

FORMAL OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

Coming Legislation Foreshadowed In the Speech From the Throne at First Session of Eleventh Parliament.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

With glorious weather and all due pomp and panoply, the first session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia was opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor this afternoon. He was attended by a brilliant suite, and the scene in the chamber was a striking one. The attendance was a record one, the galleries being filled with an eager crowd, both of ladies and gentlemen.

On the floor of the house, most of the members were present. There were, however, some notable exceptions. Amongst those latter were the leader of the opposition, J. A. Macdonald, and the popular liberal whip, Dr. King, of Cranbrook. The former is unavoidably detained in consequence of a relapse from an attack of grip. Dr. King also will not arrive until Sunday. In the absence of Mr. Macdonald, the veteran of the opposition, John Oliver, of Delta, acted as leader of his party. There were also present on that side the well-known member for Yale, Stuart Henderson, and the popular representative of Chilliwack, Chas. Munro, whose spirited fight in the face of the strong opposition put up against him, alone saved the constituency to the Liberals.

The remaining Liberals included S. Jones, of Cariboo, who sat in the last house, and who, with his winning manner, Mr. Yorston, overwhelmed the Conservatives in the late fight; H. C. Brewster, who won Alberni from a cabinet minister; John Jardine, whose victory in Esquimalt was a notable one; Dr. Hall, of Nelson, ex-mayor Naden of Greenwood, and Dr. Korgan, of Skeena. The new members on the opposition side all give promise of being valuable acquisitions to the house.

The government side showed up strongly. With a following of 26 in number, most of whom were on the floor to-day, the premier should have no difficulty in controlling the House.

Hon. H. B. Young, the new provincial secretary, was not in the House, having no seat in consequence of the by-election being called. He was, however, seated on the floor of the House were the official guests, including the consuls of the various foreign nations in the city, representatives of the courts, and the clergy, and a large number of friends of the ministers and the members.

Promptly at the appointed hour, His Honor, James Dunsmuir, in his official uniform, entered the assembly room attended by his personal staff drawn from the officers of the navy, the Royal Canadian forces at Work Point and the militia regiment.

Upon taking his place on the Speaker's throne, it was intimated that a speaker would have to be selected before the speech of His Honor was delivered.

Thereupon His Honor, withdrew, and D. M. Eberts was appointed to the office of Speaker.

Upon a message being conveyed to His Honor that the choice had been made, the Lieutenant-Governor entered the chamber and read the following address:

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"It affords me much pleasure to welcome you to this the first session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia.

"In view of the general prosperity which prevails throughout the province I deem it my first duty to express a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness for the many blessings bestowed upon the people of British Columbia.

"I am pleased to congratulate you on the satisfactory state of the provincial finances, which will show a substantial surplus, and on the steady and continuous expansion of the industries of the province, as evidenced by the increased production of the mines, fisheries, forests, fields and orchards.

"The question of the financial relations existing between the province and the Dominion will be submitted for your consideration, together with a report of the proceedings of the inter-provincial conference held at Ottawa, the most important point in which is the acknowledgment by the Dominion government of the right of British Columbia to 'better terms.'

"A bill will be submitted to you amending the Assessment Act, which will provide for decreasing the taxation on real and personal property.

"The validity of the coal and petroleum licenses granted in Southeast Kootenay under the terms of an order in council, dated 3rd June, 1904, having been called in question, a bill will be brought down, in order that the situation may be dealt with.

"A measure will be placed before you for the purpose of making certain amendments to the British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901, which it is proposed to bring into force at an early date.

"In order that the youth of the province may be enabled to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences without having to seek abroad the facilities for higher education, a measure will be submitted for your consideration, authorizing the setting apart of a sufficient portion of the crown lands to create a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a provincial university.

"You will be asked to place a sum on the estimates for the purpose of obtaining a full report on the subject of irrigation and the available sources of water supply in the 'dry belt.'

"Steps have been taken by my government to assert the rights of the province in the lands set apart as Indian reserves. The correspondence and orders in council in connection with this matter will be laid before you.

