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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Opened by His Honor The Lieutenant Governor

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

A Number of Important Measures Promised—Introduction of New Members—Appointment of Standing Committees—Other Appointments Made.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon the Provincial Legislature was opened by the usual parade and formality by His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Howland.

Owing to the disagreeable weather there was not as large a number of spectators as usual on the square. The Legislative hall, however, was crowded, a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen occupying seats on the floor of the House. Among them were Mrs. Howland, Mrs. D. Farquharson and Miss Farquharson, the American Consul and a number of the city clergymen. Fewer ladies were noticed in the Assembly room than on previous occasions, owing doubtless to the inclemency of the weather.

Hon. Frederick Peters, who returned on Sunday last, was present and received a very cordial welcome from the members on both sides of the House.

The booming of cannon at Fort Edward announced the departure from Government House and shortly after His Honor Lieutenant Governor Howland accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Lieut. Col. Moore, D. O. C. arrived, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Capt. D. L. Hooper, bearing his staff of office. The band of the 82nd Battalion played the National Anthem.

His Honor after entering the building proceeded to the Assembly Room and took the Speaker's chair, the members as usual remaining standing until the conclusion of the speech.

The following is the speech from the throne:

ADDRESS: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: It gives me much pleasure to again

meet you as representatives of the people of this Province in Parliament assembled.

Notwithstanding that the harvest of the past year was not as bountiful as anticipated, yet a kind Providence has bestowed peace and abundant prosperity upon our people.

During the past year as you are aware, Her Majesty was pleased to appoint the Earl of Minto Governor General of Canada. It is a source of gratification that a gentleman knowing the wants and having the interests of this fair Dominion so much at heart has been sent to rule over us.

The increased interest manifested in Agriculture and Horticulture, combined with the success of our Dairymen, must be a cause of great satisfaction to all concerned and should call forth special legislation for the further encouragement of our farming population. During recess through the courtesy of the Minister of Agriculture, this Province was favored with a visit from Professors Robertson and Macoun, of Ottawa. These gentlemen addressed several meetings in the three Counties, and the large attendance indicates the farmers are alive to the importance of their honorable calling. The information afforded by these addresses must contribute in a decided manner to the advantage of our people. In this connection a measure will be submitted for your approval having for its object the appointment of a Dairy Inspector for Prince Edward Island.

In view of the proposed action of the Dominion Government to span the Hillsborough River with a railway bridge, you will be called upon to participate in its construction in order that our people may have the double advantage of a railway and general traffic bridge combined, thus doing away with our antiquated ferry system, its many attendant evils and expense. A bill providing for this most important undertaking will be laid before you.

The decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, recently de-

livered, brings this province within measurable distance of the realization of some of its long-aggitated claims against the Federal Government. Measures are therefore being prepared which I trust will place this province on a more substantial financial basis and forever settle this much-vexed question which has for years been perplexing both the Federal and Local Governments. You will also be gratified to learn that this decision of the Privy Council has revealed the fact that the Provincial Legislatures are the proprietors of the fore-shores, bays and rivers of the several Provinces, and that the Dominion has a legislative jurisdiction only. That the beds of all ungranted waters situated within the territorial limits of a Province are the property of such Province and not of the Dominion. It therefore becomes essential that legislation defining the respective rights and interests of the parties involved should be carefully considered by the Federal and Local Governments, on the lines laid down by the Privy Council, with a view of reconciling existing differences. Anticipating such legislation, my Government in conjunction with the Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, sent a delegation to Ottawa early in January of the present year to confer with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on this vital matter, a report of which, with a bill in accordance therewith will be laid before you.

Measures having for their object the construction of Permanent Public Works, and an improved Road Act will also be brought under your consideration.

The Public Accounts and the reports of the various departments of the public service will be submitted to you, and the estimates for the current year will be presented for your approval.

I feel sure that you will give your best attention to the subjects mentioned, as well as to such other matters as may appear to you to be for the public good.

After His Honor took leave of the House each member was served with a printed copy of the speech.

The Speaker called the attention of House to the vacancies that had occurred during the recess. The new members were then presented. Mr. Campbell was introduced by Hon. Daniel Gordon and Mr. Cyrus Shaw, and was sworn in.

Mr. S. E. Reid was introduced by Premier Farquharson and Hon. Peter McNutt.



HON. D. FARQUHARSON.

Mr. Gilbert DesRoches was introduced by Messrs. Arsenault and McDonald.

The Judge's decision in the Meddie Gallant case was submitted and read.

Premier Farquharson moved that the decision as read be entered in the journals of the House.

Mr. Speaker read the Speech from the Throne. The usual Standing Committees were then appointed as follows: To examine the reports of Public Accounts of last year; On Private Bills that may be presented to the House; On Engrossed Bills; For revising the Journals of the House each day; To receive tenders for the printing and binding of the Journals of the House, and all matters pertaining to Agriculture.

