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THE LEGISLATURE.

Press Gallery, Victoria, Feb. 1.-The debate on the reply to the addrcss from the throne which occupied the attention of the legislators throughout last week, was closed on Fiiday afternoon with a brilliant speech by Dr. M. E. Young, provincial secretary and minister of education, who in a closely reasoned address, which lasted for nearly two hours, dealt with the activities of

his departments. As Dr. Young explained the several divisions of the two departments of which he is controlling head, are esentially spending and non revenue producing, but with a large array of figures and a carefully prepared speech full of deductive reasoning he showed that the money had been carefully spent and that the result fully justified the large ap-

portions. Dr. Young gave a detailed account of the workings of the Colony Farm and the mental hospital at Esson-

dale, showing that the entire cost of maintenance of the patients there amounted to less than fifty cents each per diem. Later on Dr. Young launched into a spirited defence of Mr. Wesbrock, the new head of the University of British Columbia, contradicting the statement recently attributed to the new president that he intended to neglect the humanities in order to give prominence to a purely utilitarian curriculum.

Other members who took part in the debate were Mr. R. E. Forster, member for Columbia, who pleaded for a reduction of taxes in the lumber industry; Mr. Mackenzie, of Delta, who spoke of the wonderful

million five hundred thousand dollars. One of the first acts to be brought up is the Municipal Bill which will be brought down early in the week and after a second reading will be referred to the special committee on municipal affairs. Considerable interest is centering around railway legislation but it is

and although no definite amount has

been stated it is probable that the

issue will not be more than seven

not likely that this will be introduced until about two weeks before the end of the session. Other bills which are scheduled for

early discussion are the Game Act. which will consolidate and codify the existing game laws; the amendments to the Land Act and to the Education Act, and the new Irrigation Bill which is now in the hands of the

printer. Some interest attaches with regard to the appointment of a successor to Mr. McPhillipps as President of the Ccuncil, but Premier McBride announced yesterday that he will make no appointment in this matter until the end of the present session.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Thanks, we'll have another of the same, meaning a day like yesterday and not having any reference to the drinks. . . .

Sickness, like politics, makes queer companions; here are Sir George Ross and Sir James Whitney in the same hospital in Toronto.

If the redistribution bill passes at Ottawa as outlined British Columbia's representatives in the future will be the "Unlucky Thirteen," instead of the "Solid Seven."

With municipal bonds selling right and left, 'it is no longer permissible to refer to "these days of financial stringency."

It will be some time, says Mr. Borden, before the vacant post of Canadian High Commissioner to England is filled: it will also be some time before Canada finds as good a man for the job as Lord Strathcona. * * *

The work of inspecting canned fish prosperity of the Fraser Valley, and has been transferred to the fisheries Mc. Cawley, of Chilliwack, who took department, which makes a fellow issue to the member from Nanaimo wonder how the duty ever became asThe Sidney Hotel

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on his statement that he represented sociated with the vegetable branch of the government. only one section of his constituency.

Mr. G. N. Tisdall, member for Vancouver, who spoke on Thursday, con-It is almost a safe bet that the demned the statements recently made Vancouver Socialist who described as to the amount of unemployment in law in British Columbia as "the big-Vancouver, and said that although gest farce on God's earth" hasn't there has been some depression in the seen enough of that earth to make building trade, the returns of the his opinion worth anything.

merchantile houses, banks and financial institutions showed that there had been very little diminution dur-

whe referred at some length to the

ing the past year. He was followed Funeral of Rev. James Hicks Was by Mr. Shaw, member for Kamloops,

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

Attended by Prominent Men.

dry farming operations in his con-Sorrow in the death of another stituency and strongly criticised the pioneer of Vancouver Methodism was Liberal leaders and their press for expressed by many clergymen during their allegations in regard to the the funeral services of Rev. James Government land policy. Hicks, pastor of the Sidney Metho-

Thursday was devoted to hearing dist church, in the Mount Pleasant optimistic reports from Mr. Manson, Methodist Church, Vancouver, last of Skeena, Mr. Lorne Campbell, of Friday morning. Feeling reference Rossland, and Mr. Hunter, of Slocan was made to his pastorate of Sixth on the progress of their districts, es- Avenue and other churches by Rev. pecially in regard to the mining in- Dr. W. J. Sipprell, who presided, and dustry. Mr. Campbell gave a long echoed by the other ministers on the array of figures to show the prosper- platform-Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, genous state of the mines in the Kooteneral superintendent of the Methodist av and Boundary districts. church; Rev. Dr. James White, sup-

Although little progress has been eriptendent of British Columbia Mismade with the actual new legislation sions; Rev. R. F. Stillman, superinit is confidently expected that the tendent of Methodist immigration session will come to an end about the work; Rev. G. S. Tate, Victoria, of first week in March. the Indian Mission department, and The report of the Royal Commis- Rev. Mr. Whittaker, of the Lakeview sicn on Agriculture will be brought Church. Rev. Mr. Hicks died at Siddown, it is expected on Friday, Feb- ney on Tuesday, January 27, at the ruary 13th, and on the following age of 43, his remains having been Monday the Hon. Price Ellison, min- taker to Vancouver on Thursday for ister of finance, will introduce his burial in the family plot at Mountain budget. The loan providing for a View Cemetery.

temporary bond issue by the government will, it is expected, he intro--For an after dinner smoke. The duced at the end of the present week, Morena cigar.

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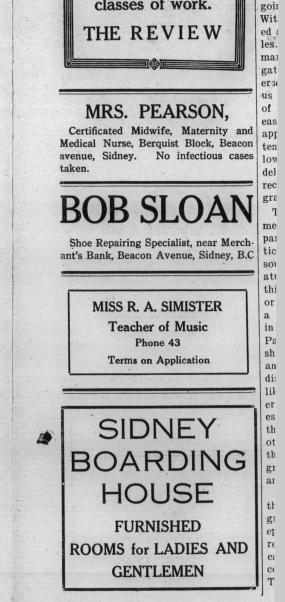
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