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TO ADD TO NEW ONTARIO

Important Announcement Made in Speech From the Throne.

It is Likely That Ontario Will Be Extended Northward to Hudson Bay by the Incorporation of a Slice of Keewatin Territory — Opening of the House Was a Brilliant Spectacle — Proceedings in Detail.

Toronto, March 23.—With something like regal splendor the first session of the eleventh Legislature of Ontario was opened by Lieutenant-Governor Clark yesterday afternoon. Not in the history of the Assembly has there been such a display of feminine loveliness nor such a crush of varied humanity. Not one-sixth of those who thronged through the sloping streets to the Queen's Park to gain a view of the ceremonies could get within the chamber, but mostly everybody had the satisfaction of a glimpse of His Honor in the full glory of his gold-braided tunic and cocked hat. At an early hour the chamber was crowded.

Lieutenant-Governor Clark. The arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor was timed for 3 o'clock, and a few minutes before the hour the booming of the guns of the Hamilton Field Battery announced that His Honor, escorted by a squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, commanded by Lieut. Young, was coming up "the avenue." The guard of honor was composed of 100 men of the Royal Grenadiers, under the command of Capt. Brooke. When the Lieutenant-Governor arrived he was accorded military honors.

Lieutenant-Governor Clark was preceded on his way to the chamber by his military secretaries. By his side walked the Premier, wearing a fresh white rose. Hon. W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, announced that it was the desire of His Honor that the Assembly proceed to the election of a Speaker. The Lieutenant-Governor then withdrew to enable the Assembly to proceed to the business before it.

New Speaker Proposed. Premier Whitney, in an appropriate speech, nominated Mr. St. John for Speaker. "I am glad to see Mr. Whitney said in conclusion, 'Most men love him, and all men respect him. We believe he will rise above party prejudices and maintain the best traditions of the chamber.'"

Mr. Harcourt concurred on behalf of the Opposition. He was sure that Mr. St. John would do the duty, the prestige and the honor of the chamber. Mr. Harcourt concluded by assuring the new Speaker that he would be loyally supported by "those who sit in this corner of this side of the House."

Speaker Gives Thanks. After the election of Mr. St. John had been declared, he mounted the dais and acknowledged his thanks. He said he felt his inability and the weight of responsibility, but he would endeavor to preserve the rights of the members, and if at any time he should err, he hoped that they would not impute improper motives. The chamber had achieved a reputation for the high standard of debate, and he would endeavor to preserve it.

The Lieutenant-Governor returned to the chamber, and was informed by the Provincial Secretary that a Speaker had been elected. He then read the speech from the throne, which appeared in yesterday's Planet.

STATE OWNERSHIP. Mr. Francis Dagher's Solution of the Telephone Problem.—The Bell Rates Are Exorbitant.

Ottawa, March 23.—The special committee on telephone systems began its active work yesterday morning, and made good progress. Mr. Francis Dagher, of Toronto, telephone engineer, was present and gave evidence. The first part of the proceedings was the reading by Sir William Mulock of a report on the subject of telephones, which Mr. Dagher had made for the Postmaster-General in March, 1903.

In discussing the rates in Canada and elsewhere, Mr. Dagher declared that the rates in Canada and in the United States are the highest in the known world, being 100 per cent. higher than in Great Britain. The present rates in Canada, he said, might be cut in two and still leave a satisfactory profit on the working. Mr. Dagher's recommendation for this country were Government ownership and Government control of the long-distance lines and Government control of the local system.

The telephone system should also be acquired at the same time to prevent the telephone companies entering the field of competition. He estimated the outside value of the present telephone and telegraph systems in Canada as follows: C. N. W. Telephone Co., \$1,000,000; C. P. R. Telephone Co., \$600,000; Western Union Telephone Co., \$200,000; Bell Telephone Co., \$1,500,000. The total is \$3,300,000. At the same time he believed the Government could duplicate those lines for much less than the amount stated. Figures were also given to show how cheaply local lines could be constructed.

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\$1,400 PER YEAR AND EXPENSES

The Snap Enjoyed by the Government Officials who Hang Around this City.

While Competent Local Men Only Get \$250—Some Figures that Farmers Should Think Over.

