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CLOSE OF THE SESSION

The 1922 session of the Legislature, with its joys and sorrows, came to an end yesterday...

Of the work of the session our readers have been kept informed and the remainder of the report will appear daily in our columns until completed.

Of the closing hours of the session much might be said. The really important measures, particularly the Election Act and the Prohibition Amendment Act...

Notwithstanding many difficulties raised through strife and wrangling within the party, we unhesitatingly credit Hon. Speaker Duffy with commendable fairness and impartiality.

PROVINCIAL COMPARISONS

The Research Institute of Canada has issued a bulletin in relation to the cost of government by the provinces which makes interesting reading.

Table with 2 columns: Province, 1918, 1920. Rows include Alberta, Sask., Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, N. B., N. S., P. E. I.

INSPECTION NEEDED

Within the past month the city has had two narrow escapes from disaster, one of which is recorded elsewhere in this issue.

It is high time this was remedied and we trust that the city authorities will at once take such precautions as will enable citizens to retire at night with at least some assurance of safety.

A LITERARY GEM

Here is a literary gem from the Election Act passed during the dying hours of the session which closed yesterday.

Section 240. "In construing this Act, words importing the singular number of the masculine gender only shall include more persons of the same kind and females as well as males and the converse as well."

This, we presume, is a sort of cure all attachment to the main bill in order that persons of the same kind, whether of the masculine or feminine gender, shall enjoy the privileges of the Act...

THE SWAN SONG

Yesterday's Patriot in reporting the prorogation of the legislature, declared among other equally curious things that "The Bell Government has been in office since September 9, 1919 and it is but truth to tell that the government is stronger today than ever before."

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Notes By The Way

(From the Examiner)

It has been said that men might lose all respect for sausages if they knew how sausages are made. Be this as it may in regard to the toothsome sausage...

Beginning with the last of these subjects and working backwards toward the first, let us ask how has the House forfeited the respect of the country?

How has the Tax Department forfeited the respect of the country? To cite a single example, here is what the Taxation Act, 1920, has to say about the secrecy to be observed in the Department of the Provincial Treasurer...

"5. No person employed in the public service of the province shall communicate or allow to be communicated to any person not legally entitled thereto any information obtained under the provisions of this Act, except such information is required by law to be shown on the assessment rolls, or allow any person, not legally entitled thereto, to inspect or have access to any written statement furnished under the provisions of this Act.

How has that obligation of secrecy been kept? Witness the secrets disclosed by Hon. Messrs. Lea, Crosby, Hughes and others in the House and by Hon. Mr. Nash in his newspaper, the disclosure of which is forbidden by the above section.

Let us go back to the Appropriation Bill for the moment. It is a little less than last year when it was almost \$900,000. Why was practically the whole of the year's expenditure voted away at a single sitting? Was this the proper way for a prudent business government to have it done?

It has been the fortune of the writer during the past fifty odd years to see many parliaments in session, and to record and discuss their sayings and doings. In all that period it has never fallen to our lot to witness so large a portion of a session literally wasted or so large a portion of the country's revenue so recklessly and hastily voted away.

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Others' View Points

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

DOCTORING THE SKIN.

Some of the skin specialists are worrying about what free use of cosmetics by the girls today will do to their skins by the time they get to be forty.

IMPORTANT

(Calgary Herald)

The proposal of the Scientific Research Council at Ottawa to build a workshop of applied science to be called a National Research Institute, where the problems of turning our waste materials into money for Canadian farmers and manufacturers...

"FREE SPEECH" UNDER SOVIETISM

(Hamilton Herald)

At Genoa several pointed questions were put to Mr. Tchitcherin, Foreign Minister of the Russian Soviet Government, by George Seldes, an American newspaper correspondent, and to each of them a frank reply was given.

A TROPICAL WONDERLAND

ITS ROMANCE AND ITS RACES

By: Rev. J. F. Denny, Souris

Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

From the W. S. Louson section

THE DIVINE SURPRISE

Thank God for the Spring. Like many of the great gifts He sends us it comes upon us each time with something of a surprise.

MEN BARRED FROM SHAVING

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 2.—The City Council passed an emergency measure last night prohibiting men here from shaving until the days of the '48' celebration is concluded on May 24.

Lovely new fabrics for the fashionable one-piece dress



SILKS, crêpes, serges, prints — all the fashionable fabrics for this season.

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ful, though the fear of the devil and the pot are not far away. The negro was very thirsty for religion. He drank deep of the wells of God. They learned to sing to their sweetest of song...

Chilly waters in the Jordan Running over into Canaan, I couldn't hear, etc.

Hallelujah! Troubles over in the Kingdom, With my Jesus, I couldn't hear, etc.

"O listen to the lambs. All a-cryin', all a-cryin' And I want to go to Heaven when I die."

"Roll, Jordan, roll," is another famous song. Rest of the crowd sing, "Roll, Jordan, roll," and repeats, and for a moment or two the song is as if it is poured in air, with a roaring "I want to go to Heaven when I die, to see old Jordan roll."

Israel was in Egypt' lan' Oppress so hard dey could not shine, "Le' my people go"

Or this, wonderfully pathetic and beautiful—"In the valley, On my knees, With my burden, An' my Saviour."

There is usually a key note which murmurs through the whole song, the basso-profundo provides a strain of harmony like life itself, and the tenors and trebles moving on thus flowing base like ships.

That his standard of morality is being levelled up is seen by the use of such sayings as "Devil help thief man, but one day God Almighty, help policeman."

Practically the chief feature of the past six or seven weeks has been the long succession of caucuses in the ministerial party. The number of these and the time spent therein quite unexampled so far as our observation goes.

The Postal Service Then And Now

BY J. F. WHEAR P. O. Inspector

In those early days the emoluments attached to the office of Provincial Postmaster were not as large as under the present Canadian system. As the petition of Postmaster Chappell to the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island dated 13th November 1802, will show: "That petitioner finds a conscientious discharge of his duty in that office attended with much attention which calls him off from attending to that line of business by which he obtains his chief substance, which circumstance renders petitioners' holding said office rather injurious to himself as no allowance is made by the Postmaster General and but one penny is laid on every letter as a compensation for petitioners' trouble."

The general demand for a change was, however, too strong to be long resisted and the Swiss Government invited the other Governments of Europe, of the United States and of Egypt, to send representatives to discuss matters at Bern.

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In order to give some idea of the Postal business of Canada I may say that the best estimate that can be made for year 1920-21 amounted that passed through the mails last year would be approximately eight hundred millions. The gross revenue for the year 1920-21 amounted at \$2,330,330.06. The War Tax is calculated at \$7,872,962.38. Eleven million money orders were issued of an aggregate value of \$173,523,221.96.

at Union, it may be stated that up to our own times there was great variation in the rates of postage charged to the public on correspondence addressed to the various countries of the world. Each country fixed its own charges which were regulated by varying scales of progression and units of weight.

Postage rates were settled by negotiation, and by treaty or convention, each country making the best bargain it could for itself. The postage had to be calculated on each letter or packet, and credit awarded at the proper scale to each Administration concerned in the conveyance. An inevitable consequence of these complicated operations was delay at every office of exchange, so serious as almost to neutralize the saving of time afforded by railways and steamships.

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