Hon. D. Farquharson made the usual statement of ministerial changes since last session, stating that after the appointment of Hon. A. B. Warburton to a judgeship he has been called upon to form an administration. The result was the cabinet as now composed.

Mr. John Whear was appointed Law Clerk of the House.

House adjourned until 8 p. m. today.

OTTAWA'S TIDINGS

New I. C. R. Supt. For Quebec.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY

Debate on Address Going On—Nova Scotia Pressing Her Claims.

OTTAWA, April 17.—(Special)—W. A. Dube, Train Despatcher of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been appointed Superintendent of the I. C. R. between Montreal and Levis.

Premier Murray and Hon. Mr. Pipes are interviewing the government regarding Nova Scotia's claims against the federal government.

It is understood that the government has decided to accept as provisional a boundary line between the Yukon and Alaska on condition that the United States government agree to an immediate adjudication of the boundary question.

The proposition has been sent to the imperial government for approval.

The debate on the address has far exceeded in length any such previous debate. It is believed that the vote will be taken on Tuesday night on Berran's sub-amendment and discussion of the main motion may continue a couple of days longer.

SONS AND TEMPLARS.

Strong Movement to Consolidate The Two Temperance Bodies.

TORONTO, April 17.—(Special)—The conference between representatives of the Sons of Temperance and Good Templars favored one organization and the supreme bodies of both will be asked to consolidate, or if not to arrange for their consolidation in Canada.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 17.—[Special]—The following are the closing rates:—April wheat, —; corn, 34½; oats, 26½; pork, 8.95. May wheat, 78½; corn, 35½; oats, 26½; pork, 9.00. July wheat, 74½; corn, 35½; oats, 25; 10 k. 9.17½.

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PREMIER HARDY.

May Take a Judgeship and Ross Be Made First Minister.

HAMILTON, April 17.—(Special)—The report is revived that Premier Hardy will retire and accept a judgeship and be succeeded by Hon. G. W. Ross, now Minister of Education.

ELEVATOR CONTRACT

Conference About the C. P. R. Running Powers on the I. C. R.

MONCTON, April 17.—(Special)—It is understood that Rhodes, Curry & Co. have secured the contract for the I. C. R. elevator at St. John.

The conference between the C. P. R. and I. C. R. over running arrangements was resumed at Ottawa today with Hon. Mr. Bair in attendance.

THANKSGIVING.

In St. Peter's for Pope Leo's Restoration to Wanted Health.

ROME, April 17.—The Thanksgiving Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, which was postponed on account of the illness of His Holiness from the anniversary of



POPE LEO XII.

the coronation, was celebrated yesterday in the Basilica.

At its close the Pope solemnly gave his blessing and was then borne back to his apartment amid renewed acclamations.

The Supreme Pontiff looked as well as he did before his illness.

FIGARO'S EVIDENCE.

Showing What Influenced Col. Picquart to Favor Dreyfus.

PARIS, April 17.—(Special)—The Figaro continues to print the evidence in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus trial showing what influenced Col. Picquart to take the side of Dreyfus.

SOLDIERS RIOTING.

Burn a Saloon in San Francisco, one Hundred Arrests.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—(Special)—A riot among the soldiers here resulted in the burning of a saloon and a hundred men are now under arrest.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(Special)—Fair and warmer, winds shifting to fresh southerly, with increasing cloudiness.

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GUERRILLA WARFARE

100,000 Men to Whip the Filipinos.

CHURCHES DESTROYED

Spain Appoints Minister to U. S. and Consuls to Cuba.

MANILA, April 17.—(Special)—Major General Lawton says the outlook is that 100,000 men will be necessary to pacify the Filipinos because of guerilla warfare.

The Filipinos use the stone churches as forts with the result that the Americans have been compelled to batter down several of them.

MADRID, April 17.—The official Gazette contains a royal decree, appointing the Duke of Aroost Spanish Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States.

The decree also creates consulates at Havana, Manila, Iloilo, San Juan, De Puerto Rico and Cienfuegos.

General Rios, Spain's principal commander in the Philippine cables, that Major General Otis has granted him safe conduct for his Chief of Staff and another officer, whom he is sending to Aguinaldo with a letter demanding the liberation of Spanish prisoners in the name of humanity and international law.

In the event of refusal the commissioners will ask Aguinaldo for a definite decision in order that they may acquaint and advise the world of his attitude.

General Rios has empowered them to offer to surrender to Aguinaldo sixteen hundred Filipino prisoners, who have been placed at the Spanish commander's disposal by General Otis.

THE CALL TO WRITE

Editor Dennis Would Have 'Hot Hands Laid upon Journalists.

HALIFAX, April 17.—William Dennis, of the Herald, preached in the Universalist church last evening on "Religion in the Press." He thought newspaper men required the laying on of hands as much as ministers.

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