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DIARY OF EVENTS

TODAY.

City Magistrate's Court, 9 p. m.
 Legislature, 3 p. m.
 Charlottetown Hospital Benefit,
 Prince Edward Theatre, 7 and 9 p. m.

HOUSE OPENED

The Provincial Legislature is now in session. The proceedings yesterday were, as usual, merely formal and consisted of the reading of the speech from the throne and the appointment of Committees.

Hon. Charles Dalton, who had been on a trip to the Pacific Coast, arrived, contrary to his own and his friends' earlier anticipations, just in time to be present at the opening. Mr. A. E. Simpson, the representative for St. Peter's, was also, to the great delight of his many friends on both sides of the House, present at the opening much improved in health although not yet fully recovered from the serious illness which prevented his attendance last year. Mr. John Richards, Leader of the Opposition, who, it was rumored a few days ago would likely be absent, was also in his place. Hon. John A. McDonald, who, as previously announced, is on a visit to the United States has not yet returned but is expected within a few days. Premier Matheson and Hon. John McLean, as our readers already know are in Ottawa and will likely be absent for a few days. Hon. W. S. Stewart is Acting Premier.

The regular business of the session begins this afternoon.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The advisability of introducing an old age pension scheme has been discussed in the Commons. The subject is one in which it would be difficult to seriously interest the people of a young and virile country like Canada and there is little disappointment over the fact that the motion for devising such a scheme was withdrawn.

In an old country like Great Britain the question is entirely different. Here where there are opportunities for everyone it would look like a lack of faith to accept the necessity for such state provision as old age pensions.

And yet the subject is one that will come up some day for serious consideration. It was introduced some two years ago and abandoned as premature. Its introduction at the present time was the natural outcome of the agitation concerning the high cost of living. With that cost within reasonable limits provision for old age, without any state assistance, is very generally assured. With living expenses so high as to narrow the margin between income and cost of living the question arises naturally as to ways and means for meeting the lean days of old age. However this condition has not yet arisen in Canada, and the high cost of living is being intelligently investigated. All intelligent measures tending to solve the problem of increased cost of living will help to solve the unwelcome question of old age pensions and it is hoped that the Commission now investigating the question will evolve recommendations which will get at the vitals of the question it has in hand.

Speaking on the motion for the introduction of a pension scheme Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, claimed that public opinion was not ripe for the establishment of old age pensions at the present time, and, in addition, the heavy expenditures which the country had to meet for important national undertakings made it inadvisable to assume the additional burden of seven or ten millions or more per year which an old age pension system would require. Mr. White, however, expressed sincere sympathy with the intentions of those advocating the system, and believed that the time would come when the question would have to be dealt with.

BIRTHS
 HUESTIS.—At Moncton, N. B., on March 9, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Huestis, a daughter.

DOIRON.—In Charlottetown on March 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Doiron, Chesnut Street, a son.

DEATHS

CARSON.—At her home in Chelton, on Tuesday, March 10th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Edward R. Pearson, aged eighty-four (84) years.

IT WILL NOT DOWN
 A painfully labored effort is being made by a portion of the Liberal press to make it appear that the bungling and incompetence in connection with the Transcontinental was not bungling and incompetence after all but an invention of the wicked Conservatives to discredit the Liberals. They are not all of one mind on the matter, however. The Winnipeg Tribune, an

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independent Liberal paper, the editor of which is Mr. R. L. Richardson, a former Liberal member of Parliament, sizes the situation up as follows:

"The entire report is such a record of incompetence, and dishonesty, and graft and loot that it ought to be sufficient to sink the country. Just what men like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Sifton, Mr. Graham, the then Minister of Railways, must think of the situation, would be interesting to know. Some of these men are still in public life, and others have retired, but they have certainly bequeathed a legacy to their country which should stand as a monument to their disgrace for the next century or two, until their names shall have rotted in oblivion. The appalling corruption and mismanagement in connection with this undertaking practically destroys it for all time as an asset to the Dominion. So enormously has the cost been enhanced, and so frightful will be the interest charges that it will be impossible to pay operating expenses, interest on capital, and wear and tear, afford to the settlers and passengers freight rates that are not prohibitory, and that could afford any relief to the burdened taxpayer. The whole enterprise has been so bungled that it would probably have been better if the Government had taken \$109,000,000 of the country's money and thrown it into the furnace for utter destruction."

