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Senate Dying Natural Death

The Toronto Globe takes up the question of the usefulness or otherwise of the Canadian Senate, saying:

If the members of the Interprovincial Conference in session at Ottawa this week wish to take up Senate reform seriously they need not lack advice. Unfortunately, there is an air of doubt in the public mind as to the serious purpose of public men on this question. There have been too many promises and too little performance. An indignant Prime Minister who finds a Senate majority opposed to him becomes strangely softened as the Senate veers to his side in course of time.

A few days ago a member of the Senate from Ontario passed away, and The Chesley Enterprise was moved to comment pointedly with the opening remark that nobody had ever heard of anything useful this Senator had done. His practice, according to The Enterprise, was like that of the other members: to "sign his name in the attendance register and then disappear for the balance of the day."

The Enterprise adds: "As a matter of fact there are ninety-four out of the ninety-six Senators dead, but they haven't been buried or cremated. The only two actually alive are Dandurand, who takes such a prominent part in the proceedings of the League of Nations, and Sir George E. Foster, who gives the public information by his addresses and letters in the press."

These are strong words, but how much are they an exaggeration? The Senate meets on the opening day of the session, passes the Address in a half-hour or so next day, and then adjourns for a few weeks. Its working days are exceedingly few compared with those of the Commons. Some of the days spent by the Commons may see little accomplished, but the Senate does not give even the appearance of trying to render the service expected of it.

The Senators should be seized with a greater desire to do something constructive. They are seldom heard of unless they start a spasm of obstruction. Their life membership and their irresponsibility deprive them of any just right permanently to obstruct the legislation of the Commons. Canada should, first of all, adopt the system of Britain, and provide that a bill passed at three consecutive sessions of the Commons should become law regardless of the Senate. Even Nova Scotia passed such a law to curb its Legislative Council, in which members' terms are limited to ten years. Ottawa cannot afford to do less.

EASTERN VIEW OF B.C.

The same paper looks across to the Pacific coast and sees British Columbia and remarks:

British Columbia will not have a general election as a result of the change of premiers. Hon. J. D. MacLean, the new head of the government, following the death of Hon. John Oliver, told a Victoria audience that the province is thriving and that there is no need to go to the people, as he proposes to continue the Oliver policies.

These policies have been highly beneficial to the coast province, according to the story told by Dr. MacLean. The early years of the war, when the boom conditions of 1912 had passed and left their mark, were exceedingly trying for British Columbia. The Liberal Government which came into office in 1916 found bread lines in operation, a deficit of \$12,000,000 in four years, sinking funds \$600,000 in arrears, and provincial credit impaired.

The prime minister said one of the first acts of the new government was to balance the budget and restore the sinking funds. Agriculture has been encouraged, capital attracted to the province, and taxation reduced. A formidable list of new investments of capital was cited. Production in the major industries has also steadily increased. "There never has been a time in the history of this province when capital was investing here as it is at the present time," said Dr. MacLean.

The coast province has experienced depression, but that is passing. It still has its P.G.E. Railway, a pioneer line which traverses a broad interior territory which as yet supplies little traffic. Efforts to sell the road have not proved successful. Production in the four major industries—lumbering, agriculture, mining and fishing—is rising, and the province is now third in the Dominion in manufacturing. A great port at Vancouver is in the making, and as the prairies grow in population traffic via Pacific coast points in outgoing wheat and incoming goods will increase, and benefit British Columbia.

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EGGS STILL SCARCE

Canned Tomatoes up and Other
Canned Goods may Follow in
Same Direction

This week's survey of the local stores indicates little change in prices for the last ten days. The staple foodstuffs such as flour, sugar, butter and tea remain steady in price with tea very firm. One thing seems certain so far as it is possible to forecast and that is both canned vegetables and beef products will be higher this winter which will make the family soup pot cost a little more. Canned tomatoes are already up owing to the short pack this year, the total pack being less than 30 per cent of normal. There is a firming up in all lines of other canned vegetables owing to the same reason.

Eggs—the big ones—are still very scarce although pullet eggs are coming in plentifully. But beef will be higher this winter than it has been since 1920. Four or five years ago, beef prices were away down and the farmers got such a low price that they went in for other things and have not been raising cattle for the market in the same numbers. And the effect of this will be felt this year. This is shown by Chicago figures, for there a year ago they were slaughtering 22,000 head daily. The last month the daily average has been 10,000 only. This same scarcity is reflected in the export figures of beef products which are forty million pounds less for the first nine months of 1927 than they were for 1926.

One consolation is that mutton, lamb and pork supplies are plentiful and prices of these ought not to rise very much unless in sympathy with beef.

Apples are still coming in great variety. Nonesuch, Northern Spies, York Imperials, Ontario, Jonathans and Yellow Newton Pippins all being seen. Florida grapefruit which has been off the market, is now again on sale.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR OCTOBER

No Sickness Among Pupils and Wants of Teachers Few This Month

At the meeting of the school board last night the principals all reported the general health of the pupils excellent. Reports were submitted as follows:

Booth School—Total attendance 422, boys 233, girls 189, average percentage 95.47; percentage in division 4, 98.62; savings of pupils banked \$134.38.

Borden Street—Total attendance 327, boys 167, girls 160, average percentage 95.06, highest in one class 97.31.

Seal Cove—Total attendance 60, boys 29, girls 31, average percentage 96.3.

Westview—Total attendance 23, boys 11, girls 12, average percentage 90.5.

High School—Total attendance 161, boys 66, girls 95, average percentage 94.7.

