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able, far-seeing, cautious, possessed of vision, and withal, most human and approachable, not one who believes in much oratorical display, though there is none more eloquent when occasions require, but one who believes in going to the core of things and giving that effective personal service which tends so greatly to making the wheels of Government run smoothly, effectively and satisfactorily.

After all, it is the efficient and satisfactory administration of affairs the people look for, want, and have a right to expect; and the absence of adverse criticism during the past year is proof—if such proof is necessary—that Premier Stewart has gained the confidence and esteem, not only of the members of this House and the Conservative party, but the whole of the right-thinking people of this province.

I think it is only right and just to preface my review of the situation by this tribute to one who has so richly and deservedly earned it.

Coming to the Speech. We all concur in what His Honor says about our Ex-Governor Lord Byng. He is a soldier and a man, and what better distinction can anyone hope to earn?

In a most trying time in the history of this Dominion he never wavered, but acted as ably and as unflinchingly as he did at Vimy Ridge, where the Canadians gained undying fame for valor and victory with the odds overwhelmingly against them. History will yet record that in the crisis of 1926 at Ottawa the distinguished General and Constitutional Administrator added to his laurels once more that "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

We welcome the advent of the Right Honorable Viscount Willingdon as our new Governor General, and feel from his great reputation as an Administrator in other parts of the Empire, he shall prove himself to be the right man in the right place at this particular juncture in the progress and development of this Canada of ours.

We look forward with pleasure and expectancy to His Excellency's and Lady Willingdon's vice regal visit in July, and likewise to the more extended visit promised later.

Diamond Jubilee Confederation

In this year of Diamond Jubilee of Confederation we are pleased to know that this province has reason to be thankful for the measure of prosperity vouchsafed unto us, and recall that we were all ready to celebrate the Jubilee in 1914 when, alas! the declaration of war on the eventful day August 1914 brought all our arrangements to naught.

We have lived through trying times since then, but now feel—provided nothing 'gangs agley'—we shall enter into the coming celebration with greater zest and enthusiasm than even we were prepared to do in 1914.

In this connection it is not out of place to mention that we have in our midst in the person of Mr. J. E. B. McCready, the only living person who took an active part in the first Confederation Parliament. We are proud to have him in our midst and trust he will be long spared to wield his mighty pen in the best interests of this province and the Dominion he loves and has served so well.

Duncan Report

It is our earnest hope in common with the other Maritime Provinces that the Duncan Report will be implemented in full at the present session of the Federal House.

We have reason to believe that the Maritime representatives of both parties are a unit in demanding that the fair and equitable recommendations be given effect to immediately. And from recent interviews I had with certain of the authorities at Ottawa, lead me to believe that they are in earnest in their determination to see that justice is done us at this time.

In this connection it is only fair that I should give a word of praise for the manner in which the case for this province was handled before the Commission.

I am making no breach of confidence when I tell you that I have it on the authority of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan himself that the case for this province was more successfully prepared and more effectively presented than that of the other provinces, and the Commission had less trouble in finding the data and other grounds on which our case depended. Another tribute to our Premier, which would be a failing in my duty were I not to put on record at this time.

Agriculture: I have already referred generally to the prosperity of the year, especially Agriculture, and this brings me to an expression of regret regarding the loss which the province sustained through the resignation of the Minister of Agriculture in the fall. The Hon. Mr. Myers is undoubtedly one of the most prominent public men in the province at the present time possibly the most gracious and effective orator on the public platform since the days of Senator Ferguson.

As an Agriculturist, he is sans pareil; and being so intimately acquainted and thoroughly versed in all matters pertaining to Agricultural education and public health, it was a matter of small wonder that these Departments under his administration reached a high point of efficiency, seldom equalled and never excelled in the history of the province. The successes achieved in this connection in every branch of the Service was due largely to the acumen and enthusiasm of Mr. Myers in the discharge of his duties as Minister.

We regret his resignation, but feel that we may yet be favored from his services to even a greater extent, for he is still a comparative youth and with practically the world of politics before him.

Fur Farming

Specific reference has not been made to the fox industry in the Speech from the Throne, it now being taken for granted that fox breeding and raising is part of our Agricultural resources.