"I am pleased to inform you that negotiations are pending between the government and certain transportation and immigration agencies, through which it is confidently hoped that a desirable class of immigrants will be secured from the United Kingdom.

"The public accounts for the last year and the estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before you without delay.

"I commit the above matters, and all others which may be submitted to you, to your best consideration, relying upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the best interests of British Columbia."



The Hon. James Dunsmuir, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

SASKATCHEWAN UNIVERSITY ACT

READ FIRST TIME IN LEGISLATURE

Colleges Given Right to Make Provisions Regarding Religious Instruction and Worship.

Regina, Sask., March 7.—The University Act introduced by the provincial government for the purpose of establishing and incorporating a university for the province of Saskatchewan, and which has received its first reading, provides for the erection of the necessary machinery for the carrying on of the proposed seat of learning.

By the act is established a body politic and corporate, consisting of a chancellor, a convocation, a senate, board of governors and council, is to have equal power and authority to give such instruction and teaching in the several faculties and for certificates of honor in the different branches of knowledge and to grant degrees after examination in the manner provided in the act. By the act no religious tests will be required, of either professors or students, though the right is given to any college to make such provision in regard to religious instruction and worship for its own students as it may deem proper.

The maintenance of the university is to be provided out of the general revenues of the province by such sums as may be appropriated by the legislature for the purpose, and by a percentage of the net receipts of the province for the current year under the succession duties ordinance and further out of the fund collected by the supplementary act, the real and personal property of the university to be exempted from taxation.

THE ROAD TO HEALTH

Lies Through the Rich, Red Blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Actually Make.

Compound pills purge the bowels. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make new rich blood. Purging pills gallop through the bowels-tearing the tissues, irritating the organs and weakening the whole system. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do not purge at all. They're tonic pills, soothing pills, strengthening pills, blood-building pills. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood. That is why they are the only scientific cure for all blood diseases. That is why they cure headaches and backaches, kidney troubles, indigestion, neuralgia, rheumatism, heart troubles, and the special ailments of growing girls and mature women. Purging pills act only on the symptoms of disease. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills go straight to the root of the trouble in the blood—and cure. Mr. John Burke, Elmdate, P. E. I., says: "I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the best medicine in the world. I had an attack of pneumonia which was followed by extreme nervousness and rheumatism. I tried some of our best doctors but got nothing to help me until I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking the pills some weeks I could actually feel the new blood they were making coursing through my veins, and in the course

ANOTHER DELAY IN THAW CASE

CAUSED BY DEATH IN JUDGE'S FAMILY

Mr. Delmas Announces That Only Two More Witnesses Will Be Called.

New York, March 7.—A death in Justice Fitzgerald's family has postponed the session of the Thaw trial for a day. On Friday, when the court reopens, the defense will call two more witnesses, probably Dr. G. M. Hammond and Dr. Smith Jeffrey. Before court adjourned yesterday Mr. Delmas, leading counsel for the defence, stated that there would be but two more witnesses called. The attorneys will devote today to forming the hypothetical question which they will put to the experts. This question, Mr. Delmas said, last night, will cover every fact in the case. This decision makes it certain that a number of the witnesses who have been expected to testify for the defence will not be called.

The plans of the defence in regard to what Mrs. Wm. Thaw, mother of the defendant, would testify to were changed. It had been announced that she would testify to insanity in her family, but Mr. Delmas would not allow her to do so, even after she had asked in open court to be allowed to. This was probably due to the fact that the defence does not desire to pile up any more evidence of the taint of insanity in the Thaw blood. The defence goes on the theory that Thaw was insane from early in 1903 until after June 25th, but that after White was dead, his mind rapidly became normal. The defence has not introduced testimony to show that Thaw is sane to-day, but may do so by experts who are to go on the stand Friday. The only evidence that has so far been introduced, which tends to show that he is at present sane, is Dr. Evans' testimony that when he saw him in the Tombs on October 3rd, his condition was greatly improved and that improvement was of a progressive character.

THE KING PRESENTS CUP FOR YACHTS

Norfolk, Va., March 7.—President Tucker, of the Jamestown exposition, received a cablegram from Sir Thomas Lipton yesterday, which announced that he had been authorized by King Edward to inform the exposition authorities that the King would offer a silver trophy cup for 28-footers to be contested for in the international yachting regatta to be held here during the exposition.

