# OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

### Lieut.-Governor Brown Presides Over Interesting Ceremony For First Time

The third session of the second Provincial Legislature was opened in the post office building Thursday afternoon by Lieut.-Gov. Brown in the presence of a large company. A detachment of Mounted Police, in charge of Inspector Jennings, supplied the guard of honor. His Honor was attended by Premier Scott, Lt.-Col. Gwyne, Col. Ford, Capt. Edgar, Capt. Embury, Commissioner Perry, Asst. Commissioner Wood. Lt. Lace. Lt. Garner, Lt. McCausland, Supt. Routledge and F. W. Bourget.

This being the first appearance of the new Lieut.-Governor, there was naturally more than usual interest manifested in the event. There was little of importance in the Speech from the Throne, the principal matter referred to being the announcement that bills would be introduced dealing with the subject of elevators and compensation for injuries sustained by workmen.

The House was adjourned to meet in the new Legislative buildings on Tuesday, January 17.

**Speech From Throne.**

The Speech from the Throne is as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In greeting you for the first time I am gratified to be able to congratulate the Province upon a continuance during the year which is nearing its close of the remarkable prosperity and progress that without appreciable check have been characteristic of our affairs since provincial establishment became effective in 1905. Notwithstanding that the past season was marked by periods which tested the fortitude of the farmers throughout the Province and that in some localities the crop returns fell below the average, yet the aggregate yield from our chief industdy, particularly when compared with results in neighboring Provinces and States, has been satisfactory. As a consequence increased rather than diminished activiay prevails in all the lines of business which are carried on in the Province. Our people have cause for no feeling other than that of most earnest thankfulness to God for continued blessing in domestic affairs.

The world was saddened and the people through our Empire were thrown into grief and mourning by the sudden death on May 6 last of our late beloved Sovereign, King Edward the Seventh, who had won during his reign the confidence and admiration in an extraordinary measure, and as well the sincere affection and devotion of all his subjects. To his successor, His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth, we unite with our many millions of fellow-subjects in professing loving loyalty and in praying that he may live and reign long and happily.

Before alluding to subjects of business which will come before you for review or action, I esteem it a privilege to refer to my distinguished predecessor, the Honorable Amedee Emmanuel Forget, and to testify to his long and faithful services first as one of the earliest pioneers in the North-West Territories, and later as Lieutenant Governor of the Territories, and His Majesty's first representative in the Province of Saskatchewan. I am sure that the people of the West, amongst whom Honorable Mr. Forget and Madame Forget have lived during more than a third of a century, will join in my fervent wish that they may be long spared and abundantly blessed.

Commendable progress has been made in the organization of a Provincial University and Agricultural College. The enrolment of students in the Arts courses for the second year of the institution shows encouraging increase. The University authorities deem it advisable to confine to outside institute work the activities of the Agricultural College for the present year. Next session it is intended to open the regular classes of the college. Construction of buildings is well under way. With appropriate ceremony was laid the corner stone of the first building on July 29 last by the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada.

The Legislative and Departmental building is being advanced rapidly towards completion. Most of the departments of the public service have already been and all soon will have been removed to the new structure the adequate conveniences and space of which cannot fail to enable the better carrying on of the public business. To have the records of government housed in a fireproof building is an important consideration. The Legislative Chamber will not be in readiness for the present session. You have been summoned to meet at this time not to deal with immediately urgent business, but to fulfil a provision of the law. I am informed and I cordially agree that it will better serve your conveniences to adjourn today and to reassemble early in the New Year, when accommodation for your work will be available in the Provincial building.

An admirable location has been selected near Battleford and North Battleford on which to establish an institution for the care and treatment of insane persons. It is proposed to proceed next year with the construction of the necessary buildings. This action has been in contemplation ever since the foundation of the province, and is rendered the more urgent now by reason of the recent destruction by fire of the asylum at Brandon, Manitoba, in which the insane persons belonging to our Province were cared for.

The measure taken by you one year ago for direct financial encouragement and assistance to rural municipalities has been found beneficial. The most of the seventy-two municipalities in operation this year have applied for and earned the cash grant under regulations which were framed in conformity with your direction. Additional municipalities have been formed to the number of forty-six. You will be asked to consider a continuance of the policy of granting financial aid to the rural municipalities.

