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LITTLE PRANK
OF OPPOSITION

Time of Legislature Wasted by
Tactics of Opposition
Leaders

CATHERWOOD'S JOKER

Members Sat Until Well on Into
Morning Then Piled Big
Majority

VICTORIA, Nov. 13. — Last night was rather a big night in the Legislature. Everything was quiet. Some of the members were quietly slumbering in their seats and the press gallery was almost idle for there was little of interest to them going on, then word was passed around that the opposition was preparing to spring something. It sprang, but it sprang so quietly one would hardly know it was springing.

The Government was anxious to close the debate and get down to the real business of the House. Knowing this, the leader of the opposition determined to undertake some obstruction tactics. He put up J. A. Catherwood to talk. The tall member for Dewdney drolled along much to the disgust of some and the amusement of others. He criticized the manner in which some game warden had caught a man guilty of a breach of the law. He made a plea for the destruction of pheasants by farmers, reading in detail a dozen or two analyses of the crops of pheasants and telling in minute detail the contents of each.

Mutterers of Disgust

"And, this is what the Legislature meets for," means a luckless scribe sitting next to me. There was a muttered suggestion about preference for the Government by a czar to that kind of democracy. And still Catherwood talked on. The speech was innocent enough until the last few words when he referred to the soldier settlement at Merville and moved a resolution designed to amend the address and censuring the Government for its action in connection with the soldier settlements.

Then J. W. Jones, one of the opposition leaders, took the floor and spoke at length on the woes of the settlers and he was followed by W. J. Bowser and others, all taking their time and pouring out the vials of their wrath upon a sleepy group of men loitering here and there in their places, the majority being in the halls or committee rooms within the reach of the division call.

Whole Thing a Joke

The whole thing was a joke of course, but it was a beastly joke to play on a Legislature gathered for serious business. The Gov-

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

ernment members took it stoically. The Attorney General went off to his office to get through his departmental business and others who were able to do so made use of the time to good account but most of the members had to stay around, taking turns at sitting in their chairs and smoking outside the corridors.

The independent members went home, realizing that it was just a political move on the part of the leader of the opposition and something in which they had no interest.

The moving of the amendment gave those who had already spoken a chance to get in on the game again and they took full advantage of it.

The vote was taken away on in the morning at 2.15. The division bell rang, the scattered members were gathered together and when the count was taken it was found that the Government supporters were just twice as many as the opposition.

Jovial Member

These events would be nothing were it not for the entertainment provided by the member for Alberni, R. J. Rundle. Dick is always jovial, made so sometimes by artificial stimulant, and he is often irrepressible. Now and then he comes into the House with a chip on his shoulder and anyone who happens to make a remark is promptly turned on. However he is amenable to the rulings of Mr. Speaker, although he obeys with some reluctance. The resonant voice of the member for Alberni is heard often and his witticisms are usually amusing. He tells a good story and is the friend of everyone. Even the speaker seems more indulgent to him than to others.

H. F. PULLEN.

DEPARTING ELKS
GIVEN SEND-OFF
AT BIG BANQUET

Brother Bills Did Honor to Bill
Cash and Bob Bryson Sat-
urday Night

In view of their early departure from the city, W. J. Cash, who for five years has been manager of the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co. here, and R. Bryson, who has been superintendent of the construction of the new court house in the city, were the honored guests of some 120 of their Brother Elks at a delightful banquet held on Saturday night at the Elk's Home. Fitting tribute was paid to the two men who have been so energetic in lodge and general welfare work of the community and, though the evening was one of many delights, regret was generally expressed that the city was to lose such valued citizens. The tables were filled to capacity with an abundance of delicious delicacies and the service rendered by the committee in

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charge was par excellence. In the course of the evening Mr. Cash was presented with a black leather suitcase and Bryson with a brown leather travelling bag. Exalter Ruler Milton Gonzales presided and Fred Stork, M.P., and American Consul E. A. Wakefield occupied places at the head table with the guests of honor. A toast to The King was proposed by the chairman and the National Anthem was sung. The assembly standing paid a tribute of a one minute silence to the boys who had fallen in the Great War.

Complimentary Remarks

Milton Gonzales, in a breezy speech, touched upon the excellent and many qualities of both Bill Cash and Bob Bryson who had always been first in the field to help in a good cause, and who had always shown themselves as excellent examples of good citizens.

Mr. Bryson proposed a toast to W. Cash, and gave a very amusing testimony to his chum's bad qualities, presenting him with a black leather suitcase amid much applause. Mr. Cash replied in a like vein. In the course of his remarks he said how sorry he was to leave Prince Rupert and his many good friends. He was forced to do so owing to the fact that the northern climate did not suit the health of his wife and children. He did not know why this honor of a gift and banquet had been bestowed upon him but he could assure those present that he thanked them sincerely and that he would always have a warm spot in his heart for Prince Rupert. There was a spirit existing in the city, he said, which did not exist anywhere else. It was a small community and all were bound together so that it was up to each to help the other.

Mr. Kirkendall, of the Booth Fisheries, successor to W. Cash, gave a short speech in which he said he had known Bill for many years and had always found him to be "the same old Bill."

Humorous Speech

American Consul Wakefield made a speech interjected with much humor which was thoroughly enjoyed. He said the assembly had been called together to do honor to two live wires and real assets to the community. He had been associated with Bill Cash for some time in a business way and he had always been a darned nuisance with fish details ever since he had known him. Mr. Cash

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Bert Butler.
Name of Applicant.
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The Man in the Moon
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