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PERSONALS

Judge Fraser of Souris was in the City yesterday.

Mr. Silas Gorveatt has returned to his home in Southport after visiting in Cumberland the guest of his father, Mr. George Gorveatt, Sr.

Mrs. C. D. Weeks and her three children left yesterday afternoon for Georgetown, en route to Medicine Hat, Alta., to join her husband, who is in business there.

Mr. Bernard McKenzie of Scotch Fort, crossed by the Car-ferry steamer on Wednesday. He enlisted in the Railway Construction Corps, now mobilizing at Halifax. His brother, Ferdinand McKenzie, enlisted in the Fifth Canadian Siege Battery, now in England.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

REVERE HOTEL

- A. J. McNevin, Bonshaw
- D. Douglas, N. Wilshire
- M. Kennedy, Bradalbane
- R. A. Taylor, Summerside
- H. Currie, Peake's
- T. McFaron, Peake's
- E. R. Scott, Portland
- M. J. Scott, Portland
- M. Hughes, New Glasgow
- Tweedie E. Mayhew, Dollard, Sask.
- Mrs. Mayhew, Dollard, Sask.
- D. M. Steele, Summerside
- A. E. Henderson, Seattle
- P. M. Arsenault, St. Christyone
- R. W. McEwen, St. Peter's
- J. A. Baisvort, Halifax, N. S.
- C. A. McDonald, City
- C. C. Jane, St. John
- W. Estabrook, Pt. Borden
- Bas. Agnew, Pt. Borden
- B. C. G. Sanderson, Toronto
- Wm. A. Alley, Cardigan

THE LEGISLATURE FORMALLY OPENED

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nominated last year and as passed with the approval and blessing of the Leader of the Opposition, with the exception of the Public Accounts Committee alone. The Leader of the Opposition was anxious to have a place on the Public Accounts Committee, and this year he is given a place. He said last year that they should have two members. Now they have two men whom the Committee and whom this House unanimously passed upon that Committee last year from the Opposition, namely, Mr. Saunders and Mr. McEwen. We have conceded to him that he himself should go on that Committee. Last year the matter had been settled and the Hon. gentleman proposed to take the Committee pieces, to put Mr. Saunders and Mr. McEwen off and to do various other things. That could not be tolerated; it could not be allowed to go through, and now we are submitting to the House and asking that the House adopt that report, which is the same report that was adopted last year respecting every Committee except the Public Accounts Committee, and there we are conceding to the Leader of the Opposition all he asks and giving him a place on that Committee. He was very desirous of being on the Committee and now he is, and out of 7 members the Opposition will have 3. In our time we had been satisfied with 2, but we are always willing to do as well as was done by us, and a little better.

Mr. BELL: Do I understand that my request that the nominating committee be permitted to meet is not acceded to? Am I to understand from the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition that the Committee is not to meet?

THE PREMIER: The hon. gentleman will surely understand what I have said.

Mr. BELL: I infer that from what the hon. gentleman says, but I would like to have it from him specifically that he has refused permission for the three persons appointed to nominate the standing committees to meet, that he has refused that committee the privilege of meeting. If so, I would like to ask the hon. gentleman what was his object in appointing myself on that committee?

Was it to insult a man by appointing him and giving him no chance to make a speech?

Mr. Bell went on to state that the practice at Ottawa and London was for the leading men on both sides of the House to get together and choose the men who should compose the standing committees. That was the privilege he now asked. He stated further that the Leader of the Government as Chairman of the nominating committee, had a right to call that committee together and consult them as to who should compose the standing committees. That was the practice, he said.

THE PREMIER: Will the hon. gentleman, (with the exception of last year) tell me whenever such a thing was done before the House?

Mr. BELL: Last year we had this same matter under discussion.

THE PREMIER: Can the hon. Leader of the Opposition mention any case in the history of this Parliament.

Mr. BELL: The precedents are all along the line I suggest.

THE PREMIER: Name a single one.

Mr. BELL: I will quote a precedent from the practice at Ottawa where the committee is composed of the leading men of the Ministry and Opposition, and the Chief Whips of the two parties are also consulted. That is exactly the position I seek to occupy in this House.