Obeying your instructions, my Government on February 28 recommended the appointment of a Commission for the purpose of making searching inquiry into proposals looking to the creation and operation of a system of elevators to effect objects which has been outlined by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. The commission was issued to Professor Robert Magill, of Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia; George Langley, M.L.A., of Maymona; and Frederick W. Green, of Moose Jaw, secretary of the Grain Growers' Association. These commissioners made diligent inquiry and have presented their report, which will be placed before you.

The Bureau of Public Health provided for by legislation at your last session was organized early in the year and a Commissioner of Public Health and the necessary staff of officials were duly appointed. This bureau has done much good work during the year and has rightfuly assumed an important position among the various branches of provincial administration.

Among the items of legislation which will be submitted to you will be a bill dealing with the important subject of grain elevators, and bills relating to Workmen's Compensation and Insurance.

The public accounts for the last financial year will be laid before you. Estimates of expenditure for the year 1911-12, prepared according to the requirements of the public service, will be submitted to you immediately you convene for the work of the session in January.

Gentlemen, I commend the business of the session to your best consideration, and trust that the Almighty will bless you in your several homes through the period of adjournment and grant you guidance in the labors which will be undertaken by you for the welfare of the province when the period terminates.

**Steamer Ottawa Burned.**

Kingston, Dec. 14.—The steamer Ottawa, owned by the Thousand Islands Steam Boat Company, of Kingston, and running between this city and Cape Vincent, N. Y., was burned at 7 o'clock this morning at the latter place. The vessel was ablaze before the fire was discovered by the cook. The Cape Vincent fire brigade could do nothing to check the blaze and the Ottawa was almost burned to the water edge. The crew were all saved. The fire is supposed to have originated in the coal bunkers.

The Ottawa was built at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1884, and was rebuilt here last winter by the Folger Company at a cost of $12,000. She was of American register and valued at $20,000. She is fully insured.

# ASKS FOR A UNIFORM MINING LAW IN CANADA

### Committee on Mines and Minerals Make Request.—Dr. Saunders Gives Estimate

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the committee of mines and minerals this morning a sub-committee was named to wait on Messrs. Laurier, Oliver and Templeman to discuss with them the necessity of framing a uniform mining law for the Dominion. A division of opinions has arisen as to which department should administer a uniform law if enacted and this point will also be discussed with the ministers.

Dr. Saunders, head of the experimental farm branch, in making his annual statement to the committee on agriculture this morning, said that he estimates that there is in the Dominion 636 millions acres of land fit for cultivation, only one-tenth of which is being cultivated at the present time. He estimated the cultivated land of British Columbia at one-tenth of the whole.

**BIG COMPANY FORMED**

**Cable From London Creates Much Interest in Montreal.**

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A cable from London, England, announcing the formation there of the Montreal Tramways and Power Company with capital stock equivalent to $20,000,000 Canadian money, was first supposed to be a device resorted to by financiers now in control of the Montreal Street Railway and the Canadian Light and Power Company for effecting practically a merger to the concerns unloading the most holdings without losing control of either. President Roberts of the Montreal Street Railway, however, gave an emphatic denial today that either the Montreal Street Railway or the Canadian Light, Heat and Power Co. was concerned in the reported London company.

It is suggested that perhaps the Shawinigan and Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company might be interested but this was also denied by those in authority.

**Grenfell Defraud Case.**

Grenfell, Sask., Dec. 15.—Tom Watson is wanted here on a charge of defrauding. Some days after exhibiting a cheque supposed to have been signed by a man for whom he had worked, he had a cheque for $30 signed by himself cashed at night by the pool room proprietor, Tom Lynes, on the pretence of having deposited the first cheque. He left this morning and his whereabouts are not known, though the matter is in the hands of the police.

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# ROBS BANK AND LATER SUICIDES

### Kansas Desperado Pulls Off Daring Robbery.—Kills Himself Rather Than Surrender

Salina, Kas., Dec. 15.—Ira Ward, thirty years old, killed himself when surrounded by a posse of farmers, 14 miles north of Paradise, Kansas today.

Ward's suicide came as a climax to a most sensational robbery. He had made a hard ride for liberty, but as the farmers over the entire section had been notified by telephone the posse easily picked up his trail. This morning he went to a hardware store and bought a revolver, ammunition and a coil of rope. He then went to the bank, where he covered Cashier O'Bryan and four other men with the weapon.

