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THE OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

Took Place Yesterday Afternoon in a Storm—Barely one Half the Members Present—Dr. Douglas was Elected the Speaker.

In the midst of a snowstorm the Legislature after a third postponement was opened yesterday afternoon by His Honor Lieut. Governor McKinnon.

In the absence of No. 2 Co. of the 82nd Regiment and Band who were prevented from being present on account of the storm the city companies of the 4th Regiment with Regimental Band formed the Guard of Honor.

Previous to the appearance of His Honor, the members were sworn in by a commission composed of Justice Sullivan, Judge McDonald and W.A. Weeks, Esq., and afterwards elected Dr. A. E. Douglas as Speaker.

At three o'clock the Assembly presented a gay scene. A large number of ladies were present and the Speaker's dais was artistically decorated with palms and other potted plants.

The Governor's opening speech was as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I heartily welcome you on re-assembling for the discharge of your important legislative duties on this first opportunity of meeting you since my appointment to the

honourable position. Lieutenant Governor of this province and I have much pleasure in congratulating you upon the general progress of the Province, although there was last year, unfortunately, a great shortage of crops, owing to the dry season.

During the recess our late popular Governor-General, the Earl of Minto, retired, and he has been succeeded by Earl Gray, whose appointment gives promise of being most acceptable to the Canadian people.

I regret to inform you that the Representation Case, which was argued before the Privy Council last summer, has been decided adversely to this Province. It is however satisfactory to know that this question has been finally decided by the highest Court in the realm.

The matters of the Increased Provincial Subsidies and the Distribution of the Halifax Fisheries Award have not yet received any definite decision from the Federal Government, having been referred owing to the Federal and Provincial Elections. I trust, however, that these matters will soon be adjusted to the satisfaction of this Province.

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HON. R. W. SCOTT AN OCTOGENARIAN

Brother Senators Present a Silver Centre Piece in Honor of the Anniversary.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(Special)—Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, today celebrated his 80th birthday, having been born on Feb. 24, 1825, at Prescott, Ont.

He has been in public life since 1857 when he was first elected to the Ontario Legislature. He has been in the Senate since 1874. Mr. Scott notwithstanding his advanced age is in excellent health and vigorous in every way.

The Liberal members of the Senate appreciating Mr. Scott's long and valuable services to the party and the country and

their personal regard for him today presented him with a massive silver centre-piece for his table.

The presentation was made in Speaker Dandurand's Chamber and His Honor happily expressed the sentiments which animated the givers and bore eloquent testimony to Mr. Scott's honorable career.

Mr. Scott who was deeply affected by the evidence of good will replied.

All of the Liberal Senators at present in Ottawa participated in the proceedings.

M. McLEAN, Vancouver, B. C., is visiting his home in Wood Islands. Mr. McLean was 16 years a member of the Police force of which John Stewart, Georgetown, was Chief.

THERE are rumors of a strike in West Mines, Londonderry, N.S., for the past two weeks over a Mr. Brydie of P. E. I., who the miners asked to have appointed blacksmith but who was objectionable to the Company.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Va-po-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE... 25c.
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A WIDOW FOUND DEAD IN SHED

With a Fatal Wound in Her Head—Not Known—Yet Whether it was Accidental or a Murder.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 24—(Special)—In a pool of blood and with her head deeply gashed, the dead body of Mrs. Doyle, a widow of 84 years of age was found in a woodshed in the rear of her home in Brantford township yesterday.

Reliable details cannot be ascertained owing to the blocked state of the roads but the wound appears to have been inflicted with an axe and was dealt with sufficient force to cause a fracture of the skull.

Whether the blow was accidentally sustained by the victim herself while endeavoring to wield the axe or was delivered by other hands it is impossible to say.

A FATAL FIRE AT SHERBROOK

SHERBROOK, QUE., Feb. 24—(Special)—Mrs. Jas. McGee who lived at Easton Corner, perished in the flames of her burning house this morning. She was about 85 years of age.

The fire broke out about three a. m. and before the neighbors reached the place the house was enveloped in flames.

AN ENGINEER DROPPED DEAD

SHERBROOKE, QUE., Feb. 24—(Special)—H. C. Cleveland, Engineer in charge of the extension of Oxford Mountain Railway dropped dead here today.

WANTED—A case of headache that Kumfort Headache Powders will not cure in ten minutes.

IN MEMORIAM.

Admirers of Mark Twain believe he has never written anything more effective than the little verse he had cut in the modest block of marble which marks the resting-place of his wife in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, New York:

Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here,
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light,
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.

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Chester's Cure for Catarrh costs 50c and \$1. a package. No tonics—no atomizers—no "extras" of any kind are required. The first cost is the only cost. The treatment is so simple that a child can use it. Simply ignite a small quantity, and inhale the smoke. The vapor—laden with its healing properties—permeates every portion of the nostrils and throat, and cures.

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LARCENIES AT THE VICTORIA

Young Bell Boy Arrested last Night by the Marshall Claimed that He Has been Entering Rooms While Inmates Slept—A Story of Daring Crime.

A young lad about fourteen years of age named Frank McAulay, who has been employed as bell boy at the Victoria Hotel since last September, was arrested last night about eight o'clock by Marshal Cameron charged with larceny. The story told to the police is along the following line:

The youth, who is a bright, attractive lad, by his confessions yesterday showed himself to have been more than ordinarily well schooled in petty thefts which have been taking place at the Hotel for some weeks.

