

PREPARING FOR COMING SESSION

Mr. R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, will Move Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the new parliament will be moved by Mr. R. B. Bennett, the member for Calgary, and seconded by Mr. Arthur Sevigny, of Dorchester.

The cabinet, minus the minister, met this afternoon for the despatch of many matters of routine and departmental business. Hon. George Foster presided. In the absence of Mr. Borden, of course, no appointments were made. So far as the postmaster-general's Montreal is concerned, no definite selection has been made.

The Graham boom for leader of the opposition after Sir Wilfrid Laurier puts aside his role after a session so far as flattening out. It has been suggested in Liberal circles that the minister of railways should be provided with a seat gratis by the Conservatives in order that he might relieve Sir Wilfrid of the burden of the leadership when the former premier so desired. The hint was received with positive coldness, and it is now assured that if any Ontario Liberal members—and there are only thirteen—wishes to make way for Mr. Graham, the latter will have a contest on his hands. As no Ontario constituency can be regarded as safe for the Liberals in view of the landslide on September 21, Mr. Graham's attempt to enter the house by the back door is not likely to be crowned with success. With the elimination of Mr. Graham, Mr. Fielding emerges as the strongest Liberal in the house. Mr. Fielding is likely to spend one session out of the house. The resignation of a member cannot be submitted to anyone but the speaker, and some time usually elapses before the writ for a bye-election is issued.

Duration of Session There was a report today that there would be a short session of a month for the passage of supply with prorogation at Christmas and another session for the general legislation commencing about the first of March. Mr. Fielding has this matter under consideration at the present time. It can be stated that the plan which will be followed in all likelihood is a session extending from November 16th to the end of February or the beginning of March with prorogation until autumn. The government will require time to frame details of its general policy, and important legislation could thus be made ready for the next autumn's meeting of parliament.

Mr. T. S. Sproule, speaker of the house, will be here tomorrow to make arrangements for the coming session. Arrangements for Hon. Mr. W. T. White's constituency are well under way, and a formal announcement will be made tomorrow. Mr. White's seat has been abandoned, and tonight it looks like Halton, Mr. White's native county, or Leeds, probably the latter. Mr. George Taylor, honorary chief whip of the party, has been attending for considerable time, and only ran at the recent election as a concession to local party exigencies. His elevation to the senate is expected shortly.

TAX COMMISSION MEMBERS HOME

(Continued from Page 1.) made the dumping ground for surplus stock from mills in the United States, whose owners are being forced to the banks to realize on the sawn stuff, even at a price lower than the cost of the logs. Hope is expressed that the Dominion government will take steps to prevent this unjust competition with our own producers, and it is realized that under any circumstances the United States mills cannot long continue to sell at less than the cost of production. The lumbermen, with whom I talked, hope that the dumping clause can be used to protect their interests.

"While there is nothing like a mining boom on and there has been none in evidence for a long time, the men who know most about the mineral resources of Ontario and sale are as confident as ever that a great future awaits the mining industry. There does not seem to me any doubt that if business in the United States would get some more upon a secure basis so that there would be something like the old-time development in progress, the price of copper would go up and many new British Columbia mines would be opened.

CONFIDENT OF GLORIOUS FUTURE

(Continued from Page 1.) Canadian elections should be used for inducing any change in the tariffs of the United Kingdom. It cannot be too clearly understood, the speaker con-

HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT LET

Vancouver Island Construction Company's Bid of \$285,000 Accepted Subject to Passing of New Bylaw

Subject to the passing of a bylaw which will submit to the ratepayers of this city in January for the appropriation of \$285,000 for the building of the new high school building in Spring Ridge, the Vancouver Island Construction Company of this city, being the lowest tenderer with a bid of \$285,000, was last night awarded the general contract for the erection of the building at a special meeting held by the school board. The architect, Mr. A. E. Watkins, was instructed to close up the contract, providing the price submitted be held as given until the passing of the bylaw or by a date named as February 15.

The complete contracts awarded last night follow the electrical work being the only one not awarded. The committee for the building and grounds committee for further consideration and investigation.

General contract, Vancouver Island Construction Co., entire building, \$285,000. Heating and Ventilating, Barr & Anderson, Vancouver, \$41,568. Plumbing, W. R. Mendes & Co., \$11,154. In the two latter named, the different systems have yet to be decided, but the general bid makes any system mentioned acceptable to the tenderer.

After delaying several minutes over what should be first agreed upon, the suggestion was made that the financial standing of the board to undertake the work was most vital. Upon this question the amount to be asked in the bylaw received considerable discussion, but on the fact that in the past the board has been too modest in asking for funds it was this time decided that the sum be ample sufficient.

On this subject, Trustee McNeil stated that Victoria could not afford to take second place in school construction. "Hardly a year goes by in Vancouver," said Mr. McNeil, "that the board does not submit a bylaw asking for a million dollars for school building purposes. At the present time the city of Vancouver is being asked for a million dollars. North Vancouver is asking for \$900,000.

The trustee believed that Victoria could afford to spend \$285,000 for school purposes, and as a property owner would be willing to support the bylaw. He felt assured that it would pass, and he knew that it would receive hearty support by the people.

On the motion of Trustee Riddell, seconded by Trustee Christie, the motion to ask the city council for \$285,000 extraordinary expenditure carried. Trustee McIntosh being the only one of a full meeting of the board to vote against the motion.

One hundred and thirty thousand dollars is on hand from the last school bylaw which was submitted and passed by the ratepayers, making a total of \$480,000 for expenditure on the high school. The contracts were awarded with little discussion.

SECRET CONTROL OF FISHERIES

(Continued from Page 1.) conclusion of an appeal to the people of the province to open their eyes to the full significance of the fisheries question here. In the opening of his address, Mr. Stevens paid a tribute to the women of the Dominion and stated that it was impossible that they would be factors in the polls in the next election. He referred to the active campaign that was being waged for harbor improvements, and asked his audience not to be impatient if the work appeared to be unduly delayed as the scheme was a big one and could not be done in a haphazard manner.

"STARVATION DOCTOR"

Judge Melville Mrs. Hazard Violated All Known Rules of Medicine SEATTLE, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazard, commonly known as the "starvation doctor," must return \$72,000 of the \$175,000 cash given her by Miss Dorothea Williamson for the treatment of Miss Williamson and her sister, who Mrs. Hazard is accused of having starved to death at the Hazard sanitarium at Ojala. This was the order issued today by Judge Lester Hill, of Kitsap county at the conclusion of the proceedings brought by Miss Williamson to compel an accounting of Mrs. Hazard's guardianship of Miss William-

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