After the safe had been opened by the cashier at Ward's direction the five men were marched into a back room and forced to lie on the floor. The lone bandit then tied the men and gagged them with a gunny sack. After searching the vault and securing $2,500 Ward walked over to the hardware store, purchased a rifle and a large number of cartridges, and mounting his horse, rode rapidly away. In a short time the men in the bank were discovered by the customers and were released. A posse was formed and started after Ward.

# CARNEGIE'S $10,000,000

### For the Establishment of Universal Peace by the Abolition Of War

Washington, Dec. 14.—Surrounded by 27 trustees of his own choosing, Andrew Carnegie today transferred $10,000,000 to be voted primarily to the establishment of universal peace by the abolition of war and such friction as may impair "the progress and happiness of man."

When wars between nations shall have ceased the fund is to be applied to such altruistic purposes as will "best help man in his glorious ascent onward and upward" by the banishment of the "most degrading evil of evils" then harassing mankind.

**Incidents of Inspiration**

As Mr. Carnegie read an informal deed of trust announcing at length the general purposes of his gift there was prolonged applause. He then explained the incidents which inspired the gift and declared with emphasis that if the English-speaking race in the United States and Great Britain once consolidated in the movement for peace the success of the measure in the rest of the world would be assured. That Great Britain stood ready to co-operate with this country, Mr. Carnegie said he felt certain and all that was now needed was the concurrence of the president and the senate in promulgating the movement on behalf of the United States.

**Col. Roosevelt Delighted**

Cambridge, Dec. 14. — Speaking in Sanders Theatre tonight, Col. Roosevelt touched briefly on the building of the Panama Canal, the progress of conservation and the movement toward a general peace as typified by the recent fisheries decision at The Hague.

Just before going on the lecture platform tonight Col. Roosevelt learned of Carnegie's Peace foundation fund. He hailed the announcement with delight and was especially pleased with the selection of Senator Root as permanent representative of the United States at The Hague. Toward the end of his lecture he made special reference to the gift as providing the means of making "real progress in bringing about the results which Mr. Carnegie desires." "But remember," he said warningly, "that the ultimate worth depends on the good practical sense, the judgment and ability of men, who, administering the fund, succeed in translating the theory to a condition."

# WAITERS THREW AWAY TRAYS OF SILVERWARE

### And Then the Garbage Man Carted It Off From the King Edward, Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Anthony Mitchell, who carted away swill from the King Edward Hotel and in whose home at Todmorden were found great quantities of King Edward Hotel silverware and china, was this morning in police court committed for trial by a jury.

Emile Neundorf, steward in the King Edward Hotel, swore that it had been customary for waiters in the hotel to throw whole trayfuls of silverware into the swill barrels as they brought them from the dining room.

"How long has this been going on?" asked Crown Attorney Corley.

"Ever since the hotel was opened," Neudorf said, "and in especially large quantities since last July."

A big box containing something like a bushels of silverware of every description, besides three bagfuls were displayed in court.

**Sheldon's Easy Money**

Montrea l,Dec. 14.—According to the official report completed today by Messrs. Wilkes and Burnett, curators in the insolvent C. D. Sheldon estate, the fugitive financier received almost a million and a half dollars cash during his two years' stay in Montreal. Amounts withdrawn by clients up to the time of his flight totalled $971,277, which indicate the vanishing promoter ran away with half a million dollars in Canadian money.

**FATAL MINE EXPLOSION**

**Twenty-Nine Lives Lost in Mine.—Rescue Party Wiped Out**

Norton, Va., Dec. 14.—Twenty-nine lives were lost today in the Greene Mine, two miles from Tacoma, when a gas explosion this morning entombed 26 miners. Mine Supt. James Barrowman and three bank bosses entered the shaft as a rescue party and at 7 o'clock had not been heard from.

Tonight ten bodies had been taken out and one man, still alive, had been recovered. It is believed all the rest are dead. When Supt. Barrowman and his party entered the mine they gained some distance within the main opening before they signalled the engineer to stop. Those outside waited for further signals but none came. Hours passed and not a sign came and it was conceded they had been caught sudenly in a storm of heated air and suffocated. When the explosion occurred the whistle at the mine was sounded, giving alarm to the surrounding country.

