

OPENING OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Ceremonial For The Occasion Was More Than Usually Impressive. The Confederation Plaque Was Unveiled By His Honour Lieutenant Governor Hertz. Five Officers Receive Decorations.

The first session of the forty-first General Assembly of Prince Edward Island was held yesterday afternoon by His Honour the Honourable Frank R. Hertz, Lieutenant Governor.

The ceremonial on the occasion was more stately and colorful than it has ever been witnessed in the memory of those who have witnessed it, the escort from the light horse adding much to the dignity of the procession, as with lances in hand they rode along, their colours of red and white snapping gallantly in the wind.

It was a lovely March day, so the citizens turned out en masse to witness the proceedings. While His Honour was on his way to the Provincial Building, the dull booming of the salute could be heard at intervals above the music of the band.

The Guard of Honour was under the command of Major T. B. Rogers, V. D., together with Captain W. J. MacDonald and Lieut. J. A. Loney. It was composed of one hundred men of the Prince Edward Island Highland Regiment.

The regimental band furnished excellent music appropriate to the occasion.

The two officers with the travelling escort of the light horse were Captain R. Hunter Duvall and Lieutenant J. T. Morris. The salute of fifteen guns was fired from the Park Roadway by a firing party of the Prince Edward Island Artillery, under the command of Major P. W. MacNeven, D. C. M., and Captain Carl Kelly, M. C. M.

Many beautifully gowned ladies were present in the Chamber where, on the arrival of the Governor and his party, the scene was one of great brilliance, the red and gold of the uniforms finding a fit setting in the tastefully decorated Assembly room.

Previous to the formal opening, the Clerk, Mr. Benjamin Rogers, had read a Communication from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor appointing Chief Justice Matheson and Mr. Justice Hassard a Commission for swearing in the members.

After the proclamation calling the House together had been read, the Commission came to the Assembly and Mr. R. H. Stewart, Assistant Provincial Secretary attending delivered to the Commissioners, the Returning Officers, and the writs of the election of members. The Commission then administered the oath to the members.

The Clerk received the following letter which he read: Government House, Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 20, 1928.

Sir: I am directed by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that on Tuesday the twentieth instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., he will open the first session of the forty-first General Assembly.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

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Circulation Of Leading English Newspapers

(Canadian Press) LONDON, March 20.—In view of the era of intensive competition which appears to be about to open in the English newspaper field, it is interesting to note the certified circulation figures which the more widely read papers are now placing before their readers. The Daily Mail has a daily circulation in February of 1,884,733, which is an increase of 43,929 on its figures for January and an increase on February of last year of 137,359.

Honourable Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and other distinguished visitors including the Prime Minister of Canada, the visit of the leader of the Government in the Mother of Parliaments was an event of more than passing interest, and we trust that it may often be repeated in the future.

The Diamond Jubilee of Canadian Confederation was celebrated last year and nowhere in Canada more joyfully than in this Province, so happily termed the "Cradle of Confederation."

A conference was convened in Ottawa in the month of November last by the Dominion Government, and the Governments of all the Provinces of Canada. As a result of this meeting the Dominion Government this year is continuing the additional money grant of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to our Province, and is undertaking in the very near future to make a complete revision of the financial arrangements, as recommended by the Duncan report.

We confidently anticipate that when such revision is made we will receive a very material increase in our subsidy.

Our basic industries, agriculture, fisheries and fox farming, are in a very profitable and highly satisfactory condition. The enviable record of our certified seed and commercial potatoes is due largely to the efficient management of the Potato Growers' Association, the loyal co-operation of its members and the energetic, consistent and faithful services of Federal instructors and inspectors.

The quality of our dairy products continues to improve, our butter, I am proud to note, grading highest during the past season of any in Canada. Due, in a measure, to our bovine tuberculosis free area, a market for our dairy cattle has developed in the United States and the West Indies.

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Lord Balfour III (Special to the Guardian) LONDON, March 20.—The Daily Express says that Lord Balfour, former Prime Minister and one of the outstanding British statesmen of the present generation, is suffering from heart trouble and has cancelled all his engagements. He has been ill for some time. In January he suffered a severe attack of Laryngitis.

most assuredly taken a very prominent place in the development of this Province. Our fisheries are second only in importance to our agricultural industry. My Government has made arrangements with the Department of Fisheries at Ottawa whereby our fishermen will be able to take a course of instruction, practically free of charge, in the preparation of dried, pickled and boneless fish, in the construction and operation of motor engines for boats, in navigation, and in the co-operative marketing of fish. I am pleased to say that my Government has transferred our system of fisheries to the Dominion Government, which is undertaking to make all reasonable efforts to revive this once famous industry. It is to be hoped these efforts will be crowned with success.