Some time ago H. S. Clements, M. P. on behalf of his constituents in West Kent, put a series of questions to the Government relative to its employment of fat salaried outside officials in this county for the alleged purpose of treating with hog disease. Mr. Clements has been pressing his questions and has at length received a reply from the minister which will be of considerable interest to the people of this constituency.

It will be remembered that at the public meetings held the latter part of last year much indignation was expressed over the conduct of some of these men. Farmers claimed that they put in nearly all their time hanging around city hotels and that it was a hold-up against the public to be called on to pay their salaries.

It will therefore be of considerable interest to know that one of these men received a salary of \$1,400 per annum, which he still continues to draw, and the other a salary of \$1,000. Lest they might not be able to get along on this "pittance" they are also allowed all travelling expenses. It is interesting to note in comparison that a thoroughly competent local man who does similar work is only paid \$250 per annum.

The farmers will read the following which is taken from the official Hansard with much interest:—

Mr. Clements asked: 1. How many inspectors or veterinary surgeons have been employed by the Government for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904, for the prevention of hog diseases, or other animal disease in West Kent?

2. Who were the officials, and who are engaged at the present time? 3. What salaries were paid to each and what is paid at the present time?

4. Does the Government intend keeping present officials retained at present salaries?

5. If that disease, known as hog plague, has abated in the said county, what are the duties of above officials, and are they allowed expenses outside of present salaries?

Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture: 1. In the year 1902, three veterinary inspectors were employed. In 1903-4, the number was increased to 5, while at the present time, 4 officials are engaged in dealing with animal diseases in West Kent and adjoining territory. 2. In 1902 the only resident officer was Dr. J. Kime, Jr., V. S., of Chatham, but in the latter part of the year, owing to an extensive outbreak of hog cholera, it became necessary to transfer to the district, Dr. M. B. Perdue, V. S., formerly of Kingsville, Dr. G. W. Orchard, V. S., of Windsor, and Dr. J. H. Tennent, V. S., of London.

In 1903 the officers engaged in the work were Drs. Perdue, Orchard, Kime, and for a short time, Dr. Hopkins and Whyte, of Ottawa. Towards the end of the year, Dr. W. B. Rowe of Blenheim, and Dr. M. Phillips of Chatham, were also engaged.

In 1904, Drs. Perdue, Orchard, Phillips, Kime and Rowe looked after the work without outside assistance. Dr. Orchard has recently been removed, and the staff at present consists of Dr. Perdue, Kime, Rowe and Phillips. 3. 1902, Dr. Perdue, 8 months at \$75, 4 months at \$100. Dr. Kime, \$650. Dr. Orchard, \$500 p. a. 1903, Dr. Perdue, \$1,200 p. a. Dr. Kime, \$250 p. a. Dr. Orchard, 3 months at \$500, 9 months at \$1,000. Dr. Rowe, 3 months at \$250 p. a. Dr. Phillips, 1 month at \$500 p. a. 1904, Dr. Perdue, 3 months at \$1,200, 9 months at \$1,400. Dr. Kime, \$250 p. a. Dr. Orchard, \$1,000 p. a. Dr. Rowe, \$250 p. a. Dr. Phillips, 6 months at \$500, 6 months at \$800.

Present staff: Dr. Perdue, \$1,400 p. a. Dr. Kime, \$250 p. a. Dr. Rowe, \$250 p. a. Dr. Phillips, \$800 p. a. Drs. Tennent and Whyte, both permanent officers of the department, were in receipt of salaries of \$1,200 p. a. Drs. Kime and Rowe, being resident practitioners, are paid \$250 per annum, with an allowance of \$5 per day for each day above fifty, in which they are employed by the department in any one year.

4. The policy of the department is to maintain within the quarantined area a sufficient number of officials to deal in an effective manner with outbreaks of disease. 5. Although the disease has abated to a considerable extent, the outbreak is by no means at an end, fresh cases still being reported, though not to so large an extent as formerly. The district is still under quarantine, and all hogs are inspected and passed, under permit, by one of our inspectors before being allowed to leave the infected area. The inspectors also deal with outbreaks of other contagious disease in animals.

There are also a large number of farms still under quarantine, the necessary cleansing and disinfection not having been yet completed. All the inspectors at present employed in West Kent are allowed their actual travelling expenses.

DOMINION HAS NO RIGHT

To Impose Separate Schools on the New Provinces.