**"I TOLD YOU SO."**

**Said the Woman When Eloping Couple Were Caught.**

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Hanna Lockhart, of Owen Sound, and her boarder, William Marsden, her junior in years, were arrested at the Union Station here last night and their unromantic elopement was brought to a sudden end. Detectives were awaiting them on the 8.20 train.

"There," exclaimed the woman, "I told you we would be sure to be caught."

Domestic broils, in which the boarder sided with the wife, led to the elopement and desertion of four small children ranging from two to eight years.

"There will probably be some one down from Owenu Sound to take you back," said Magistrate Dennison to the pair this morning when he remanded both till tomorrow.

**SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC**

**Toronto Cannot Accommodate All Cases in Hospital**

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever in this city from five to fifteen cases cannot be accommodated in the isolation hospital. A statement to this effect was made to the board of control this morning by Dr. Hastings, city medical health officer, who asked for money with which to have a temporary frame building erected in conjunction with the isolation hospital. The Board voted $1,000 for this purpose.

**Makes an Apology.**

Sweetsburg, Que., Dec. 14.—The libel action entered in October by Sir Frederick Borden against Mr. Cotton, of Cowansville, Que., has been settled, Mr. Cotton tendering an apology.

# NECESSARY TO IMPORT MILK FROM THE STATES

### Situation Serious at Winnipeg.—Price of Milk and Butter Goes Up

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Owing partly to lack of feed this year, but still more to the fact that weeds are favored more than dairy cows under the system of farming near Winnipeg, one firm claims to be importing daily 500 gallons of milk from the United States and cream in addition. This statement was made by a responsible man at one of the local creameries. He stated it hurt badly to have to bring in his milk, as it cost them as much as they sold it for. They had to pay five cents per quart for milk and duty and carriage brought the cost up another five cents, making the price 10c wholesale, and which was the price it was retailed for. The situation is a serious one as it means dearer butter for Winnipeggers if other firms are reduced to the same straits to get milk. It means that the price of milk will also go up.

**SPAIN SUFFERS**

**Storms of a Cyclonic Character Are Creating Havoc**

Barcelona, Dec. 14.—Storms of a cyclonic character are flooding a large part of the country and the situation is becoming desperate in some provinces. Practically all the crops in these districts have been destroyed and the people are threatened with famine. Many villages are submerged and countless bridges have been swept away. Railway and telephone communication is broken everywhere and it has been found almost impossible to send assistance to the sufferers.

**Royalist Party Split**

Paris, Dec. 14.—Violent attacks by the younger section of the Royalist Party among whom are the advocates of a policy of action as exemplified in the recent assault on Premier Bryand by Lacour, directed against Count De La Ragio, director of the Political Bureau of the Duke of Orleans in Paris and against other leaders of the moderate camp, are likely to develop a serious split in the party. The Duke after vain remonstrances has issued a manifesto disavowing the hotheads until they make full amends for their conduct.

All the members have been summoned to attend a congress of the party in February.

**Launch Turns Turtle**

Seattle, Dec. 14.—A special from Marysville says six men were drowned in the Shohomish river today when a closed cabin launch turned turtle. There were seventeen persons aboard. All but six were able to break windows and climbs to the upturned keel or reach shore. The men were all employees of the Stimson lumber camp. They chartered the launch today for a pleasure trip to Everett. Fourteen crowded into the cabin and three mounted the roof. As the vessel careened in the swift current the men on the top in a genial mood added to the motion by rocking the boat, which suddenly overturned.

# INADEQUATE PROTECTION

### War Department Submits Sensational Report to United States Congress

Washington, Dec. 14.—A sensational report form the War Department showing how the country was inadequately protected against invasion from a foreign government was sent to the House today as a secret document and after a number of conferences and hurried telephone messages was returned to the war department on the ground that the House could not receive a secret report.

Members of Congress who saw the document before its withdrawal, say the report points out that the country is wholly unprepared; that there is woeful inadequacy of men, guns and ammunition, that the army should be reorganized, and a council on national defence should be appointed by Congress. In fact the real significance of the document is that it makes official admission of conditions already well known among the army and navy officers.