When the Transcontinental project was before Parliament, Hon. W. S. Fielding, then Minister of Finance, stated, that the eastern division could be built by the Government for \$61,415,000. For this estimate he professed to have the authority of experienced railway men. The Opposition, under the leadership of Mr. R. L. Borden, warned the Government, and warned them repeatedly, that they were embarking upon the work with insufficient information. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply was that they had "mountains of information."

When the Conservative Government came into power it proceeded to clean up the stalls just vacated. A commission was appointed to examine in detail the construction of the Transcontinental. The thoroughness with which this investigation was conducted precluded successful concealment of the real facts in connection with the building of the Transcontinental. The Commissioners examined all contracts, estimates, plans and correspondence in the offices of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission at Ottawa, and went personally over the road in company with the engineers and other officials. They found that forty millions of dollars had been thrown away. They found that the Laurier Government had refused to stop the waste when they knew it was going on, that contractors had pocketed \$8,800,000 by the simple process of sub-letting, that in one case there had been a rake-off of \$740,000 with no work done at all, and that the railway, which was to have cost only \$61,415,000, was really costing the country the staggering total of \$234,651,521.

No amount of shuffling will wipe these figures off the slate. They are proved beyond question and the Liberal press is only stultifying itself when it attempts to belittle the colossal blundering, extravagance and worse than extravagance that is apparent in the whole history of the road.

The Sackville correspondent of a Montreal exchange says "During the recent severe spell of cold weather, when the Government steamers that perform the winter service between Pictou, N. S., and Georgetown, P. E. I., were hemmed in by heavy drifts of ice and prevented making the passage there was every indication that the operation of the car ferry between Cape Tormentine, N. B., and Cape Traverse, P. E. I., would be feasible enough, even in abnormal

winter conditions. While the heavier waters of the Straits were covered with huge floes that seriously menaced even navigation, by ice breakers, a steamer of the car ferry type would not have experienced great difficulty in forcing a passage through nine miles of water that separate the island from the mainland. As a matter of fact, a half dozen sturdy fellows made the passage in one of the stout boats that are used for this purpose and encountered very little ice that would bear their weight. Those who know these straits declare that the route from cape to cape is the least obstructed by ice of any part of the straits of Northumberland."

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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general awakening to a keener interest in educational matters. The problem of securing a thorough professional training for teachers has been engaging the earnest consideration of the Government. As a first step towards its solution, a very successful Summer School for teachers was held in Prince of Wales College during the summer vacation. The best instructors available were secured, and for two weeks nearly half the teachers of the Province devoted themselves assiduously to acquiring greater skill in their profession. In the improved work of many of the teachers in the rural schools the beneficial effect of this "Short Course" for teachers is plainly discernible. It is the intention of the Government to further develop this course.

The appointment of an additional teacher in the Model School has made it possible to give more attention than ever in the past to the professional side of the work of the student teachers in attendance at Prince of Wales College.

The Government has had under consideration for some time the obtaining of better and cheaper school books and school supplies and arranging for their distribution, so that the pupils in even the remotest schools may have no difficulty in obtaining all needed school equipment. You will be asked to consider the best means of securing these results.

The development of fox farming has continued at an increasing ratio. The specially favourable conditions of climate, soil and expert knowledge in the breeding of silver foxes has led to a marvellous growth of this industry, and to the great profit of the breeders and of the Province generally.

The introduction of Karakule sheep breeding promises to make an important addition to the industries of our Province. The ovine fisheries, which had once been prolific, were by overfishing, what is now a difficulty in obtaining an adequate protection and by the increase of starfish, vermin on an extent now promise to become a great source of profitable and continuous employment to large numbers of our citizens.

An Inter-provincial Conference was held in Ottawa in October last, at which every Province in Canada was represented. Several of the questions considered were of the first importance, and to the hope that as a result of the presentation of claims before this Conference and the Government of Canada, full justice will be done. The official report of the proceedings will be placed before you.

