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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 hard fighter. He was always a fair skirmish of the debate upon the speech fighter," said Dr. Jamieson. from the throne-a usually mild set-to in the Globe, showing that the Govthat prepares the way for the more ernment's popular majority had been serious business of the Legislaturedeveloped yesterday into a serious engagement. The new leader of the Op-He predicted that Mr. Rowell would position, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., turnhave to displace Moses as the longed his guns upon the Government to such effect that at the hour of ad-Sir James Whitney was journment still protesting and the debate instead of being wound up on the first day, as the Prime Minister had hoped,

thuselah," he added.

The Liberal Leader. goes on this afternoon. The debate opened quietly. 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 remonstrate against the hydroelectric commission invading too far the field of private capital in the development of power. Mr. Charles McCrae, Hon. Frank Cochrane's successor in Sudbury, came next. He indersed 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 re-

The Liberal Leader. The Liberal Leader.
Liberal leader followed. At the north—and that had yet to be

first the Government members sat hatched out. back in their seats, prepared to be not too critical of a maiden at- the Opposition took considerable com-Before Mr. fort out of the election returns. the House. Rowell had been on his feet ten min-utes every man was alert, following ov r the Liberals in 1908 of 95.634 Rowell had been on his feet ten minhim closely. He scored the Govern-ment for the things that had been ment for the things that had been ment for the speech from the duction of nearly fifty per cent. In Rowell, throne, paying particular attention 1908 the Government's Lopular mato the boundary question, the aban- jority was 85,000, and last December doned change in the hydro-electric only 39,000. If we cut it down just an management, and the bilingual issue, equal amount in the next election we He raised the Prime Minister's ire by will have a sufficient popular majority inquiring why the reasons that had to give us a working majority in the seemed good enough to put the cre- House. ation of a department of power before the people for approval were fact that when Sir James Whitney be of no force now. The interests of came leader of the Opposition he had the municipalities demanded that no but 24 or 25 supporters. such change be made

The famous all-fours spread on the remarked. "So that if it takes nine bilingual question by the ministers of years for an unprogressive Opposition the Government just before election to turn out a conservatively progresi. a manner that sive Government how long will it take was recalled brought worried protests from the for a progressive Opposition to catch treasury benches.

Whitney Peeved.

sentences showed how Mr. Rowell's colleagues an uncomfortable five shots had gone home. He char- minutes in discussing the "deferring" acterized the Liberal leader's address clared, "have been put into my mouth to a department of Government. as "remarkable." "Words," he dethat 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 that which he would be unwilling to forget in private life."

Sir James stated that he was unto find any ground Rowell's strictures regarding omissions from the speech from the Referring bilingual he declared that he would abandoned its proposal? Is it going implement his promise of last session to allow Mr. Beck to continue? Sir 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 whether there was an indication as concluded by reminding the House that yesterday was the seventh anni- the change. Was the commission versary of the Government's taking

Dr. Jamieson, in opening the debate, paid the usual compliments and then launched into a presentation of him to come in, where as a member the Government's record.

He caused a stir by asking for 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 posal has passed off the scene. 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 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

benches. The South Grey member, in turn, romplimented Hon. A. G. MacKay, there was no such thing as a bilin-who, coming into the chamber, re-ceived a remarkable tribute, not only complimented Hon. A. G. MacKay, from the Liberals, but from the Government members. The rapping on the desks continued for some time.

"He was always an aggressive and boury, inspector of bilingual schools, the three and is

Referring to the figures published

cut in half, he declared there was a

time when the Liberals were in pow-

er and still lacked a popular majority

distance leader in order to reach the

"He would have to have the pa

pire, and the future, whatever it may

have in store in the change of rela-

tionships, in our relative position,

country and that we will work out our

After congratulating Dr. Jamieson

pon his address, Mr. Rowell proceed-

Whitney his famous "skimpy chicken"

criticism, by applying it to the lengthy

but uninteresting speech from the

throne, which contained only one

The Liberal leader referred to the

"We are equal in that respect," he

up to a do-nothing Government?' A

Mr. Rowell gave Sir James and his

of the proposal to turn the adminis-

tration of hydro-electric affairs over

"There were three proposals upon

which Sir James and his Government

went to the people: the transfer of

the hydro-electric administration, the

Dominion subsidy for the T. and N.

O., and the co-operation between the

Provincial and Federal Governments

ing roads and immigration.

proposals, yet I find no reference to

them in the speech from the throne.

reference to the transfer of the

hydro-electric. Has the Government

James, in his appeal to the people.

stated that this was necessary, that

it was desirable for several reasons.