The year that has just gone has been wonderfully prosperous so far as fur production is concerned, and the total returns in the industry reached to no less amount than Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000). As the industry is now on a pelt basis, fur farmers can now count on an assured revenue, free from the uncertainties of the first years when a fortune might be made in one year and a fortune lost the next.

Today the fur farmer who attends to his ranch and breeds according to scientific methods will reap his reward in profitable returns, both in live stock and pelts.

The export of live foxes the past year was equal to 1925, and the demand is for the highest possible type of animals, capable of producing specimen furs for the fur trade. Of this export 1,600 were sold in Canada, 2,300 to the United States and over 400 to Europe, making about 4,500 actually shipped, besides 1,352 shipped between points on Prince Edward Island.

With the general knowledge now being gathered, both in the breeding and care of same, a general improvement is looked for in the entire industry, and I feel certain that this industry is a permanent revenue producer to our province.

Women's Institutes

We all note with satisfaction the increased part the ladies are taking in public affairs, especially as represented by the Women's Institutes.

When I was in Toronto recently I met one of the officials of the Department of Agriculture there, and he informed me that the women constituting our Women's Institutes were on an average of a higher grade of business capacity than he had found in any other part of the Dominion, not excluding Ontario.

High praise indeed, but we have reason to know, thoroughly deserved.

Fisheries

I am sure everyone will be pleased to see the attention the Government has been giving to the development of our Fisheries. It has always been my contention, coming as I do from one of our principal fishing centres—Rustico—that Prince Edward Island should be the active centre of Fisheries in Canada, and that Charlottetown should be a second Grimsby, the metropolis of the fish industry.

To bring this about it is necessary to educate the people to its possibilities, for here, as in other matters, knowledge is power; and with the power and possibilities to develop there must be a great future for this, our second basic industry. I am glad to see that a beginning has been made with technical education, and I think it is a wise move to bring scientists here to deal directly with the fishermen.

What our Fisheries want, and the Dairy Industry had, and who set it on its feet. Let the Federal Government send us a practical man with scientific knowledge, such as Professor Robertson possessed, and it will not be long before Prince Edward Island becomes the great Fishery centre of the continent.

Vision is required for the realization of the practical dream, and I am proud to say that Premier Stewart has proved himself a man of vision in this respect.

I hope he and his Government will continue their efforts as promised, to put our Fisheries in the same catagory as Agriculture for Dominion assistance in development.

Grants

I need refer only briefly to the efforts the government has made for a continuation of the Road Grant for a further period and for the inclusion of Agriculture as an industry to benefit from the technical education Grant. We all value the good roads we now enjoy and look forward to their being maintained and extended so as to cover the whole province.

A further vote for this purpose by the Dominion Parliament is essential, and let us hope the united appeal of the Provincial Premiers will be responded to this session by the Government at Ottawa.

Premier Stewart has been indefatigable in his efforts to accomplish both purposes, and I am pleased to learn that his efforts are to be crowned with success. When we consider what the present Government has accomplished and what is on the eve of being accomplished, compared with what was done by others, we cannot but marvel at the industry, perseverance and eternal vigilance of the man at the helm, who has let no opportunity slip which could be turned to the Province's advantage.

I need not refer to the Grant obtained from the Canadian National Railways in lieu of Taxation, as that being a money matter will more appropriately be dealt with when the Budget is brought down; but I cannot help in passing remarking on the ability of Premier Stewart in handling this matter in conferences and interviews with the other Maritime Premiers and the Railway authorities, taking it up carefully long before the inter-Provincial Conferences were held. I know that credit is being claimed by others for this accomplishment, but there can be no doubt in the minds of those who know that it is to Premier Stewart that credit is due for initiating the Claim and pressing it to a successful issue.

The Premier, as I have said before, is a man of few words, but what is far better and to the point, —he does things; and deeds not words are what tells in the long run.

The Forty Thousand additional revenue in lieu of Railway Taxation speaks louder than words in favor of Premier Stewart's administrative ability.

Education

As an old teacher, I am heartily glad, and I am sure all teachers, parents and others interested in education are delighted to learn that a move has been made to improve and cheapen school books for use in common in the Maritime Provinces.

Education is the most important matter the Government has to deal with, and the best books are the important means to that end.

