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WEAKNESS OF WHITNEY GOVT. EXPOSED BY LIBERAL LEADER

Mr. Rowell In Opening of Debate On Throne Speech Delivers Telling Criticism of Government's Policy and Demands That More Progressive Measures Be Adopted.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The preliminary skirmish of the debate upon the speech from the throne—a usually mild set-to that prepares the way for the more serious business of the Legislature—developed yesterday into a serious engagement. The new leader of the Opposition, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., turned his guns upon the Government instead of being wound up on the first day, as the Prime Minister had hoped.

The debate opened quietly. Dr. Jamieson, the member for South Grey, who moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne, proceeded leisurely and along well-travelled lines. On only one occasion did he depart from the usual eulogy of the Government's record and that was to reiterate against the hydro-electric commission invading from the field of private enterprise the development of power. Mr. Charles McCracken, Hon. Frank Cochrane's successor in Sudbury, came next. He endorsed the appointment of Hon. W. H. Hearst as minister of lands, forests and mines, and took up the rest of his time advocating the claims of the north to generous treatment, carefully avoiding any reflection upon the Government's record in that regard.

The Liberal Leader.
The Liberal leader followed. At first the Government members sat back in their seats, prepared to be not too critical of a maiden attempt in the House. But Mr. Rowell had been on his feet ten minutes every man was alert, following him closely. He scored the Government for the things that had been omitted from the speech from the throne, paying particular attention to the boundary question, the abandoned change in the hydro-electric management, and the bilingual issue. He raised the Prime Minister's ire by inquiring why the Government seemed good enough to put the creation of a department of power before the people for approval were of no force now. The interests of the municipalities demanded that no such change be made.

The famous all-fours spread on the bilingual question by the ministers of the Government just before election was recalled in a manner that brought worried protests from the treasury benches.

Whitney Peevish.
Sir James Whitney in his opening sentences showed now Mr. Rowell's shots had gone home. He criticized the Liberal leader's address as "remarkable." "Words," he declared, "have been put into my mouth that I never uttered, which I have no doubt he has taken from the columns of an irresponsible newspaper." "My honorable friend," continued Sir James, "will have to make up his mind that the amenities of public life will not allow him to serve his own purposes and forget which he would be unwilling to forget in private life."

Sir James stated that he was unable to find any ground for Mr. Rowell's strictures regarding omissions from the speech from the throne. Referring to bilingual schools, he declared that he would implement his promise of last session that the abuses would be abolished. The criticism of the Government's part in the boundary dispute he answered by stating that the Ontario ministers in the Federal Government had turned down Ontario's proposals for a common port on Hudson Bay, adding that he expected to make a definite announcement next week. He spoke encouragingly of the prospects of getting over a million dollars as bonus to the T. and N. O. Sir James concluded by reminding the House that yesterday was the seventh anniversary of the Government's taking office.

Dr. Jamieson, in opening the debate, paid the usual compliments and then launched into a presentation of the Government's record.

He caused a stir by asking for a halt in hydro-electric extension.

"The development of this system will bring it to such a size as will get almost beyond the control of any ordinary man," he said. "I believe the work of the commission should be the development of the larger powers and the construction of main transmission lines, but that the development of smaller-sized powers should be left to private enterprise. The hydro commission should do the experimenting. They should blaze the way and act in a sort of advisory capacity. I think that is as far as they should go."

Dr. Jamieson considered that it should be the duty of the Government to exercise a certain control over municipalities in power matters.

Applause for Leader.
Dr. Jamieson congratulated Mr. N. W. Rowell upon his selection as leader of the Opposition.

"I am glad," he said, "that a gentleman of his great ability and high ideals should occupy such a prominent place."

The South Grey member, in turn, complimented Hon. A. G. MacKay, who, coming into the chamber, received a remarkable tribute not only from the Liberals, but from the Government members. The rapping on the desks continued for some time.

"He was always an aggressive and

salary \$1,700; R. Belanger, inspector of bilingual schools, salary \$1,700.

Bilingual Schools.
"Here," continued Mr. Rowell, amid liberal applause, "is the Government paying three men as inspectors of bilingual schools and yet there are no bilingual schools. Or will the Prime Minister, now that elections are safely over and he has got free from that portion of his supporters who were pressing him so hard, admit that there are bilingual schools?"

Sir James looked dubious. "They came the Attorney-General's turn. The Liberal leader read his much-quoted statement that if bilingual schools existed it was against the law."

"I can only say this," said Mr. Rowell, "that if bilingual schools cannot exist according to law, what has the Attorney-General, head of the department of justice, been doing for years, when they exist and the public accounts show payments made in connection with them?"

This angered Hon. Mr. Foy, and he rose with a challenge. "What would you have done?" he asked.