TO PROTECT FISHERIES.

Russia Will Send Two Cruisers to Guard Against Japanese Encroachment.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—In order to prevent the Japanese from encroaching on the sparsely guarded Siberian littoral during the fishing season, commencing in April, Russia has decided to send to the Pacific two small cruisers, now in the Black Sea. They will pass through the Dardanelles with their guns mounted under a private agreement with Turkey.

The treaty negotiations between Russia and Japan are still hanging fire. Japan evidently awaiting the parliamentary developments before entering into a definite agreement.

A large vessel can attain considerably greater speed with the same engine power in 30 fathoms of water than in 12 fathoms.

A BATTLE, NOT A HOCKEY MATCH

SEVERAL PLAYERS CARRIED FROM ICE

Fire at Soo Destroyed Carnegie Library, Municipal Buildings And Fire Hall.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 7.—The most brutal hockey game ever seen in the Maritime province was played here when the Moncton and Sackville teams met last night. Several players were so badly injured that they had to be carried from the ice. After the Sackville goal-keeper had been knocked down in a mix up he struck a Moncton man over the head with his hockey stick, inflicting a terrible gash. The two men then fought, rolling around on the ice until parted. The game lasted two hours and blood ran freely.

Destructive Fire.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., March 7.—After an absence of serious fires for a considerable time the Soo was visited last night by the most disastrous fire in its existence. The Carnegie library, municipal building and fire hall were completely destroyed, leaving only blackened walls. The buildings were erected about three years ago at a cost of \$35,000. They were insured for \$20,000, divided amongst several companies. The fire originated in an attic over the Carnegie library from a defective electric wire, and spread with such rapidity that the local fire brigade could not cope with it, and secured aid from the Michigan Soo. All the municipal papers and records were preserved in the vaults.

Coal Land Applications.

Lethbridge, Alta., March 7.—J. W. Stafford, land agent for Lethbridge, has received instructions from the department of the interior to receive no more applications for coal lands. Findings for coal lands have been a daily matter at Lethbridge for a long time past, the territory embraced in this district being the whole southern part of the province, and it is said that probably hundreds of sections are covered by applications at present.

Orders Locomotives.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—Contracts for the supply of six locomotives has been let by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway commission to the Montreal locomotive works at a cost of \$180,000.

Funds Short.

Toronto, March 7.—There is still a shortage of \$88,741 in the funds of the Presbyterian church to come up to the requirements for the various schemes for the year just closed.

Probably Killed by Train.

Port Arthur, Ont., March 7.—After considerable investigation surrounding the death of Ernest Ironside, it is now believed that death was caused by a train striking him.

Dropped Dead at Work.

Brampton, Ont., March 7.—Alfred Meredith, an employee of the Copeland Chertier Co., dropped dead at work yesterday.

TEN THOUSAND TONNER IN PORT

SHAWMUT BRINGS NEWS OF CHINESE ARMING

Yellow Race Will Have Standing Force of Millions With Full Modern Equipment.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

This morning at 8 o'clock the ten thousand tonner Shawmut, Captain Roberts, of the Boston Towboat Company, pulled into the outer wharf. She was a little over fifteen days out from Yokohama.

Captain Roberts reports that the vessel had a favorable voyage, although occasionally troubled with strong northerly winds. When about half way across some very cold weather was experienced, the thermometer at times verging on zero.

The Shawmut brings news of great significance from China. That country with her teeming millions is rapidly erecting her armory according to modern ideas. The present scheme outlines the formation of thirty-six divisions each to consist in round numbers of 10,000 men. The uniform of modern ideas has been received, the present scheme is only the preliminary to the banding of millions of fighting men, who will form the largest army of the future.

The present formation is being armed with the most modern of fighting material. The artillery is equipped, partly with Krupp, and partly with Japanese guns. The cavalry carry carbines and swords. The infantry are provided with Mausers and Mannlickers. Each man carries 100 rounds of ammunition in his pouch, and 40 rounds in his knapsack, and is provided with a haversack, water bottle, cloak and interlocking tools.

