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are only worn in the house. Are they taken away when the session is over, or do they remain sad and lonely during the time when the house is not sitting? The tall hat is the outward and visible sign of parliamentary legislation in Nova Scotia.

But outside is heard the sharp military word of command and the click of the rifles as the troops come to the present. The band plays the national anthem and then the squeak of the bag-pipe is heard and the representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty enters the hall. An imposing sight the procession is. His Honor wearing the dignified Windsor uniform and accompanied by a brilliantly arrayed staff proceeds up the Chamber,

and the Governor there takes his seat on the throne. The black-rod is dispatched for the loyal commons who arrive headed by the ministry. The cabinet ministers are s. date, the older members jocular and pushing and behaving somewhat like school boys, the new members over-awed, and very important, feeling that the eyes of the world are upon them. If it is the first session of the parliament they are sent back to choose a speaker. In an incredibly short time they arrive, having this time captured a speaker and arrayed him in a wig and gown which perhaps was ready for the purpose. Then his Honor reads his speech with many bows and changing of titles of persons addressed. Usually there is not anything of great importance in the speech, but every one listens to it attentively for it has the merit of being short. This being

over the commons are sent back to school again, there is much bowing between the Governor and the Council. The procession is reformed, the representative of Divine rights rights departs accompanied by his gorgeous aide-de-camp. The guard of honor comes to attention, presents-arms. The Governor gets into his carriage and departs for his residence and takes off his uniform and puts it away in camphor till he wants it again next year. Then the crowd outside adjourns having enjoyed itself immensely waiting in the cold and seeing a few soldiers and hearing a band. How a crowd loves a band! And how a crowd loves a show. Inside the building the crowd filters off into the Legislative Assembly where it listens to the preliminary proceedings. The reply to the address is then moved and seconded after the address having been read once again. The seconder of the reply is generally a maiden, this being his first attempt at speechifying in the house—usually he is very nervous, but generally does fairly well, as there is not very much to talk about. The opposition takes up the cudgels and then the fence begins, and the bullets of eloquence and shells of oratory fly backwards and forwards across the house in a steady shower for the next six weeks.



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