R. L. BORDEN'S GREAT SPEECH

Shows That Sir Wilfrid Laurier Violates Constitution in the Education Clauses of Autonomy Bills — In Strong and Brilliant Argument Leader of Opposition Pleads for the Right of the Provinces to Manage Their Own Educational Affairs.

Ottawa, March 23.—The school question, arising out of the autonomy bill, cleared this much yesterday that both political parties have revealed their attitude towards it. R. L. Borden showed in no unmistakable way that he is opposed to the restriction of the powers of the new Provinces in dealing with their educational affairs. He dealt with the question almost wholly from a constitutional standpoint.

In an argument which was strong throughout and at times brilliant, the leader of the Opposition showed that the Dominion Parliament has no right to impose separate schools on the new Provinces. Such interference, he said, would violate both the letter and the spirit of the constitution. He brought to the support of this contention authorities like Justice Davies, Justice Girouard, Hon. David Mills, Sir John Thompson.

A speech made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself in the House in 1896 was summoned to the support of the principle, which is being violated by the separate schools clauses of the autonomy bill. It showed clearly that at that time Sir Wilfrid was convinced that separate schools were only temporarily imposed on the Northwest.

Party Left Free. Mr. Borden said he did not desire that the question should be made a party political question, which was taken to mean that party loyalty will not be invoked in the fierce fight which is to be waged against the separate schools clauses.

The amendment moved by Mr. Borden was a diplomatic one. It concurs in the principle of the bill, which is that of granting autonomy to the Territories, but declares "That the Legislatures of the new Provinces subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the B. N. A. Act of 1867 to 1896 be entitled to and should enjoy full power of Provincial self-government, including power to exclusively make laws in relation to education." Mr. Borden made it clear that he did not argue for separate schools or about separate schools, but for the right of the Provinces to manage their own educational affairs.

Laurier Overshadowed. As a constitutional argument Mr. Borden's speech completely annihilated and overshadowed the weak appeal in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented the bill to the House on its second reading.

The Premier's feeble efforts to picture the separate school clauses as a moral and legal obligation imposed on the Dominion Parliament were not even plausible. He did not clear up a single one of the numerous lines of constitutional argument he attempted. In each case he fell back on the contention that the minority in the Territories have a just claim to separate schools in perpetuity.

Juggle with the facts of history and the clauses of the B. N. A. Act as he would, the Premier ultimately found himself forced to regard the real question as a question of policy. So Hon. W. S. Fielding regarded it. Mr. Fielding was not in good form when he undertook to reply to the leader of the Opposition last night. Perhaps his heart was not in his words. But he was able to get the crowd behind him cheering. He threw the constitutional question to be a practical question and rang the changes on the moral and legal rights of the minority of the Northwest and the duties which impose themselves on the majority in mixed communities.

Fielding's Suggestions. Towards the end of his rather remarkable speech, Mr. Fielding suggested that it would be a terrible thing if the autonomy bill were defeated, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier had to resign. There was no one who could take his place on the Government side of the House. And he doubted if the leader of the Opposition would undertake to form a Government on religious lines. It would be found, however, that when the vote was taken there would be a united Government, with a united party behind it, something that the Opposition would not be able to do. There was no party crisis, but if the Prime Minister had to resign, and the leader of the Opposition were called upon to form a Government, he would have to form a Protestant Government.

"Shame! Shame!" said an Opposition member. "Who says shame?" demanded the Minister of Finance.

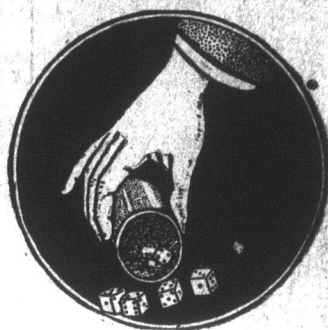
It is the first time religion has been brought into this question," said E. B. Osler.

Mr. Fielding repeated that a Government formed by the Opposition would have to be formed on religious lines, since the Catholics were united on one side, and the Protestants were keeping up the agitation on the other side.

Dr. Sprengle moved the adjournment of the debate.

Tornado's Death Sweep.

Raonice, Ala., March 23.—Reports have reached here of a disastrous tornado which swept across the southern part of Randolph County, late Monday night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost, and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done to property.



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