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NEW RAILWAY SCHEME.

A railway scheme of the greatest importance to Fredericton is before the legislature, and will no doubt be adopted. The Vanderbilt interests which have secured control of the Canada Atlantic railway and have acquired connection into Quebec, whence they propose shipping in the summer season the great grain products of the West, are desirous of atlantic seaboard terminus for the winter months. They have fixed in Louisburg, and the scheme before the house is to secure railway connections between Quebec and the Cape Breton port. They propose to come down the St. John valley to Fredericton, thence direct to Moncton, and on through to Louisburg up on their own lines.

The company ask for no subsidies from the province, and offer to put up \$100,000 security that they will carry out objects of their proposed charter within three years. The construction of the new line would put this city on a main continental line, and would be the greatest thing that has ever happened to Fredericton.

Details of the scheme are given elsewhere.

THE EXPIRING LEGISLATURE.

Although the term of the present New Brunswick legislature does not expire until June 1903, and it would be possible to hold another session, it seems to be the general opinion that dissolution will take place within the present year. The legislature now in existence and probably meeting for the last time, was elected in February 1899, after one of the liveliest contests witnessed in this province for a long time, and the Emmerson government was sustained by a most overwhelming majority, the opposition securing only five of the forty-six seats. Since then, however, a bye-election in Carleton and the transference of another member's allegiance from the government, have given the opposition two additional members, so that at present the parties stand: Government 38; Opposition 7; one government seat for York being vacant.

There have been quite a number of changes in the personnel of the House since the last election, an unprecedented number of bye elections having been held to fill vacated seats. These have occurred in Kent, Mr. Lagere one of the members having died, in Westmorland vacated by the death of Mr. Wells, in St. John county vacated by the death of Mr. McLeod, in Albert to replace Mr. Emmerson who resigned to sit in the Commons at Ottawa, in Kings (2) to replace Mr. White, resigned to run for the Commons in Sunbury and Queens, and for the reelection of Dr. Pugsley on accepting office; in Queens, on Mr. Farris accepting office in the government, in York to fill Mr. Gibson's seat vacated by his resigning to run for the Commons, and in Carleton (2) to replace Mr. Smith resigned to accept the Woodstock postmastership, and to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Carvell's resignation to contest the constituency for the Commons.

The new members elected in the bye-elections were Mr. Poirier of Kent, Mr. Copp of Westmorland, Mr. Ryan of Albert, Mr. King of Kings, Dr. Ruddick of St. John County, Mr. Allen of York and Messrs. Fleming and Appleby of Carleton. Of the ten bye-elections the government party carried all but one in Carleton. The vacant seat in York was caused by Hon. F. P. Thompson's elevation to the Senate. The new House in 1899 elected Hon. Geo. F. Hill as speaker;

he served two sessions until resigning to enter the government, and was succeeded by the present speaker, Hon. C. W. Robinson.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was premier in 1899, but resigned in the summer of 1900, and was succeeded in the premiership by Hon. L. J. Tweedie, and in the government by Hon. G. F. Hill. During the present term also, Hon. C. H. LaBillois exchanged from the Commissionership of Agriculture to that of public works and was succeeded by Hon. L. P. Farris in the former office, and Hon. H. A. McKeown entered the government without portfolio.

The members of the present legislature are as sturdy, intelligent and representative lot of gentlemen as ever sat in New Brunswick's legislative halls, and no government within the memory of the country ever enjoyed a larger support in the House than fell to the Emmerson and Tweedie administrations. That they have deserved the confidence of the House and country is abundantly evident on every hand. They have pursued a broad minded and progressive policy, and the affairs of the province have been economically and wisely administered, and the present government admirably led by Premier Tweedie, can with every faith in a favorable result, appeal to the electors of New Brunswick for a renewal of the verdict so emphatically given to Mr. Emmerson and his colleagues in February, 1899.

A POPULAR SPEAKER.

The members of the legislature, government and opposition, have nothing but good words to say of Hon. C. W. Robinson the popular and efficient Speaker of the assembly. Besides being well up in his duties in the chair, His Honor is extremely courteous and approachable, a gentleman of genial manners and pleasant address. Mr. Robinson is one of the rising young politicians of New Brunswick, and a distinguished career is undoubtedly open to him if he chooses to remain in public life. Although a young man he has already occupied Moncton's mayoralty chair, came within fifteen votes of being elected to the House of Commons in 1896 and was elected to the Legislature in 1899, succeeding to the position of Speaker of the House after two sessions as a private member. Mr. Robinson is an effective speaker, is thoroughly well posted in political matters, and the Herald will be very much surprised if he is not on the top rungs of the political ladder in a few years. Socially the Speaker is as popular as politically, and in this respect is very much aided by his popular wife who has made many warm friends in this city since coming here with her husband during the sessions of the House.

It is probable that the provincial premiers of Canada, who have all been invited to the King's coronation, will plan to go across in the same ship, making up a distinguished party. Premier Tweedie expects to visit Halifax shortly after prorogation of the Legislature to meet Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, and Premier Peters, of P. E. Island, and talk over plans for the trip. Quite a number of ladies will be of the party, including Mrs. Tweedie.

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