If the Leader of the Government, continued Mr. Bell, did not intend consulting him in the nomination of the committees, the proper course for him to have adopted was to do it without the committee. He contended that the course taken by the Premier was without precedent. The Leader of the Government said it was a small question. It was not a small question but an important one. The Public Accounts Committee was appointed for the purpose of judging of the financial transactions of the government and he did not think the Leader of the government should have the right to choose that committee. He said he was surprised and astonished to find the name of the Hon. Mr. McEwen, a member of the government, on that committee, and equally surprised that that hon. gentleman should allow his name to remain thereon. He had the greatest respect for Mr. McEwen as a man but did not think he should be on the Committee as in that case he would be virtually sitting in judgment on his own transactions, as a member of the government. "There is no government or Leader of the government, who can arrogate to himself the power of nominating the members of the committee without consulting the Leader of the Opposition or without respecting his wishes," concluded Mr. Bell.

THE PREMIER: One would think to hear the speech the hon. member has made, that he was venturing upon

new ground and that some constitutional privilege was being invaded. He says he was not called in in preparing the list of members of the standing committees, and I repeat again and every member of experience in the House will support me when I say it, that except for last year, when the result was anything but satisfactory, there is not on the records of this House an instance when the Opposition was even consulted as to the constitution of the standing committees of the House. There are certain responsibilities the government carries, and one of those responsibilities is to lay before the House definite proposals along those lines; and if the House supports those proposals, then the appointments become appointments of the House. In former days I remember the practice was to send the names around. The government made out lists and slips were sent round to the Opposition members and that was all there was about it. Last year I called the hon. Leader of the Opposition into consultation. The result was, he did what he is doing to-day: he made a loud outcry and claimed he had a right to name certain persons. The hon. gentleman must learn this, however slowly the knowledge may come, that it is not what he wishes, but what this House wishes, that is determined in the end; and the hon. gentleman, as I have well told you, Mr. Speaker, and this House, that the list was submitted to him. The list was submitted to him in this House to-day. Moreover, if he has any objection, if he does not agree with the report if he thinks he should control the majority report, then it is open to him to bring in his minority report. Last year as well as the thing to pass as if he had taken the proper course and brought in his minority report, but this year he should have learned a little further, and now if he has anything to say in his minority report let him make his proposals.

The hon. gentleman has put a question to me which I cannot answer. He asks why did we put him on the Committee? I don't know why! And I will tell the hon. gentleman he will not have reason to put that question again. I don't know why we put his name on the Committee, and I am not very sure it was a wise thing to do. When that gentleman has no more sense of proportion and the value and fitness of things than to get up and occupy the time of the House, as he has done to-day, with something that has not even chaff in it, what will he do with the Public Accounts Committee when he gets in there? Will there ever be an end to it? I think, Mr. Speaker, that instead of pressing that motion I will ask that it stand over and that we re-consider the appointment of that gentleman upon the Public Accounts Committee. We are desirous, above all things, of having the Public Accounts Committee not only correct but subjected to the most thorough and searching examination possible. But we are also desirous of having some decent regard to the value of things, above all the value of time; and my memory goes back to that dreary 17-hour speech made by that gentleman, and when I think that the Chairman of the Committee is a man of middle age who may not have more than 30 or 40 years to live, I seriously question the advisability of adding the name of the Leader of the Opposition to the Public Accounts Committee. (Laughter.) Just because the matter is not one of immediate urgency, I shall withdraw my motion and re-consider the question whether the hon. gentleman shall have a place on that committee or not. I therefore ask the permission of the House to withdraw the motion. There is a great deal of work to be done. We need a man who understands values and will not hold up the proceedings of the House for some whimsical, childish and fanciful purpose.

Mr. BELL here said he wished to explain, in reply to the statement made by the Leader of the government that the list of members of the standing committees was submitted to him, that the Clerk of the House did bring the list to him and asked if he would append his name to it. He proposed to make some suggestions or alterations but the Clerk intimated that it was impracticable, that no alteration would be accepted, and the list was taken away. Under those circumstances he did not think the Leader of the government would have much glory in saying that the list had been submitted to him (Mr. Bell).

THE PREMIER: It is not a question of "glory"; it is a matter of telling the truth.

Mr. BELL further discussed the subject, stating that it was the duty of the House and of the Speaker to see that the usages of Parliament were obeyed and respected by all. He then proposed, in regard to the motion; to make a minority report.

THE PREMIER: The Hon. Leader of the Opposition is going to make a proposal which I am going to accept and allow the motion to go to the House.