The cooperation wanted in this matter by Premier Stewart is certain to reach as successful an issue as the other movements he has fathered. And we all feel proud that we have a Leader and a Premier whose watchword is 'progress,' not only along one particular line but along all lines for the common good of the province and its people, both in the present and for the rising generation.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, when first I undertook to move this Address I thought I could do so in a speech a record for brevity, but when I went into the matter I found myself moving along at a rate I could not have anticipated possible, and I am not half done doing justice to the terms based on the text of the Speech from the Throne put into my hands; but I must conclude, and in doing so would voice the general sentiments everywhere heard expressed in the province, that we have a government of which to be proud, a record of achievement by that government to government in further acts of accomplishment which will make us be proud of, and a future for that all prouder still and redound to the undying credit of Premier Stewart and his colleagues.

I have much pleasure, Mr. Speaker, in fromally moving the adoption of the Address.

Mr. J. Howard MacDonald in seconding the reply to the Speech from the Throne, expressed his pleasure and honor he experienced on being called upon to reply to the address.

From his experience, he said, we could safely assure His Honor that the duties would be carried out as in past parliaments.

He referred briefly to the retirement of Lord Byng, the illustrious soldier who endeared himself to all Canadians. While we regret his departure, he said, The Mother Country, gave in his stead a man who will uphold the reputation of past Governor Generals in the person of Lord Willingdon.

He referred also to the Diamond Jubilee. It was gratifying, he said, to receive on the eve of the celebration, readjustment of the claims of the Province.

He reviewed the work done by Premier Stewart—his activities and endeavors in the interest of the Province—his initiative in calling together the Premiers of the Maritime Provinces to discuss the Maritime Claims which finally resulted in the Duncan Commission. He said that Sir Andrew Duncan expressed the tribute that the claims of Prince Edward Island were presented better than those of any of the other Maritime Provinces.

He highly complimented the Department of Agriculture for the support, co-operation and help given by the Department to the farmers of the Province.

The people of the Island, he said, are more contended today than four years ago. Many who spent some time in the United States were sifting back to this prosperous Island again.

The Disease Free Area created by the Government, was being well looked after. He was pleased to note the area was being kept free from disease.

It was disappointing to him to see that farmers have gone out of the raising of horses. Some years ago the Island was famous for its fine horses. Some few years ago prices for horses went down, and the raising of horses slumped. He contended that this was a branch of farming which should be kept up. The carloads of horses coming from the Western Provinces cannot compare with the island bred horses and furthermore they cannot stand the climate here.

He referred also to the cutting out of the grant for bulls. The system of Bull Clubs was a great advantage to agriculture here, he stated.

The Women's Institute was one of the greatest things, said Mr. MacDonald, we have. He treated of the social suggestive and educative advantages of these Institutes.

He dealt with the expense of school books to the poor. He congratulated the Government for the move to cheapen the school books of the province.

In regard to Public Works, he paid compliments to the Minister of Public Works. The movement of the heavy potato crop was greatly facilitated by the patrol system of the Department. In this matter as in all matters the Government was always open to suggestions and advice.

One thing in the Speech he was pleased to note, was that some attention was being given to the fishing of the province. Attention by the Government to the hard-working fishermen was a move which would greatly be appreciated.

(A more extensive report of Mr. McDonald's address will appear later.)

Mr. A. C. Saunders, the Leader of the Opposition followed Mr. McDonald, and in the course of his remarks on the Draft Address said that he congratulated the mover and seconded (Mr. McLure and Mr. McDonald) on their splendid eulogy of the Premier and the Government but added that before he got through he would be able to show that the praise given the Premier was entirely fictitious, especially that in regard to the Premier securing the $40,000 Railway Grant and that in regard to Duncan Commission.

He heartily concurred with the mover and seconder on what they had said in reference to the first five paragraphs of the Speech. Canada was most fortunate in having such worthy representatives of His Majesty as Lord Byng and Governor-General Willingdon. In referring to the Diamond Jubilee of Canada he hoped that proper celebration would be formed here.

He criticized the encomiums given to the late Minister of Agriculture and deplored the fact that the Island, whose basic industry is agriculture, had been since December last without a Minister.

He said the people are anxious to know what relief they were to get from the burdens of taxation, and decried the lack of any mention of possibilities or probabilities of reduction of taxation in the Speech from the Throne.

He objected to the credit given Premier Stewart and Conservatives in regard to the obtaining of the Railway Grant and Duncan Report and stated that the activities of the Liberals were instrumental in the obtaining of those boons.