The officers of this new army will be trained from boyhood in military schools, and a higher war school for their further training is now in course of erection at Peking. The uniform of the modern army is of European pattern, khaki in summer and dark cloth in winter.

There is no doubt that the Chinese form excellent material for soldiers. They are brave, hardy and extremely well disciplined, and drill well; all of which qualities were recognized and favorably commented upon by the foreign officers who witnessed last year's manoeuvres. The present formation is following the Japanese system of training exclusively. A great future is prophesied for the new Chinese army. Indeed it promises to become a very serious power to reckon with.

The Shawmut brought a passenger list of 88. Of these 45 were landed at this port, including one first, three Chinese, and forty-one Japanese. The remainder of the passengers who will be landed at Tacoma were fourteen first, four second, eight Chinese, and seventeen Japanese. The cargo on board the vessel consisted of 4,000 tons of general Chinese merchandise. Of this 400 tons of rice and matting, consigned to Chinese merchants here, was landed at the outer wharf. The Shawmut after discharging her cargo will sail for Tacoma this afternoon.

HOCKEY PLAYER DIES FROM INJURIES

Toronto, March 7.—Owen McCourt, of the Cornwall Hockey team, died at three o'clock this morning as the result of injuries received in a game last night between the Ottawa Victorias and the Cornwalls. Charles Mason, of Ottawa, was arrested.

ALBERTA'S SURPLUS

Edmonton, March 6.—Premier Ruthenford laid the public accounts on the table to-night. They show a total of \$1,893,311.65, of which \$412,298.06 is surplus. The surplus last year was \$472,322.64.

FIRE AT SEA

Outbreak on Steamer Caused Damage Estimated at Nearly Quarter of a Million Dollars.

New York, March 6.—Damage from a fire at sea amounting to nearly a quarter of a million dollars, was reported by the German steamer Vandalias, which arrived here to-day from China and Japan. The fire started in the Vandalias' hold on the afternoon of February 25th and was subdued only after the hold had been completely flooded with water.

A CASGRAIN DEAD.

Windsor, Ont., March 7.—Word has been received of the death in Quebec of A. Casgrain, brother of Senator C. E. Casgrain, who is now living in a hopeless condition in the Hotel Dieu. It is probable that only a few days at most will separate the deaths of the two brothers. Senator Casgrain is about 82 years old.

MANITO

Will Have Harsh Government

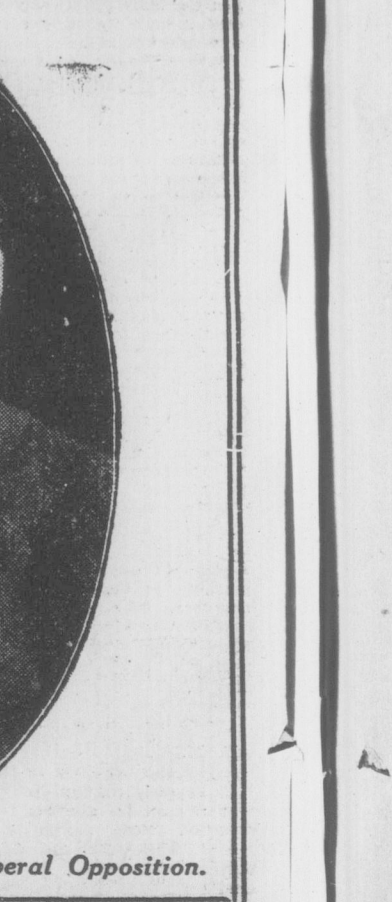
(Special to the Winnipeg, March 6.—) Government has conceded to the opposition in T. tions, including two W and centre. The Libera they will win west W. The feature of the c marvelous fight up gust, in Dufferin, agaii in. Friends declare th danger, and he has bun ter his interests there. W. Ferguson, of Ha member, has admitted the government and so sand acre of land to a sented by Manager B Union bank, while he of the legislature, but wrong in it as others d.