The fortieth Anniversary of the First Confederation Conference to be celebrated here during the present year will mark a period of the first importance to all Canada. It will particularly mark the fulfillment of the Confederation agreement by linking up this island with the transportation system of Canada and the implications which at length have put this Province on a solvent and progressive basis in the Confederation.

A Joint Stock Companies Act and other important legislation will be submitted for your consideration. The Accounts of the Revenue and the Reports of the various Departments of the Government together with the Estimates for the current year, will be laid before you.

To these and all other matters that may be submitted to you I invite your earnest attention. I now invoke upon your labors the blessing of Divine Providence and the confident assurance that the result of your deliberations will greatly benefit our people.

His Honour retired at the conclusion of the Address and departed immediately; being given a salute by the Guard-of-Honour, which then moved off to its parade ground. The business of the House was proceeded with on His Honour's retirement. The acting Premier introduced the pro-forma Bill, an act to amend an act respecting Justices of the Peace, and as usual, the Hon. Mr. Speaker Wyatt read the Address.

The acting Premier, seconded by the Commissioner of Agriculture, moved that the speech of His Honour the Lieut.-Governor to the House be taken into consideration on Thursday, and that it be the first order of the day on that and on every subsequent day until disposed of.

The motion was carried. Mr. Buntain moved that Mr. Edmund Piquet be appointed a messenger of the House; Mr. L. Jenkins seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the motion of the acting Premier, seconded by Hon. A. E. Arsenault, the House agreed to the appointment of Select Standing Committees of the House for the following purposes: On Agriculture, Public Accounts, Standing Rules and Orders, Private Bills, Printing and Binding of the Journals of the House, Revision of the Journal, Legislative Library. Bills to be engrossed of that have been engrossed.

The acting Premier then moved, and the Commissioner of Public Works seconded that a special committee, composed of Messrs. Stewart, Richards and Irvoye, be appointed to prepare a list of members of the Standing Committees of the House. The motion was carried.

As chairman of the special committee on Standing Committees, the acting Premier reported to the House the following list of members as composing the Standing Committees: On Agriculture: Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Dobie, Mr. J. A. Dewar, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Myers and Mr. Simpson; four members to form a quorum.

On Public Accounts: Messrs. Frowse, Delaney, G. F. Dewar, McWilliams, Aeneas McDonald, L. L. Jenkins and Richards; four members to form a quorum.

SPRING SHOWING

AT PATONS TO-DAY

Now that the early spring days are here and the sun is daily growing brighter and warmer. The attention of all is naturally drawn to lighter and daintier coats and suits, so acceptable for the cold winter weather of P. E. Island.

Paton's, while making over their nicely appointed store, were looking away ahead to these balmy days and ordered for the ladies of Charlottetown a diversity of models, styles and materials, excelling anything ever before attempted in that line and today present their early spring showing.

TRAPPY COATS
 The features of this season's new coats are the loose kimono sleeves, large fancy buttons, shawl and notched collars, while the Sport Coats are made of vivid colors, large check and over-plaids.

Already these smart becoming Sport Coats are a topic among the rising generation of this city and each day one hears the remark "Oh I want a Sport Coat for Easter."

Now is the time to order it and Patons is the place, as the coats to be shown there today are designed to meet the requirements of the early spring season, but at the same time they'll be dandy for the chilly evenings of summer.

For the young Miss the exceedingly smart Blazer is strikingly nice and is positively the latest New York style. Models shown are of heavy wool cheviot in scarlet, sax, navy and brown with wide belts all around and two large pockets.

Red is largely worn and a pretty Red Sport Coat is shown of Bedford worsted with tailored collar and revers and sleeves finished very trapily. The same style carried out in tan makes an ideal spring wrap as the visitors will see.

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Brocaded cloths are very much worn this season and many models are shown in blues, blacks and tans for the stouter ladies, while for the slimmer sister comes the checks and fancy cloths.

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While here it might be mentioned that a handsome line of silk and satin undershirts is also on exhibition which will add the touch beauty to the new suit, all shades and sizes from the sedate black to the gay cerise and paddy greens being stocked.

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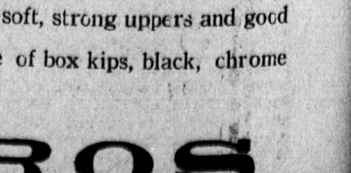
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