

LEGISLATURE OPENED.

Address in Reply to the Speech Moved by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Hazen Lays Down the Platform of the Opposition, and Criticizes the Government's Programme.

A Description of the Opening Ceremonies—The Speech From the Throne—Hon. George F. Hill of Charlotte Unanimously Elected Speaker.

FREDERICTON, March 23.—The first session of the ninth House of Assembly of New Brunswick opened here today. It was in every way a fitting day for such an occasion. The climatic conditions were fine; in fact, no one could find any fault on the score of weather. The roads were in such a good condition that country people were enabled to pour in as they saw fit, and they came in large numbers. The town was crowded with visitors from an early hour in the morning. Flags were displayed from all public buildings, hotels and many private residences, and the town took on a holiday appearance. The hotels, the Queen and Royal particularly, were crowded with people all day.

The members of the legislature met in the assembly chamber at 11 o'clock this morning, and were sworn in by Chief Justice Tuck. The counties were taken alphabetically. Premier Emmerson and his colleague, Mr. Osment, being sworn in first.

Fully an hour was occupied in this ceremony, in which the chief justice was assisted by Clerk Rutherford and his assistant, Geo. Y. Dibble. All the members were sworn in except Hon. Wm. Pugsley of Kings, Messrs. Laford and Gagnon of Madawaska, and Mr. Mott of Westchester.

All one o'clock people began to flock to the parliament buildings to witness the ceremonies connected with the opening of the legislature. The space immediately in front of the buildings was blocked with people when his honor the lieutenant governor arrived. The guard of honor, composed of 80 men from the R. R. C. I. in charge of Lieut. Nagle, Winslow and Grant, with the band of the 1st Battalion, were in front of the building when his honor reached the house. Gov. McClain was accompanied by his A. D. C., Lieut. Kaye, his private secretary, R. S. Barker, and Major Hemming, the present commandant of the R. R. C. I. There were also in the party accompanying his honor Sheriff Sterling, Coroner Courthard, Major Lodge, Capt. Currier, Lt. Col. Surgeon McLennan.

The speaker, Mr. Hill, in his address, announced his honor's arrival, and the band played appropriate music. The lieutenant governor entered the chamber with his staff, and Clerk Rutherford read the proclamation summoning the legislature. His honor then retired while the house proceeded to the election of a speaker. Immediately upon the retirement of the governor, Mr. Emmerson, the premier, in a happy speech, nominated Hon. Geo. F. Hill of Charlotte for the position of speaker. Mr. Emmerson referred to the services Mr. Hill had rendered the province in the past and said he was eminently fitted for the position for which he proposed him. Mr. Hill, in seconding the motion for the election of Mr. Hill to the speakership, said the opposition were pleased to have such a gentleman selected. Mr. Hill, he said, was one of the oldest, most experienced and most respected men in the house. Clerk Rutherford, declared Mr. Hill elected speaker, and then the usual formalities were gone through with.

year. To this end there has been issued a model program and better making arrangements. It is not a mere question of opinion, and has no fully organized organization. It is a fact that better of the best grade can be a transformation made in the province. All seasons that the government anticipates that similar industries will be established as the result of private enterprise at all suitable points; already the price of the flour mill project, already the industry has been started at Woodstock. The establishment of a sugar mill, which will be established in the province, will be a very best facilities for a provincial dairy industry.

The desirability of encouraging the settlement of our public lands by our own people, and by suitable immigrants from other lands, has been repeatedly stated by the government, and I feel assured that there is no abatement of that desire upon the part of the present administration. The people generally, the authority whom at their last session has been asked upon what they would be asked in making provision for the production of modern road machinery, to be distributed to the people as far as possible in the future in making and maintaining proper roads.

The Hon. standing claim of the province against the Dominion in the matter of the Eastern Extension railway, during the process, received attention, and you will be gratified to learn that my government has been able to secure a satisfactory settlement of the matter. The Hon. standing claim of the province against the Dominion in the matter of the Eastern Extension railway, during the process, received attention, and you will be gratified to learn that my government has been able to secure a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

Mr. Hazen's address was a long and able one, and he laid down the platform of the opposition. He criticized the government's programme, particularly the proposed extension of the Eastern Extension railway, and the proposed extension of the Eastern Extension railway.

His honor the lieutenant governor having retired and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair, Hon. Mr. Dunn introduced a bill amending the game law, which bill on the ground of urgency, was read a first and second time. The reading of the speech by Mr. Speaker was dispensed with.

MR. ROBERTSON, in moving the address, paraphrased, with his characteristic eloquence, the least important paragraphs of his honor's speech. He took courage over the awakening interest that is being manifested in the mineral resources of the province, and while not expecting so vital the Yukon in the gold output, felt assured that our people made the proper effort they would find coal in abundance. There were wealthy gentlemen here, he said, to test the coal oil producing capacity of New Brunswick. He warmly praised the agricultural policy of the government.

Mr. Hazen said he was surprised to observe no reference in the address to the great wheat raising policy of the government. Were they going to abandon that and substitute pork pack-

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The present system would eventually bring the country into disrepute and dishonor. If the people are debarred from honestly exercising their opinion at the polls, they cannot depend upon legislation being passed that will be in the public interest. He had almost lost his breath on beholding his honor's friend from St. John (Robertson) trying to move an address in reply to a speech that did not contain a single word of favorable reference to the winter jobs of Canada.

MR. LAWSON, who seconded the address, after complimenting Mr. Hill on his election as speaker, said that he was a great advocate of woman suffrage. He said that he had countenanced a speech that contained no word of respect at the departure of Lady Aberdeen. He felt that New Brunswick was having a prominent part in the great movement for woman suffrage.

MR. HAZEN, before the motion was put he made the opportunity of making a few remarks. He felt that even though the government had been successful in its efforts to secure the extension of the Eastern Extension railway, it was a great disappointment to the people.

On the question of the inland fisheries, Mr. Hazen said while the question remained in doubt as to the right of the province to control these fisheries, under the three mile limit, it was undesirable that the province should take a course which might lead to future contention and conflict.

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He admitted that the charges of bribery and corruption could fairly be made on both sides, and perhaps while people were willing to take money, it was natural that it should be offered; at the same time there should be a law on the statute book that would put a check on such improper practices as far as possible.

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