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13. It is with a feeling of satisfaction that I am able to announce that the Dominion Government has agreed to include many branches of agricultural activities under the head of technical education, and as a result this Province will receive a greater proportion of the Federal grant for this purpose.

14. The growth of the silver fox industry has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. The prices realized for fox pelts, especially those of high quality, at the recent Fur Auction Sales, have been most gratifying. The industry has

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

(From our own correspondent) OTTAWA, Ont., March 20.—The fight over international bridges continued last evening. In addition to the Memorial Bridge to connect the two Niagara Falls cities, there were two others from Sarina to Port Huron, only one of which, however, was reached, that of the St. Clair Transit Company, which is opposed by the three other companies. While the objections raised by Messrs. Chaplin, Bennett, Cahlan, and Stevens, of a constitutional and a sort of good-of-the-country nature were not the same in the latter instance, the competition was equally fierce in other directions. The Hon. Lucien Cannon, strongly aided by Mr. Pettit, a Conservative neighbor of Mr. Chaplin, defended the right of the Dominion as against provincial jurisdiction to incorporate such a bridge. Being a private measure, the House seems to be fairly well divided irrespective of Party on its merits.

The Hon. Mr. Bennett scored rather heavily in pointing out that it had been as a traction bridge, taken out of the hands of the Railway Commission and vested in the Governor-in-Council whose powers in that respect were no longer relevant in such matters. As a result the measure was laid over with a view to making the change.

The last hour was devoted to a symposium on the resolution of Mr. Heaps for a committee to inquire into a scheme of unemployment insurance. The member for North Winnipeg, finished his speech on the virtues of such a system and Mr. Neill of Albert spoke strongly in favor of it, incidentally defending the British plan of doles, which he made the subject of a personal investigation. The talk was unfinished at eleven o'clock.

As a preliminary this afternoon the Prime Minister moved that the House in adjourning on Friday, March 30th, would stand adjourned until April 19th, that is over the Easter holidays. Only one member, Evans, Rosetown, protested. He said that while members from Eastern Canada could go home and enjoy themselves, those from the west by reason of time and distance were debarr'd. The motion carried.

After that the afternoon was largely taken up in debating a resolution submitted by the Minister of Justice providing for the appointment of a special committee of fifteen members to enquire into the salary of judges with all the usual powers of calling witnesses and for documents, etc. and to make recommendations.

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Prince Street Grocery Store Remodelled

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Diocesan Church Society Meets

The Diocesan Church Society's meetings were opened with an Executive meeting held in St. Paul's Parish hall yesterday at 3 o'clock with the Venerable Archdeacon White of Summerside presiding. Other clergy present were Rev. Canon Malone, Rev. H. D. Raymond, Rev. C. C. Rand, Rev. G. T. Spriggs, Rev. C. F. Johnson and Rev. H. R. Coleman and a large attendance of lay delegates.

After the reading of the minutes the Rev. Canon Malone moved that a resolution of sympathy be sent to Mr. W. L. Cotton in his illness. This was seconded by the Rev. H. D. Raymond and carried. The Archdeacon added words of regret at the absence through illness of Mr. Cotton whose face was so well known for many years at the meetings of the Society, and whose wise counsel and loyal churchmanship had often been a guide to those in attendance.

Mr. Leavitt of Alberton expressed the thanks of the congregation of that place to those who gave assistance towards erection of the new church, and also to the ladies of the W. A.

After grants were made for various purposes the meeting adjourned. In the evening a most impressive service was held in St. Peter's Cathedral. Evenson was said by Rev. Canon Malone, assisted by Revs. C. F. Johnson, Rev. H. R. Coleman, Rev. C. C. Rand and Rev. G. T. Spriggs. A most thoughtful address on the value of prayer was delivered by Rev. Leonard Haslam, M. A., Rector of Yarmouth.

The benediction was pronounced by Ven. Archdeacon White. Mr. Haslam based his discourse on Eph. VI, especially verses 18 to 20. St. Paul in this chapter deals with the panoply, or equipment of the soldier of Christ—a matter of as much importance to the Christian soldier as was the equipment of the soldier in the last war.