Mr. BELL then moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes, "That the majority report of the special committee respecting the composition of select standing committees on Public Accounts be not now adopted, but that such majority report be amended by incorporating therein the following: 'That the Public Accounts Committee be composed of the following: Mr. Prowse, Mr. Paton, Mr. McLellan, Mr. McNevin, Mr. Bell, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Johnston, such committee to have power to send for persons, papers and records, quorum of said committee to consist of 4 members.'"

The amendment omitted Hon. Mr. McEwen and Mr. McInnis.

Mr. BELL, in speaking on the motion, emphasized his previous remarks with reference to the right which he claimed the Opposition had to suggest the names of members of committees. He said he did not know whether the Leader of the government had ever read of the combat between Roderick Dhu and FitzJames. It was one of the best word pictures of the poet Scott.

THE PREMIER: Will you give us some of it?

Mr. BELL: What I wished to point out was, that the Scotsman Roderick Dhu scorned to take advantage of his opponent; he wanted to have a fair fight. He said that the government was simply trying to tie the

hands of the Opposition behind its back and challenge it to fight. He claimed that the Opposition did not have a fair opportunity of investigating the public accounts and last year had to "transform themselves into detectives to find things out." He went on to speak of a matter connected with the loan of money by the government to a member of the government.

THE PREMIER here rose to a point of order, stating that the attack which the Leader of the Opposition was making on the hon. member for Tignish was absolutely untrue and was proved conclusively last year to be untrue and without foundation.

Mr. BELL: I object to the interruption.

THE PREMIER: The hon. gentleman will not take his blackening brush and attempt with impunity to besmirch the character of an hon. member of this House, and then walk out without an explanation.

Mr. BELL proceeded to speak on the point of the Leader of the Opposition being allowed to nominate his own members on committees, and claimed that the government, in refusing that privilege, were afraid of the investigation of the Public Accounts.

THE PREMIER: The Leader of the Opposition has questioned my knowledge of a certain poem, and he mentioned one Roderick Dhu. I listened carefully to his speech to see in what way he would connect that person with the charges he made against the government, and now he has come to the end of his speech I must conclude it was a different "Roderick Dhu" he was thinking of. (Laughter.) I wonder if that was the same Roderick Dhu that cut so

wide a swath in the Fourth District of Prince? (Laughter.) I wonder if that was the fertilizing substance that brought forth such a large crop at the last election when it brought the hon. gentleman to the House? If that is so, the less we know of Roderick Dhu the better. He said some awful things about what would happen if he did not get certain nominations on the Public Accounts Committee. On that committee last year there were two gentlemen of the Opposition, Mr. Saunders and Mr. McInnis. In the old days Mr. McInnis was thought fit to represent the government on the Public Accounts Committee. That was when the Leader of the Opposition was wandering in exile and when there was no constituency to reach out a welcoming hand to him. Mr. McInnis was then thought fit to sit on the Committee and I don't think any man in King's County would have any hesitation in choosing between the member for St. Peter's and the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Saunders has for many years resided in Summerside and was elected to the Chief Magistracy and to-day has a reputation nearly as good as that of the Leader of the Opposition. There are some people perhaps who might urge me to go further, but at any rate those two gentlemen were on the Committee last year and Mr. Prowse was Chairman and we never heard a single complaint about the conduct of the Committee. The Chairman of that Committee would have any hesitation in going through the province for integrity and fair play, and while it is true the report of the Public Committee last year was not signed by the two members of the Opposition, the mo-

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tion to adopt that report was put through the House unanimously. There had been a great deal said about the large amount expended in connection with the Asylum at Falcou wood and statements of the most injurious kind had been circulated by the Leader of the Opposition and those who read his literature. The gentlemen composing the Public Accounts Committee investigated those charges as thoroughly as it was possible for any Committee to investigate any matter and found them to be without the slightest justification. The minority report moved by the Leader of the Opposition was then put to the House, and on a standing vote

was cast in the proportion of 16-10, Messrs. Dennis, Forbes and (tallent being absent from the Opposition. The original motion of the Premier was then carried in the same proportion. On the motion of Mr. Paton, Stephen Dolron, a returned soldier who had served in the trenches for about 20 months, was appointed a messenger of the House. On the motion of Mr. McLellan, Mr. J. D. Stewart was unanimously appointed Law Clerk to the House. The Premier then having announced that members of the House would have an opportunity of visiting Falcouwood tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock the House then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Friday 16.

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