"Enforced the law," replied Mr. Rowell.

"But how?" "By seeing that the school law was carried out." This was too much for the Attorney-General. "No, no," he protested, sitting down, amid laughter.

Dr. Reame's comfortable spell followed. Mr. Rowell declared that the Prime Minister, anxious to stem the tide of protest from Mr. Foy's remarks had caused, appointed the Minister of Public Works to give an interview repudiating Mr. Foy's views as to the position of the Government.

Sir James rose to object to this statement.

"Well, then, the Government appointed him to give it," corrected Mr. Rowell.

"Who is the Government?" inquired Hon. A. G. MacKay, sotto voce.

The Liberal leader read the tail-end of Hon. Dr. Reame's statement, in which he said that the people who were protesting against bilingual schools knew nothing about the subject.

"I am sure all will appreciate the nice compliment the Minister of Public Works paid the Attorney-General. It is essential in constitutional practice under British institutions that the cabinet should be united," continued Mr. Rowell. "I venture to say that the people of this province have never witnessed in any person of our history the public scorn of three cabinet ministers coming to the people regarding a matter for which they were responsible and each making a different speech as to the policy of the Government."

The Liberal leader then took up the boundary question, and asked if the absence of any reference to it in the speech from the throne was due to a desire to avoid embarrassing the Ontario Administration. He reaffirmed the Liberal position on this issue, declaring that if the Government insisted upon Ontario's full rights to a port on James Bay the Opposition would give its whole support.

No Tax Reform.
Mr. Rowell marvelled at the lack of reference to tax reform in the speech, and read the declarations of the two Ontario supporters of the Administration, who pledged themselves to support any bill that aimed to tax incomes and business assessment, etc., at a lower rate than land.

A Pressing Need.
"The present pressing and urgent need of this Province," declared Mr. Rowell, "is that measures should be adopted which would arrest the decline of our rural population; bring in new settlers to repopulate the partially depopulated areas; and open up and develop the great fertile agricultural areas of Northern Ontario with a thrifty and progressive people."

"Does the Government realize that today one of the perils of Canada is a cleavage between east and west, in interest and in sympathy? Ontario should really be the backbone of our Confederation, and if the great clay belt were peopled with citizens like those who now fill up old Ontario, would have forged the link which would bind east to west, and would have made this Canada of ours one and inseparable now and forever."

"The Government suggests that it has a new policy, but it has not even fit to disclose it. I appeal to the Prime Minister before this debate closes, to tell us what his policy is. If we are to judge of the future by the past, we will find this policy, when disclosed, is utterly inadequate to meet the situation."

By reason of the unprogressive attitude of the Government the depopulation of rural Ontario has not been stayed. Northern Ontario is remaining unsettled. Our timber resources are being rapidly depleted, children in many sections are compelled to leave school without suitable education, human life is being sacrificed to diseases which might be prevented, and the moral and social welfare of the people is being neglected. Ontario is rapidly losing her proud position as the foremost province.

If the seven sleepers will awake, we on this side of the House will do our best to co-operate with them in carrying forward great, progressive measures for the benefit of the people, but if they will not awake we shall not cease our efforts until we awaken the country to the fact that they are asleep, and when the next election comes round the people will give them an opportunity for prolonged and uninterrupted repose.

Mr. Rowell poked fun at Sir James' argument against the Province spending money in opening up the north and creating revenue for the Dominion.

"The Government," he remarked, "looks upon a settler as a liability. We look upon a settler as an asset."

SHOT HIMSELF.
Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 8.—Asked why he was buying a revolver and cartridges last night, Charles Prevost, 45, said he was going to rid the world of a nuisance. He then went home and shot himself in the head, dying a few hours afterwards.

A GREAT SEA.
New York, Feb. 8.—The steamship Oceanic reached her dock a day late today with a tale of a great sea which battered the vessel on Sunday and Monday and at one time nearly swept Captain Haddock from the bridge. The skipper saw the wave coming, however, and tucked inside the harrowing room in time to save himself from being carried overboard. Sailors who were busy about the forecastle heard at the time clung to whatever came handiest and, though wet to the skin, were uninjured.

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Saturday is the last call for many lines of winter merchandise, and like the call of the bugle, the last note will be sounded with great energy tomorrow. Every dollar's worth of merchandise we sell helps, by just so much, our ability to do better by our customers. For great distributing power means equally great purchasing power, and it is but natural that the largest store at retail under one roof in Western Ontario, which this store is credited with being, should be able to sell the best goods for the least money. When you consider this you will better realize what these announcements for Saturday really amount to. We would particularly impress upon your mind the importance of quarter off all Ladies' Furs and Fur Coats Saturday.