In speaking of taxes, Mr. Saunders, said that the Conservatives took off the poll-tax but substituted a gasolene tax and endeavored to increase the land tax. He informed the House that one plank of the Liberal platform in the coming election is the reduction of the auto tax, and the intention of making a revision of taxes.

He severely criticized the Premier for the announcement at a banquet what should have been referred to in the Speech from the Throne.

The hour of six having struck Mr. Saunders moved the adjournment of the debate until 3 o'clock today (Thursday.)

PRO. HOCKEY PLAYERS WILL CUT BIG MELON IN PLAY OFFS

Board of Governors of National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Series, Decides to Lift $25,000 Limit, Thus Players Will Get 45 Per Cent of Net Receipts – Radical Change in Rules May be Made.

NEW YORK, March 16. — Professional hockey players participating in the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoff series this season will cut a bigger player "melon" than ever before. Regardless of where the games are played, this year's "cut" promises to greatly exceed, if not double any previous play-off pool.

This was assured yesterday when the League's board of governors, meeting here to arrange the play-off dates, decided to life the $25,000 limit which previously has prevailed for the players' interest in the title series. Under the new arrangement, the players of the contending teams will get 45 per cent. of the net gate receipts for the first three games of the five-game series, this to be divided on a basis of sixty per cent. to the winners and 40 per cent. to the losers.

PLAY-OFF SCHEDULE

The play-off schedule arranged calls for home and home games between the second and third place clubs of each league section on March 29 and 31.

The winners of these series will then play the leading clubs of their respective divisions in a two game series. April 2, and 4, the winners of which will engage in a best three out of five games series for the Stanley Cup and the world's title. The first two games of the final championship series have been set for April 6 and 7.

PLAYING RULES

The meeting discussed the playing rules, and it was decided that no changes during the present season would be made.

However, the Board of Governors will select a committee to study this question, and the fans should not be surprised if next season they find the goalies with ten-inch pads and other players with shorter sticks. Both these talked-of changes are to weaken the defensive efforts of the teams, the first to give the goalies less chance of stopping shots and the second to eliminate the plethora of poke-check artists who at present are making the lives of opposing forwards miserable.

SPEED UP ATTACK

On the other hand, steps will, in all liklihood, be taken to speed up the attack. Kicking the puck and forward passing by a team in its own goal area are in line with the other changes which it is expected will be recommended by the to-be-formed rules committee.

In respect to the play-offs, it has been announced that should the Chicago Black Hawks clinch a place in the American section play-offs they will play their post-season games in the New York Madison Square Garden. The Coliseum, home of the Hawks, will be engaged by a six-day bicycle race at the time of the fianl series.

LONG AWAITED WESTERN SPECTACLE THRILLS CROWDS AT PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

At Strand Today—Noted Principals and Huge Cast Present Stirring Drama of 1876.

"The Flaming Frontier," the Universal Production now the attraction at the Strand Theatre, is a picture play that in addition to commemorating a great event in American history abounds in excellent acting in a story featured with a pretty romance, side-splitting comedy and situations that are as tremendous and thrilling as they are unusual.

The story is of the period of the early seventies and has for its big theme the wining of the West and the hardships and trials that beset the settlers of those days. It faithfully depicts the resentment of the Indians, the political intrigues at Washington and climaxes in a thrilling and spectacular reproduction of the Custer massacre. One of its very powerful touches are the scenes showing life at West Ponit in the period.

The all-star cast given this picture is one of the most evenly balanced that has been seen for some time. Edward Sedwick, who directed it, has made it a truly great American picture. Hoot Gibson, Universal's famous Western "ace," is cast in a most congenial role. Gibson is an army scout, and as such does some of his remarkable feats in the saddle. The picture also allows Gibson to show his versatility as, for a time, it takes him away from his horse and sets him down as a cadet at West Point.

Dustin Farnum is cast in the heroic role of General Custer and acquits himself with the ease and ability that has always marked his work on the stage and screen. Dainty Anne Cornwall, as the heroine, again shows that she is a great actress. Ward Crane is the "heavy" and, as usual, is smoothness personified. Kathleen Key makes an alluring vamp, though the vamp redeems herself at the end of the picture. Eddie Gribbon and Harry Todd provoke many a laugh by their clever comedy work.

