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PARLIAMENT IN SESSION.

The great talking shop of Canada is now in session. Already the Government party have begun to talk about "the large degree of prosperity which the people of Canada at present enjoy."

Apart from "prosperity," the Governor General's speech seems to indicate that there will be two important topics of talk in Parliament and throughout the country.

The result of six months of "dining and dickerings" at Quebec and at Washington are here officially summed up.

The other subject for talk is announced in the words,—"A measure will be submitted to you for the better arrangement of the electoral districts throughout the Dominion."

In our opinion the talk about this matter will be somewhat premature. The census of Canada will not be taken until the year 1901, and a rearrangement of the

electoral districts must subsequently be made. The object of the Government in unnecessarily raising this question now, may, however, be divined.

It is possible that the Opposition will have something to say about the administration of affairs in the Yukon; the lavish and corrupt expenditures of public money in the faces of pleas of retrenchment and reform, the failure of the Government to fulfil the expectations raised by the taking of the plebiscite vote, as well as other failures.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

St. Patrick's Day, 1899, though ushered in by a snowstorm, and though more wintry than usual, sees Ireland in a much more tranquil and prosperous state than it has been in years that are past.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There are so many live topics to comment on nowadays that the Patriot cannot find time to express an opinion about the Government's action upon the result of the plebiscite which it caused to be held at a cost of \$250,000 more or less.

The leading Liberal journal of the Eastern Townships—the Huntingdon Gleaner—is still in pursuit of Mr. Fielding. That Minister spent last year two and a half millions more than he took in, but by charging seven and a half millions to capital account, he claims that he has a surplus of five millions.

Hello, Guardian. Tell us something we don't know; and stop offering excuses for a team service between Anzac and Cape Tormentine. You know as well as we do that horses—even those which are not starved and maimed—cannot compete in all weathers and in all conditions of the roads with a railway.

The Guardian now concludes that the EXAMINER is in error in its prohibition in any form. It would have the public believe that the EXAMINER is upon this point in agreement with its friends at Ottawa! Wrong, again. The EXAMINER is strongly in favor of a law which will prohibit the importation, sale and use of alcoholic liquors, except for strictly medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Brilliant Opening—Speech From the Throne.

OTTAWA, March 16.—The parliament opened at three o'clock today with great eclat. The function was one of most notable in the history of Canadian society. It was attended by great numbers, and there was a big crush in the Senate chamber, it being the first time Lord Minto met the Canadian parliament.

He referred in the speech to the pleasure it gave him, particularly at this time when Canada is enjoying such an era of prosperity. He made reference to the increase of immigration, and expressed gratification that the exodus had practically ceased. On the Washington negotiations his Lordship expressed the hope that the commission would reassemble and ensure satisfactory results.

Of course the speech does not fore shadow all measures to be introduced by the government, but it is certain that many important measures are in course of preparation.

LATER.

OTTAWA, March 16.—At three o'clock this afternoon His Excellency the Governor General, proceeded to the chamber of the Senate in the parliament building, and the members of the Senate being present, and the members of the House of Commons having been summoned to the bar of the Senate his Excellency was pleased to open the fourth session of the eighth parliament of Canada with the following

SPEECH.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In meeting you for the first time since entering upon my duties as the representative of her Majesty in this Dominion, it affords me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the large degree of prosperity which the people of Canada at present enjoy, as evidenced by the expansion of trade and commerce, the flourishing condition of the public revenues, and the increased number of immigrants, which are to become permanent settlers amongst us.

In compliance with the act passed last session a plebiscite was held on the question of prohibition. The official figures of the vote will be placed before you.

I observe with pleasure that the mother country, Canada and other British possessions have recently adopted a penny postage letter rate. The satisfaction with which this action has been received by the Canadian people is a further proof of the general desire existing amongst our people for closer relations with the mother country and the rest of the empire.

I am also glad to be able to state that the satisfactory condition of the finances of the country permitted a reduction of the Canadian domestic letter rate from three to two cents. Although such reduction involves a temporary loss of revenue, it is nevertheless confidently expected that the cheaper rate will prove of such service in the promotion of trade, and in the general interchange of correspondence that within a reasonable time the revenue of the post office department will be restored to its former figures.

The returns from the Yukon have so far proved sufficient to meet the heavy expenditure it was found necessary to incur for the purpose of preserving law and order. It has been thought expedient in the public interest to authorize the construction of a line of telegraph for the purpose of maintaining speedy communication with the people in those distant territories. A measure will be submitted to you for the better arrangement of the electoral districts throughout the Dominion, as also several enactments of less importance.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I am confident that the important

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