LICENSES FOR ONE YEAR

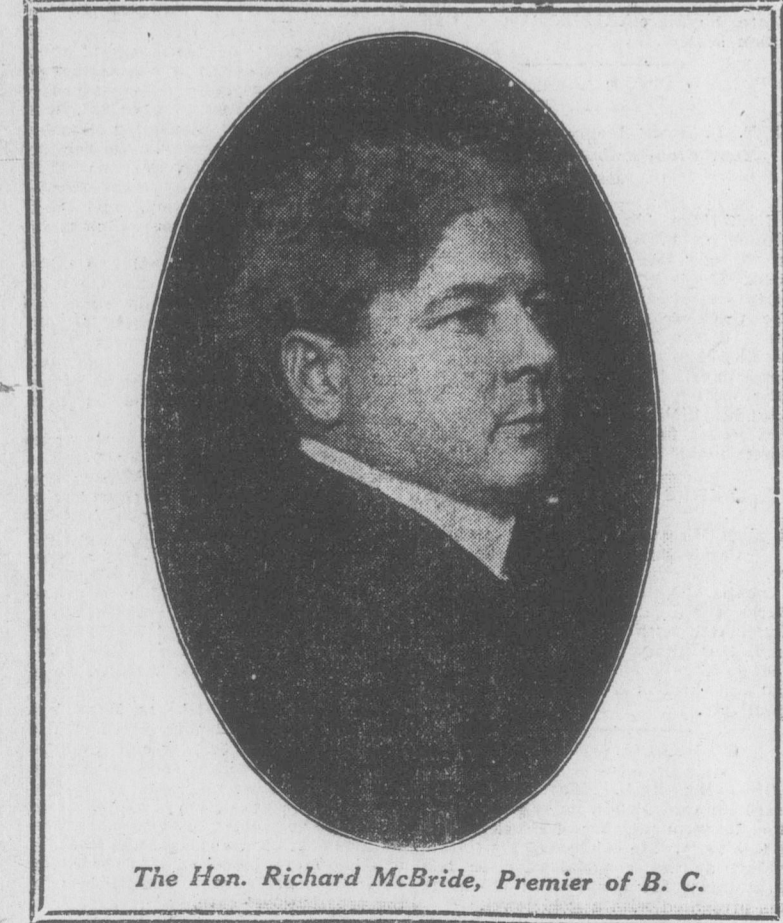
COUNCIL RECEIVES DRAFT

First Reading Was Evening at the In Aid. Feb.

(From Tuesday's Aid. Gleason's by-law. Licenses were introduced last evening of the by-law. It was not evening. The alderman object first reading at that me that it was a sub quired more consideration give it at a single m hand. Though the m council were in favor with the first reading upon Aid. Feb stating course was followed he building, the reading of laid over for a week. The chief provisions introduced are as follo 1. From and after the 1st, all licenses issued by the city clerk, whether new or issued by the city clerk order of the board of health shall be held subject to renewal or transfer of shall, if required by the days' notice in writing. 2. No change shall be made in the license of a holder of a license, without the consent of the board. 3. Every holder of a license of a license, whether issued by the city clerk, or by the board of health, shall, before the first of June of each year, apply for the renewal of his license for the next ensuing year. 4. No gambling, card or other games of chance, or sale of lottery tickets, or other devices, shall be allowed on any premises licensed for the sale of liquor. 5. All licensed premises for the sale of liquor shall be on a ground floor, the front of which shall be at least five feet from the sidewalk, and shall be so arranged that it can be had of the interior and billiard rooms, if any, at all hours, and shall be made this possible. 6. No person under the influence of alcohol shall be permitted to enter any saloon, or any other place where liquor is sold, at any time, or in any place, intoxicating liquor to be sold. 7. All licensed premises shall be securely locked from 11 p. m. to 1 a. m. on Monday, Christmas Day, and on the day of the transfer of the license. 8. Every license shall be subject to the approval of the police officer or other officer of the city, or to the approval of the licensing board. 9. A saloon license shall be issued only on a special permit in cases where a saloon is given a billiard room. 10. The only means of escape from a saloon shall be by a door or thoroughfare.



J. A. Macdonald, Leader of the Liberal Opposition.



The Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of B. C.