Others in this great cast are Har Charles K. French, Noble Johnson, Harold Goodwin, George Fawcette, William Steele, Walter Rodgers, Ed. Wilson, and Joe Bonomo.

Aesops Fables. The mount of gold furnish the balance of the pictoral program. An excellent musical program by the Prince-Edward under the leadership of Mr. Wagner added greatly to the featured picture. This program will be repeated today at the Strand with an overtime of Irish Airs at intermission.

Sussex Colts Defeated in Final Contest By 5-2 Score on Water Soaked Ice Surface

KENTVILLE, March 16. —For the first time in history the Kentville Wildcats won the Maritime hockey championship when they trimmed Sussex Colts, 5 to 2 in a wild and hectic scramble here tonight. Water covered ice made the going tough and good hockey impossible. The new champions captured the series 13 to 5, a clear 8-goal margin. It was a tough battle and heavy checking and sensational net minding were big features.

Roach, the Sussex goalie, was the hero of the game. Time after time the Wildcats battered their way through only to have their shots blocked. He was badly injured in the third period, when he was struck in the face by a batted puck, but refused to leave the game, gamely taking his stand between the posts.

ROUSING RECEPTION

Sammy Murdoch, as usual, was the big star of the Kentville team. The elusive centre player carried the puck through the visiting team time after time to have his mates score as the result of his labors. For a visiting team the Colts were given a rousing reception and seemed to be prime favorites with the crowd.

In spite of heavy checking, few penalties were handed out, although several shady plays took place behind the referees' backs. The Sussex defense featured strongly in the blocking game, but appeared slow in checking the puck.

Hunter was the big man on the front line skating like a maniac and crashing the opposing players right and left. Harold Radcliffe, as usual, did the Sussex scoring netting both tallies. Wall played a fine game, poke checking his centre ice position.

A HOCKEY TOWN

Kentville was certainly a hockey town tonight and the festivities will continue Wednesday. Representatives of almost every hockey club in the three provinces attended the game arriving a day in advance for the annual meeting of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

Among the prominent officials of the Association present were Fred Kelly, of Charlottetown, president; Logan Barnhill, of Truro, secretary, and Frank Wilson, of Truro, past president and one of the mainstays.

MR. DOYLE ON HAND

S. F. Doyle, of Charlottetown, president of the Maritime Province Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union, is also here. He will attend the Hockey Association meeting here. He intends to have several important matters cleared up.

Lobby talk indicates a few fireworks before the adjournment is called.

President Doyle will leave at the conclusion of the annual meeting for Saint John, where he will devote his time to investigating and trying to straighten out the amateur situation there.

PRESENTED TROPHY

At the conclusion of the game President Fred Kelly, of the M. A. H.A., presented the Starr shield emblematic of the Maritime championship, to Sammp Murdoch, captain of the new champions. Sammy has received that shield so often that he will be thinking he owns it.

Although scoring one or two lucky goals, the Kentville team won on their merits and proved throughout the series that they were clearly the better team. It was no disgrace for the New Brunswick champions to lose to such a team and the province should be well proud of the plucky battle staged by the Colts against such a crack outfit.

Fort William Wins

REGINA, Sask., Mar. 16—Swamping the Weyburn Beavers by a 11 to 6 tally Fort William last night earned the right to journey west in search of further Allan Cup honors. The Forts won the two game series 20 to 7, having won the first match 9 to 1. The champions from the Thunder Bay League will meet the winners of the Alberta-British Columbia series.

Referees Will Be protected

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—According to the Evening World, the Board of Governors of the National Hockey League, at its meeting yesterday decided that any owner, manager, player or club attache who criticizes a referee publicly will be subject to a penalty of $500 or more.

Former Star Net Guardian to Play

NEW GLASGOW, Mar. 16.—Daddy Bubar, former star net guardian for the New Glasgow Colts, but who has been displaying his wares in Detroit this season, leaves for home tomorrow morning and should be here in time for the game this week between this year's Colts and the Colts that carried the blue and gold colors to provincial championship honors. With Bubar here the original team will be complete, and the fans felt none too good when the weather has been more suitable to baseball during the past week, took a turn towards cold, and indications pointed to there yet being ice for this much talked of game which is being staged for the Johnny Miles training fund. With the weather better and the announcement that Bubar was coming home, final arrangements for the game will be in all probability completed tomorrow.

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