The climax came yesterday when McAulay who was night watch at the hotel, it is alleged, committed a more daring act than usual. Between three and four in the morning A. L. Fraser, Souris, who sleeps on the same floor as the office, was awakened by a slight noise in his room. Listening for a moment or two he heard breathing and upon arising, the intruder, who had crevassed in through the transom over the door unlocked the door and went out.

He was followed by the office. The lad stoutly denied having been in his room at all but offered to give him \$5, which the former claimed had been taken from his pocket, if he insisted that a theft had been committed.

In the morning Mr. Fraser reported to the hotel people and the boy after stoutly denying at first that he had committed any larcenies was searched and money which had been taken from a number of the other rooms during the night was found on his person. These rooms he subsequently admitted having entered and having taken money from the pockets of the sleeping inmates.

Some time ago the stone from a valuable diamond ring owned by Mrs. Stems disappeared from her room. The mystery was unexplained until yesterday when McAulay confessed to have picked the diamond from its setting with a pair of scissors and then again placed the latter where it had been lying in the room. He says he left the stone in his coat pocket but afterwards lost it. The boy was at the Police Station last night and does not appear a bit exercised over the charges made against him. He came from Boston some months ago and when he applied for a position at the Hotel was readily accepted as he gave promise of being a more than ordinarily clever lad.

RAISE THE HOODOO.

Sir:—It is not time that the managers of the Hillside rink cancelled the long expected Ladies' Hockey match? One storm hoodoo—the opening of the Legislature—has now been removed. Why not remove the other—and then storms will cease.

SOUTH RUSSIA SOON TO REVOLT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24—(Special)—The beginning of a dangerous movement among the peasantry of the southern provinces of Russia is noticed.

Private reports leave no room for doubt that the strikes in the whole region below Moscow are almost political in character. The situation in Southern Russia is indeed serious.

DATES FIXED FOR MILITIA CAMPS

P. E. I. on June 27th—District Officer Commanding to Report Return of Troops to be Trained in Camp.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(Special)—The Minister of Militia has approved of the dates for the training of militia in Camps of Instruction throughout the Dominion during the year.

District No. 8, St. John N. B., will go into camp June 27; No. 9 District, Halifax, on Sept. 12 and No. 12 District, Charlottetown, on June 27.

It is the intention to train the entire force. The District Officer Commanding will forward to headquarters not later than the 15th of May a complete return of the troops to be trained in camp.

FIRE ATTENDED BY FATALITY

COATCOOKE, Que., Feb. 24—(Special)—Fire early this morning destroyed the Opera House and was attended with fatal results.

John Corliss, a fireman, was killed by the falling of the roof and John Chesley another fireman, had his two legs broken. The loss is estimated at \$4000, partly covered by insurance.

WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, Feb. 25—(Special)—Northern winds, clearing and not much change in temperature.

THE TEMPERATURE
The weather yesterday remained moderately cold. The temperature this morning was 15 above zero.

CANADA-FRANCE DIRECT LINERS

Contract With Allan Line for Three Years, not Less than Two Trips Each Month—Four Steamers to be Put on the New Route.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(Special)—A contract has been signed with the Allan Line for a steamship service between Canada and France. The contract extends from the date of opening of navigation in 1905 to the opening of navigation in 1908.

Montreal and Quebec are nominated Canadian ports of call during the St. Lawrence season, and Halifax and St. John during the winter.

The French ports of call are Cherbourg or Havre at the contractors' option. There shall be not less than two round voyages a month.

For 18 voyages Canada is to pay a subsidy of \$100,000 and if twenty-four voyages \$130,333.33 is to be paid. The steamers to perform the service are the Laurentian, 4,522 tons; Pomeranian 4,258 tons; Sardinian 4,319 tons and Buenos Ayres 4,104 tons.

Such cold storage accommodation is to be provided as the Minister of Trade and Commerce may call for. Mails are to be carried and a speed of not less than ten knots given.

A FIRE BRINGS DEATH TO FAMILY

MONCTON, Feb. 24—(Special)—Word received here tells of the burning to death at Howe Brook, near Houlton, Me., of Mrs. Samuel Anthworth and Mrs. John Storey with Mrs. Anthworth's two children and one child of Mrs. Storey. The families were living together. The fire spread very rapidly over the house cutting off all escape.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 24—(Special)—The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple arrived today bringing 400 Russian Jews for Western Canada.

NEURALGIA may not be dangerous, but it hurts. It seems to tear the face with red-hot pinners. Stay indoors and use Perry Davis' Painkiller. The blessed freedom from pain which follows cannot be told.

UNDER ORDERS FOR GARRISON

QUEBEC, Feb. 24—(Special)—Under orders from the Militia Department at Ottawa a detachment of No. 5 Company R. C. R. quartered in this city under command of Lieut. Col. MacDougal will proceed to Halifax to do garrison duty in place of the British forces now at the depot.

YES, IT IS HUMILIATING to have skin covered with foul eruptions. It is painful, too, for the burning and itching give you no peace. Why not end the trouble and restore your skin to its natural fairness with Weaver's Cerate?

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, February 24—(Special)—
Feb. Corn 48 1/2 May Corn 47 1/2
Wheat 10 1/2 Wheat 11 1/2
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