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THE LEGISLATURE.

Press Gallery, Victoria, Feb. 1.—
The debate on the reply to the ad-
dress from the throne which occupied
the attention of the legislators
throughout last week, was closed on
Friday afternoon with a brilliant
speech by Dr. M. E. Young, provin-
cial secretary and minister of educa-
tion, who in a closely reasoned ad-
dress, which lasted for nearly two
hours, dealt with the activities of
his departments. As Dr. Young ex-
plained the several divisions of the
two departments of which he is con-
trolling head, are essentially spending
and non revenue producing, but with
a large array of figures and a care-
fully 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. Wesbrook, the new head of the
University of British Columbia, con-
tradicting the statement recently at-
tributed 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 lum-
ber industry; Mr. Mackenzie, of
Delta, who spoke of the wonderful
prosperity of the Fraser Valley, and
Mr. Cawley, of Chilliwack, who took
issue to the member from Nanaimo
on his statement that he represented
only one section of his constituency.

Mr. G. N. Tisdall, member for Van-
couver, who spoke on Thursday, con-
demned the statements recently made
as to the amount of unemployment in
Vancouver, and said that although
there has been some depression in the
building trade, the returns of the
mercantile houses, banks and finan-
cial institutions showed that there
had been very little diminution dur-
ing the past year. He was followed
by Mr. Shaw, member for Kamloops,
who referred at some length to the
dry farming operations in his con-
stituency and strongly criticised the
Liberal leaders and their press for
their allegations in regard to the
Government land policy.

Thursday was devoted to hearing
optimistic reports from Mr. Manson,
of Skeena, Mr. Lorne Campbell, of
Rossland, and Mr. Hunter, of Stocan
on the progress of their districts, es-
pecially in regard to the mining in-
dustry. Mr. Campbell gave a long
array of figures to show the prosper-
ous state of the mines in the Kooten-
ay and Boundary districts.

Although little progress has been
made with the actual new legislation
it is confidently expected that the
session will come to an end about the
first week in March.

The report of the Royal Commis-
sion on Agriculture will be brought
down, it is expected on Friday, Feb-
ruary 13th, and on the following
Monday the Hon. Price Ellison, min-
ister of finance, will introduce his
budget. The loan providing for a
temporary bond issue by the govern-
ment will, it is expected, be intro-
duced at the end of the present week,

and although no definite amount has
been stated it is probable that the
issue will not be more than seven
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 refer-
red to the special committee on mun-
icipal affairs.

Considerable interest is centering
around railway legislation but it is
not likely that this will be introduc-
ed 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 Educa-
tion 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. McPhillips as President of the
Council, but Premier McBride an-
nounced 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 Colum-
bia's representatives in the future
will be the "Unlucky Thirteen," in-
stead 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 Eng-
land 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
has been transferred to the fisheries
department, which makes a fellow
wonder how the duty ever became as-
sociated with the vegetable branch of
the government.

It is almost a safe bet that the
Vancouver Socialist who described
law in British Columbia as "the big-
gest farce on God's earth" hasn't
seen enough of that earth to make
his opinion worth anything.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

Funeral of Rev. James Hicks Was
Attended by Prominent Men.

Sorrow in the death of another
pioneer of Vancouver Methodism was
expressed by many clergymen during
the funeral services of Rev. James
Hicks, pastor of the Sidney Metho-
dist church, in the Mount Pleasant
Methodist Church, Vancouver, last
Friday morning. Feeling reference
was made to his pastorate of Sixth
Avenue and other churches by Rev.
Dr. W. J. Sipprell, who presided, and
echoed by the other ministers on the
platform—Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, gen-
eral superintendent of the Methodist
church; Rev. Dr. James White, su-
perintendent of British Columbia Mis-
sions; Rev. R. F. Stillman, superin-
tendent of Methodist immigration
work; Rev. G. S. Tate, Victoria, of
the Indian Mission department, and
Rev. Mr. Whittaker, of the Lakeview
Church. Rev. Mr. Hicks died at Sid-
ney on Tuesday, January 27, at the
age of 43, his remains having been
taken to Vancouver on Thursday for
burial in the family plot at Mountain
View Cemetery.

—For an after dinner smoke. The
Morena cigar.

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