FURS
Quarter Off Ladies' Furs and Fur Coats Saturday

- 1 only Persian Lamb Muff, \$25.00; sale price.....\$18.75
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- 1 only Persian Lamb and Ermine Muff, \$48.00; price.....\$36.00
- 1 only Mink Muff, \$65.00; sale price.....\$48.75
- 1 only Mink Muff, \$28.00; sale price.....\$21.00
- 1 only Mink Stole, \$98.00; sale price.....\$73.50
- 1 only Mink Scarf, \$120.00; sale price.....\$90.00
- 1 only, size 40, Astrachan Coat, \$35; sale price.....\$26.25
- 1 only, size 30 and 40, Near Seal Coat, \$48.00; price.....\$36.00
- 2 only, size 38, Near Seal Coat, 48-inch, \$83.00; price.....\$63.00
- 1 only, size 40, Persian Lamb Coat, \$200; sale price.....\$150.00

Hosiery and Underwear Wanted Lines Now in Stock

- Ladies' Fine Cotton Combinations, low neck, sleeveless or short sleeves, umbrella drawers; suit.....50c
- Also Ribbed Cotton Combinations, low neck with lace yoke, umbrella drawers; suit.....50c
- Cream Cotton Combinations, "Merode," low neck, short sleeves, ankle length.....85c; extra sizes, suit \$1.00
- Women's Fleece-Lined Cotton Hose, extra quality, warm and comfortable, no irritation, Hermsdorf stainless dye, double heel and toe, all sizes, at a pair.....25c
- Children's double feet, heel and toe pure Cashmere, black, embroidered in dainty colored designs; sizes 4 to 6 1/2 inch. Regular 45c, to clear, a pair.....29c

2,100 Rolls "SATISFACTORY" BRAND TOILET PAPER, ON SALE SATURDAY, FIVE 8 1/2 OZ. ROLLS FOR 25c
Also "Diamond" Brand (3,000 sheet rolls), finest quality tissue, roll.....15c

Ready for Quick Action Saturday, The Men's Store

The winter stocks are being squeezed each week into closer quarters. Prices, too, are squeezed almost to nothing, comparatively speaking, as you will see by the few items listed here, which represent but a few of the big items. This will be the last call for many lines of Men's and Boys' Clothing, and a big item has been added to the list for Saturday from the furnishing side in 62 dozen 20c quality Linen Collars, to be cleared at 5c each. Get your supply early. All sizes still in Boys' Special Knickers, 25c and 49c pair. We will not go into details.

62 Dozen 20c Linen Collars, 60c Dozen

Austrian and W. G. & R. Castle Brand Collars, odds and ends and soiled from handling, all shapes included. This is a genuine clearance to make room for new spring stock. Get your supply early before the sizes are broken. Your choice, at a dozen.....60c

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6 only Men's Black Dog Fur Coats, sizes 40 to 46. Here is a chance for a good coat for driving. To clear Saturday, at.....\$13.75

Boys' Knickers, 25c and 49c Pair

S. & I. special heavy Blue Serge Knickers, lined throughout. All sizes Plain Knickers, for ages 3 to 11 years, pair.....25c
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If You Wear Pyjamas, \$1.50 Set

5 dozen Men's Flannelette Pyjama Suits, in neat stripes; splendid quality and fast washing colors, sizes 36 to 44, to clear Saturday, at suit.....\$1.50

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Men's and Boys' Fine Woollen Gloves, Scotch and Canadian knit, black and gray, in all sizes. Regular 50c lines, to clear at, pair.....35c

100 Cloth Coats to Sell Saturday About Half of These to Go at \$2.50

The final sorting of Winter Coats reveals the fact that many lines left are in small sizes, misses' and small women's, a big assortment of which we have grouped together with some larger ones to interest as many as possible at this price, which have been reduced to clear regardless of value, as we don't wish to hold any odd sizes. Your choice of this group for.....\$2.50
Every other Cloth Coat, ladies', misses' and children's, at Half Price.

Saturday Sales at Notion Counter

- Gilt Collar Buttons, 9 roll plate buttons for.....5c
- The "Ideal" Skirt and Trouser Hanger, padded.....10c, 3 for 25c
- Folding Coat and Skirt Hanger.....2 for 25c
- Safety Pins ("The Albion"), 1 dozen on card, assorted, for.....5c
- Paton's Wool Mending, large ball for.....12c
- Cashmere Mending, black, white, gray and tan, 3 cards for 5c
- White average Tape, assorted widths, dozen.....10c
- Special Pin Sheet, 600 good English pins, for.....5c
- Fancy Belt Pins or Buckles, black, green, ivory, oxidized.....25c
- Navy Collar Pins in ivory or silver, each.....50c and 75c
- Bag Tops in gilt or silver, each.....50c and 75c

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