General Wood in his testimony before the House today told where the weak points lay and laid emphasis on possible attack from the Orient. He did not give vent to any alarmist views as to any danger from immediate invasion, but talked confidentially of the need as a prudent act to immediate action to guard against any possible trouble from Japan or China.

# E. L. ELWOOD FOR MOOSOMIN

### Provincial Rights Candidate Is Named at an Enthusiactic Convention

Moosomin, Dec. 15.—Sixty delegates representing every polling sub-division in the Moosomin electorate district met in convention in the opera house here this afternoon to nominate a provincial rights candidate to contest this electoral division at the next provincial election, the following names were put in nomination: Dr. Ellis, Fleming, former representative; Jos. Goodman, Rocanville, John McLean, Welwyn, E. E. Elwood, Moosomin. Dr. Ellis and Mr. McLean withdrew their names from nomination and a vote being taken, Mr. Elwood received forty votes and Mr. Goodman twenty. A complimentary smoker was tendered the delegates and friends this evening, where the policy of the party will be fully outlined.

**WEEDMARK PAYS PENALTY**

**Wife Murderer Makes Confession Before Meeting End**

Perth, Ont., Dec. 14.—Rufus Weedmark was hanged at 7.30 this morning for strangling his wife at Smith's Falls. Life was extinct in 11 1-2 minutes. Hangman Ellis officiated, assisted by Geo. Graham of Toronto. Weedmark made a long confession to his spiritual advisers in which he attributed his trouble to whiskey. Drink, he said, was the cause of the quarrel he had with his wife. He admitted that his sentence was just, but seemed terribly cut up at the disgrace of his crime and the penalty inflicted on his innocent children.

He was visited for the last time yesterday by his daughters. One tot of six years climbed on his knee and asked "why don't you come home with us?" The old man burst into tears.

Weedmark this morning dressed dressed himself carefully in his best clothes. Before the execution he returned thanks to the guards and others who had shown him consideration.

**German Prince at Bombay.**

Bombay, Dec. 14.—The German Crown Prince arrived here today on the German cruiser Genisu. The party will stop at the Government House. This afternoon the prince exchanged visits with the Governor. The people gave the visitor a friendly welcome.

# AN INTERESTING CASE AGAINST BANK CLERKS

### Charged With Conspiracy and Intent to Injure Stocks Of Farmers Bank

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 15.—The case of Messrs. A. B. McGill, J. A Coulter and J. J. Fleury, charged by the Farmers Bank with conspiracy and intent to injure the market stocks of the bank, is exciting keen interest. It is alleged that the three defendants, while in the employ of the bank, did simultaneously retire from its employment, taking as many deposits with them as they could.

On June 4, Mr. McGill forwarded his own and three other resignations to Toronto at three months' notice, and on June 29 he walked out of the office. Mr. Fleury had been asked to resign earlier and Mr. Coulter left later. On June 2 the Home Bank sent a safe to Lindsay with the object of opening a branch.

From June 29 to July 4 it is alleged, Mr. McGill and Mr. Coulter, the latter still in the employ of the Farmers Bank, went through the country around Nestleton, soliciting the removal of deposits from the Farmers Bank and making various statements about the latter to induce people to do so.

**Earthquakes in Scotland.**

Glasgow, Dec. 14.—A series of earth shocks were felt here tonight and generally in Western Scotland, north of the Clyde. The shaking of houses caused great alarm, but no damage is reported.

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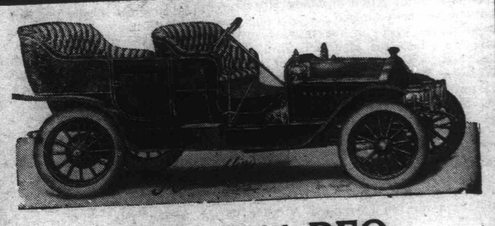

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**Toronto Club's Purchase**

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Toronto baseball secured three pitchers and a catcher in New York yesterday, for the Toronto team of 1911 as follows: Pitcher Johnny Lush, from St. Louis Nationals (by purchase) Pitcher Lester Backman, from St. Louis Nationals (by purchase), Pitcher George Winter from Montreal (traded for Dick Carroll); Catcher Eddie Phelps, from St. Louis Nationals, (by purchase).

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