For Booth School Miss Mercer asked that a drinking fountain be installed outside the school building for the use of the boys. The feasibility of this will be investigated.

For Borden Street Miss Mills asked a supply of electric light fuses and globes which will be supplied.

For Seal Cove Miss Lizney reported two troughs causing trouble and this will be attended to at once.

For Westview Miss Hellwell asked for a school grant toward the purchase of a piano, having been offered one for \$200. She strongly urged that something be done but the matter was left in abeyance, no money being available.

For the High School Principal Peddie explained that three part time students in the commercial classes had brought the average attendance for the month low. The house system for sports had proved successful and a team of boys and another of girls had entered in the city intermediate basketball league. There had been two intermediate house debates under the literary and debating society and also papers on literary subjects.

DETAILS GIVEN OF MORKILL WEDDING * VICTORIA CATHEDRAL

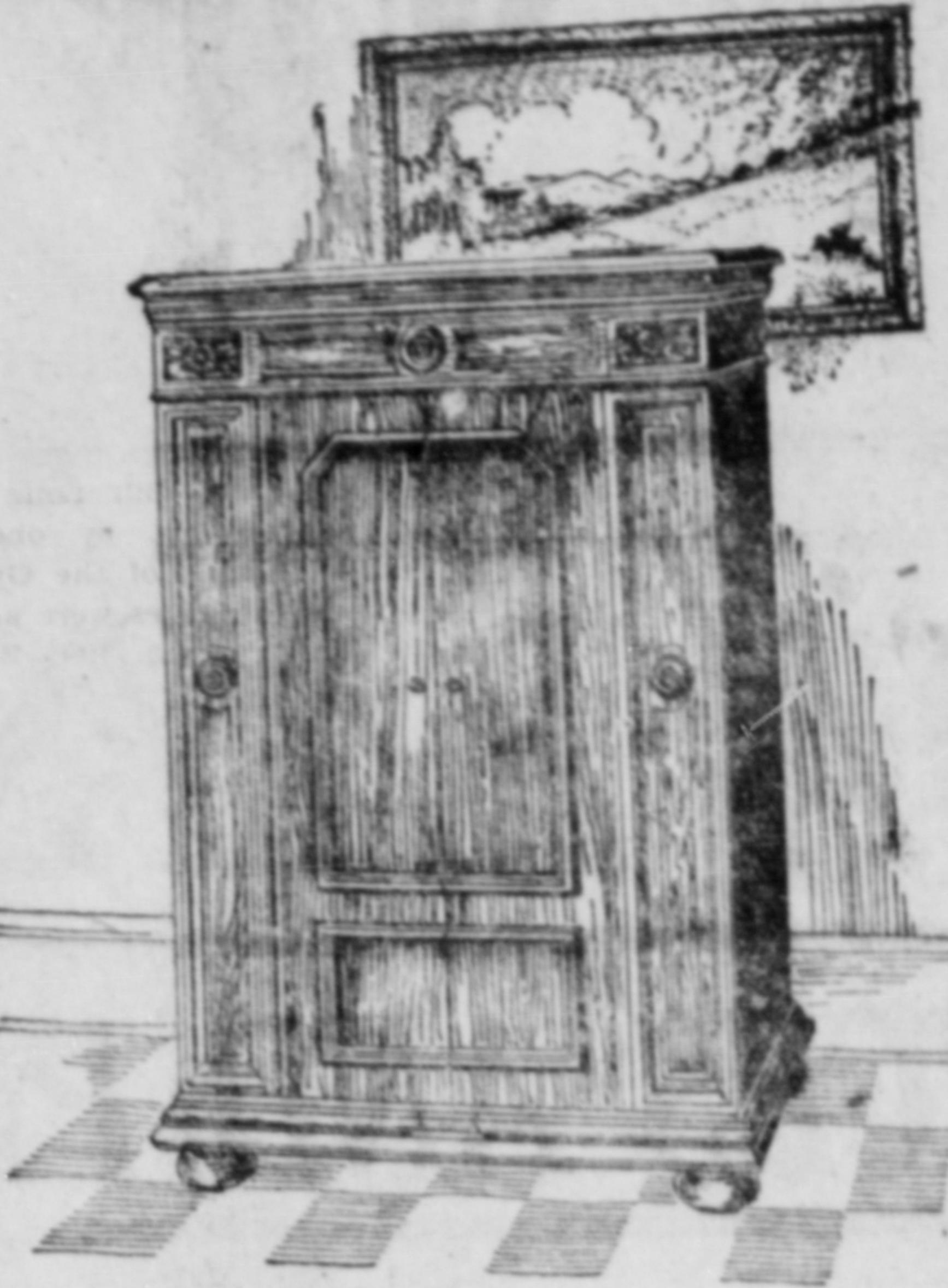
Prince Rupert people will be interested in the fuller account of the wedding of Alan Brooks Morkill, M.C., and Miss Ellen Frances Mara at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria recently.

The bride is a member of one of the pioneer families of British Columbia. She is a daughter of the late Hon. John A. Mara, who represented Kootenay in the first Provincial Parliament after Confederation and was Speaker of the local House until his election for the Yale district in the Federal Parliament in 1886. The bridegroom has recently been appointed manager of the Douglas Street branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

In compliment to the bride, who is Provincial Commissioner of the Girl Guides, members of local Guide companies assisted with the decoration of the Cathedral, under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Miss Pitts and Mrs. L. A. Genge. Sword ferns, salal and

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