil Service and will Practice at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, April 30.—The public service of the Dominion has lost another of its young and brilliant officials by the resignation yesterday of H. H. Hansard, of his position as law clerk of the department of Railways and Canals.

It is Mr. Hansard's intention to enter into the practice of the legal profession in Ottawa. His long experience in railway matters naturally suggests his fitness for parliamentary and departmental work to which hereafter he will devote his entire energies.

Mr. Hansard came to Ottawa from St. John New Brunswick, a few years ago at the instigation of the late Hon. A. G. Blair. To his energy, industry and knowledge of railway matters is attributed the railway act as it exists today, and the construction of the board of railway commissioners. He is a graduate of Oxford University, and is conceded to be one of the best informed men in the Dominion upon railway matters. His resignation is regarded as a distinct loss to the public service of Canada.

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BEAR ISLAND.

April 27.—Samuel Boyle was through this neighbourhood buying beef cattle last week. He bought about all that were for sale.

The sugar making season is over most of the sugar makers have gathered in their spiles and kettles well satisfied with the season's run of sap and the prices received for sugar and honey. They have had the best sugar making season they have had for some years.

The young men from this place were all up to Isiah Moulson's to a wood splitting last week. They report having a very enjoyable time. Simon Manuel and family left their farm on the 10th for Vancouver, B. C., where they intend making their future home. The old house is now shut up for the first time in eighty years or more. For many years it was a celebrated hostelry, being the half way house on the eastern side of the river between Fredericton and Woodstock (when the daily stage used to cross the river at Burgoyne's ferry before the highway road was completed on the western side between Fredericton and Woodstock) and across again at Patches' ferry, about five miles below Woodstock. The grandfather of Simon Manuel was the proprietor and landlord of the hotel at that time, and it has been occupied by his descendants ever since.

The ice ran past here yesterday and we were glad to see it go. It did not make much fuss as the water in the river is very low for the time of year.

We are having some fine weather here just now which we appreciate after the very cold snap we have just passed through.

We are pleased to see Miss Blanch Ingram around again so soon after being operated on for appendicitis in Richard's Hospital, in your city a few days ago.

Some of the young men of this place have gone stream driving others have gone to look for jobs or work on the G. T. Pacific Railway.

Mose, the colored cook of a party of surveyors in eastern Texas, was greatly annoyed by the razor-back hogs that roamed around the camp. One evening while he was at the spring a particularly ravenous band of these "piny woods rooters" raised the cook's tent and ate up everything that was edible and some things that weren't.

For several moments after his return from the spring Mose could find no words to express his feelings. Wal, he finally exclaimed, de good Lawd subtainly knowed his business when he named haws 'haws'! Dey sho' is haws!

HER HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Heartrending Accident in a Westmorland Village.

SACKVILLE, N. B. April 30.—News has come here of a heart-sickening tragedy at Upper Rockport yesterday afternoon, whereby the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tower had the top of her head blown off through the discharge of a gun in the hands of her six-year-old brother.

The details are lacking, but it is understood that in the absence of the parents the boy took the gun from its place and in some way discharged it, striking his sister.

The whole top of the girl's skull was blown off and death was instantaneous. Coroner J. M. Baird will inquire into the accident.

THE DETAILS.

SACKVILLE, N. B. April 30.—(Special)—Fuller details have been received of the Upper Rockport tragedy, in which the three-year-old, Lona Tower was accidentally killed by her brother, two years older.

It seems that the unfortunate little girl and her sister were sitting side by side when their brother took their father's gun from its place behind the door. In some way the gun was discharged and the entire charge of shot entered the little girl near the eyes. A gaping hole large enough to admit an ordinary sized door knob was torn in the skull.

Cecil Baird, of Middle Sackville, coroner, viewed the body and made inquiry into the circumstances of the case and decided that no inquest was necessary.

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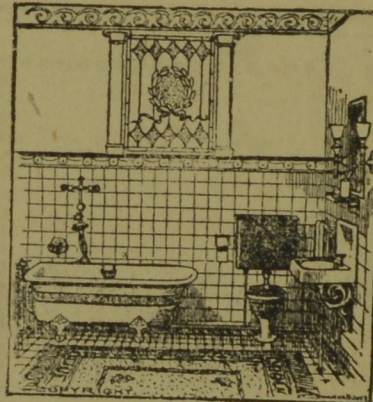
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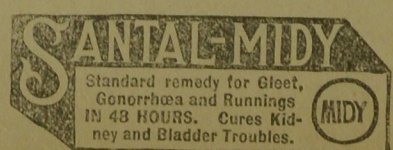
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