Circled yourselves, said the speaker, with the girdle of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, and most important of all, the strong sword of the spirit. But even then, the Christian is not fully armed. What led to the defeat of the Germans in the late war was the loss of morale rather than a great defeat in battle. When that quality of the spirit was gone, they threw down their arms and surrendered. In their case this loss in morale was largely due to the 2,000,000 fresh men that the Germans knew were coming to the aid of the allies from this side of the Atlantic. In the same manner, communism sapped the morale of the Russian armies and caused their down fall, and but for Mussolini, the Italian forces, too, would have fallen before its insidious attack on the spirit of the troops. So with Christian soldiers. Their great need is morale, without which they will ever fight a losing battle. To sustain it, keep open your line of communication with God. And this line of communication is prayer. It brings you back to your consciousness of God. If we could but go from this church tonight and enter into our daily tasks tomorrow with this consciousness of God, what a difference it would make in our lives! No matter how grave a crisis we may be facing, if we but have this sense of His nearness to us, we feel secure, and neither dangers or doubts can hurt us. My friends, get this consciousness of God by prayer, and your spiritual morale will be restored. Let us try to give God a chance, in our lives, to open up our hearts more fully to Him. Prayer gives us a love for God's humanity. To be frank, I don't know that I love humanity spontaneously. It is by Jesus' love, humanity, and by coming closer to Him I came to love humanity. And I think that this is true of ourselves, also. It is a wonderful thing when we can see things as Jesus sees them, and love humanity as he loves it. My friends, let us try to get the spiritual morale attainable only through prayer. And then go out and give to humanity the mind of Christ. To sustain it, keep open your line



It was while witnessing the ancient game of Shrovetide football as the Prince of Wales broke into a picture above. Though played for centuries, this was the first time a member of the royal family had expressed a wish to see the game.

Civic Luncheon For Teams Which Play In Cup Finals

OTTAWA, March 20.—The City Council will give a civic luncheon for teams which play in the final of the Allan Cup. Arrangements were made last night by the publicity committee of the council. It is proposed to hold the luncheon next Monday, and it is expected that with the two competing teams and the officers and delegates of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, there will be about 100 persons present.

The final for the Allan Cup will be between the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, and the winning team in the Victoria-Kitchener series. The first game will likely be played on Saturday night and the second on Monday, so luncheon was favored in preference to an evening banquet. The C.A.H.A. will hold its sessions in the Chateau.

New Premier Announces Policy

(Special to the Guardian) CAIRO, Egypt, March 20.—The prediction that a good will agreement would be reached eventually with Great Britain, safeguarding Egypt's independence and British interests was made by the new Egyptian Premier in announcing the new Government's policy to Parliament today.

Nahas Pasha succeeded Sarwar Pasha after the latter's Government rejected the text of the draft treaty negotiated by Sarwar and Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of the Foreign Office. The refusal of the old Government to accept the terms was based on its belief that it did not provide for Egyptian aspirations.

In his remarks today Nahas Pasha said: "It must be an agreement between two friends, not between master and dependent." He was cheered when he asserted the new Government recognized "no fact or act" which conflicted with Egypt's complete independence.

Trains Reduce Running Time

MONCTON, March 20, 1928.—Three of the five special boat trains dispatched from Halifax on Saturday and Sunday last, March 17th and 18th, reduced their scheduled time of running between Divisional points in the Atlantic region by very substantial margins. These reductions are the more remarkable in view of the heavy traffic which is being handled over the Region at the present time.

The train carrying the passengers from the Scandinavian-American liner "Frederick 8th" was given a schedule of 18 hours and 30 minutes from Halifax to River Du Loup, but her actual time was 15 hours and 17 minutes better than the time in which the train was expected to make it in that distance.

The train of 11 cars carrying the passengers of the White Star liner Celtic leaving Halifax Sunday morning, made the distance between Halifax and Truro in 1 hour and 40 minutes, and made the run from Halifax to River Du Loup in 25 minutes less than the scheduled time.

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Remanded For Sentence

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Committee Will Inquire Into Harding's Affairs

(Special to the Guardian) WASHINGTON, March 20.—Inquiry into the financial affairs of the late President Harding by the Senate Teapot Dome Committee will go further than to determine whether any of the Liberty bond profits of the Continental Trading Co. of Canada came into his possession. "We shall have to determine whether there were any oil stocks or other securities that might have emanated from the oil deals into which we are inquiring," Chairman Nye said today. We will have to go into that as well as also reopen the matter of the sale of the Marion Star. The Star was formerly owned by the late President. The examination of the records of the Harding estate will be made by an investigator who will be sent to Marion to confer with executors of the estate.

No Legislation Re Alberta Coal

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, March 20.—No legislation will be passed by the Provincial Government regarding the sale of Alberta coal in Ontario, Premier Ferguson however, believes no coal should be shipped into the province at the rate set by the Dominion Railway Board at Ottawa until it has been inspected carefully by the Alberta Government.

"Now that the rate has been set, some means of making sure the coal we buy in Alberta is the proper quality should be devised," the Premier stated to the Star.

"There is no doubt there is plenty of coal in Alberta that is just the kind we need here, and this is the kind we should get." He mentioned the last time coal from the west was shipped into the province considerable poor material was mixed in with it.

"Did you ever hear of an American firm calling its company and location Alberta and shipping its product in Ontario as Alberta coal?" the Star asked.

"When the poor quality came into the province we heard this was the case, but we never found out anything definite," he replied.

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