Perhaps he will inform the House

what these several reasons were, and

then perhaps he will take the House

into his confidence and give the rea-

sons why this change was abandoned.

I was wondering whether in that cau-

tion, apparently inspired, that the

member for South Grey gave.

to why the Prime Minister opposed

getting out of hand? Had Mr. Beck

taken the bit in his teeth, and the

Prime Minister, wishing to apply the

of the council he could be kept in

Protect the Municipalities.

"I trust that a definite announce-

ment will be made that the Govern-

ulate the municipalities that this pro-

"The whole blunder is character-

istic of the policy of this Govern-

ment that where they jump they

jump without due consideration.

without proper care for the public

Referring to the absence of any

mention of the federal subsidy to

the T. and N. O., Mr. Rowell won-

dered whether it was omitted in or-

der not to embarrass the friends of

The Government's pre-election spread on the bilingual question was

shown up in a way that visibly wor-

ried the men in the treasury

the Government at Ottawa.

has abandoned this proposal.

We have nothing with

Why is it?

ment

"The people have declared in

query that brought a general laugh.

tience of Job and the years of Me-

promised land.

loyalty to the Empire.

destiny together.

commented Mr. Rowell, mid Liberal applause, "is the Govrnment paying three men as inspecors 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, adnit that there are bilingual schools?" Sir James looked disturbed. Then the Attorney-General's turn. The Liberal leader read his muchquoted statement that if bilingual schools existed it was against the

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

Bilingual Schools.

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

This angered Hon. Mr. Foy, and he ose with a challenge. "What would ou have done?" he asked. "Enforced the law," replied Mr.

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

Dr. Reaume's uncomfortable spell followed. Mr. Rowell declared that the Prime Minister, anxious to stem the tide of protest Hon. 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 apcointed 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 Hon. Dr. Reaume's statement, in which he said that the people who protesting against schools knew nothing about them. "I am sure all will appreciate the nice compliment the Minister of Pub-

lic Works paid the Attorney-General. "It is essential in constitutional practice under British institutions that the cabinet should be united," Mr. Rowell began by referring continued Mr. Rowell. "I venture to to the departure of Earl Grey and say that the people of this province the coming to Canada of the Duke of have never witnessed in any period of Connaught, coupling his tribute to our history the public scandal of three both the King's representatives with cabinet ministers coming to the peoa declaration of Canada's unswerving ple regarding a matter for which they were responsible and each making a "Canada," he said, "is inseparably different speech as to the policy of associated with the future of the Em-

the Government." The Liberal leader then took up the oundary question, and asked if the absence of any reference to it in the must have in store the fact that we speech from the throne was due to will be drawn closer to the mother a desire to avoid embarrassing the Ot-He reaffirmed tawa Administration. 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 ed to turn back upon Sir James 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 the two Ottawa supporters of the Mr. Rowell remarked the fact that 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. "to that measures sh adopted which would arrest the decline of our rural population; bring in new settlers to repeople the partiallydepopulated areas, and open up and settle 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, we have forged the link which would 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 seen 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 favor of the first of these two great are being rapidly depleted, children in many sections are compelled to leave without suitable education, school 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. curb, by the indirect method, asked "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 The interests of the municipalities demand it, and their rights should not be endangered. We can congrat- afterwards.

A GREAT SEA.

New York. Feb. 8.-The steamship deanic 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 Cap-tain Haddock from the bridge. The skipper saw the wave coming, however, and ducked inside the navigating room in time to save himself from being carried overboard. Sailors who were busy about the forecastle head at the time clung to whatever came bandlest and, though wet to the skin, were uninjured.

"The Prime Minister declared that buy does not satisfy you, return it, and

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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

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only	Persian Lamb	Muff, \$25.00; sale	price	818.75
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1 only	Persian Lamb	and Ermine Muff,	348.00; price	\$36.00
1 only	Mink Muff. \$6	5.00; sale price		\$48.75
1 only	Mink Muff, \$2	8.00; sale price		\$21.00
1 only	Mink Stole, \$9	3.00; sale price		\$73.50
1 only	Mink Scarf, \$1	20.00; sale price		\$90.00
1 only	, size 40, Astrac	chan Coat, \$35; sale	price	\$26.25
2 only	, sizes 30 and 4	0, Near Seal Coat,	\$48.00; price	\$36.00
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Now Collar Dine in ivery or silver each
Rag Tops in gilt or silver, each
Notions-Main Floor.

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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 5¢ each. Get your supply early. All sizes still in Boys' Special Knickers, 25¢ and 49¢ pair. We will not go into details.

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