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AN IMMENSE CROWD

Witnessed the Opening of Parliament Thursday.

The Weather Was Beautiful and Parliament Hill Was Thronged by Citizens in Holiday Dress—Speech From the Throne—Business of the First Day Was Only Routine.

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—The first session of the eighth Parliament of Canada will be formally opened to-morrow, the preliminary business of electing a Speaker having been attended to to-day.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure, when Sir Henry Strong entered, took the chair in his capacity as Deputy Governor, and black rod was

MR. SPEAKER EDGAR.

instructed to summons faithful Commons. This having been done, the Commons were duly informed that his Excellency did not see fit to declare the reasons for summoning Parliament until the Commons had elected their Speaker. So with this slap in the eye the faithful Commoners went back to their own House and proceeded to carry out the gubernatorial injunction.

The visit to the Senate did not take long. Settled once more in their places in the Commons, there was a pause when Mr. Laurier entered. The leader of the Government looked spick and span. He wore a black morning coat and vest and grey trousers, and carried a new silk hat, cane and tan gloves in his hands. His followers cheered him enthusiastically.

The Clerk called order, and the Premier rose. Addressing Dr. Bourinot he said that in accordance with the intimation just conveyed by the representative of the Crown, and according to the well-known usages of Parliament, the duty now devolved upon the House to select a Speaker. He proceeded to speak of the importance of the position, how in the old days the Speaker was the channel of communication between the Commons and the Crown, and how important the duties were at a time when the relations between the Crown and the Commons were hazy and undefined. In later years they had become more clearly defined, and now embraced almost wholly the duties of presiding over deliberations of the Commons. The occupant of the position required to be possessed of a sound and prompt judgment, a judicial mind, a thorough knowledge of the law and constitution of Parliament, fairness and impartiality.

He submitted that in all these respects Mr. Edgar was well qualified to be Speaker of the House. Old members agreed with him that in Mr. Edgar's hands the rights and privileges of the Common would be in safe keeping that he would discharge the duties with favor to none, and with fear of none, that the world would be the first Commoner in the land. He moved, seconded by Sir Richard Cartwright, that Mr. J. D. Edgar, member for West Ontario, do take the chair of this House as Speaker.

Sir Charles Tupper, who was received with loud Opposition cheers, said he did not rise for the purpose of opposing the motion. On the contrary, he believed the duties of the high office of Speaker would be discharged with great ability and impartiality by the hon. gentleman just named, but he desired to express the regret of members of the Opposition that it had been found necessary to depart from the time-honored principle of electing alternately a French or English Speaker. (Hear, hear, and some oh, nos.) That was the uniform practice of the House, and while not making any exception to the appointment of Mr. Edgar he could only express his regret that the customary practice had been departed from. (Opposition cheers.)

Dr. Bourinot put the motion to the House and declared Mr. Edgar duly elected Speaker.

The new Speaker was thereupon escorted to the dais by Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright, and the mace, insignia of authority, was placed on the table.

The new Speaker, standing on the second step of the dais, conveyed to the House his sincere and hearty thanks for the high honor done him by electing him as Speaker. He said it would be his pleasure as well as his duty to endeavor to deserve this high honor by dealing with all questions which came before him officially with firmness and impartiality. He was fully sensible of his own unfitness for this position, but he relied confidently on the co-operation of the hon. members on both sides to assist him in maintaining their rules and regulations, in vindicating their rights and privileges, and in preserving the freedom and dignity of debate according to ancient usages. (Applause.) Mr. Edgar repeated his observations in very good French, and was on the conclusion thereof loudly applauded by both sides. He then took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Laurier the Commons then adjourned.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—Probably the largest crowd ever assembled to witness the opening of Parliament was that which turned out to-day. The weather was beautiful, and as it was the Capital's Civic Holiday, hundreds of Ottawa people, who rarely have an opportunity of witnessing the opening or closing of Parliament, took advantage of the occasion. It was three o'clock when the Governor-General reached the Senate Chamber. His Excellency's carriage being accompanied by the usual escort of Dragoons. Entering the Senate Chamber, Lord Aberdeen was accompanied by a brilliant suite, including General Gascoigne, Col. Aylmer, and other officers. Lady Aberdeen preceded His Excellency into the Senate Chamber by a few minutes, being accompanied by Lady Marjory Gordon and her two sons, the latter being arrayed as pages of the time of Louis Quatorze. The chairs, usually occupied by the senators, were filled by a bevy of ladies. It is remarkable how many new faces there were amongst them. Most of them wore high-necked dresses, a few decolleté costumes being observable. Black rod having been duly despatched to summon the faithful Commons, the members of the lower House came in, preceded by their Speaker and mace.

Hon. Mr. Edgar informed the Governor-General that the choice of the House of Commons had fallen upon him to be their Speaker, and he prayed for the members thereof customary parliamentary privilege. This His Excellency was pleased to accede to the Speaker, Speaker Pelletier being his mouthpiece.

The Governor-General then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Hon. gentlemen of the Senate and gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The necessity of making provisions for the public service has compelled me to summon you together at this somewhat inconvenient season.

It is impossible to lay before you at this session the public accounts for the past year, or indeed any of the reports usually submitted to Parliament. Under these circumstances and in view of the fact that you will be required to re-assemble early in the ensuing year it does not appear expedient to invite your attention to any measures beyond the passage of the supplies.

The operation of the tariff will be made the subject of careful enquiry during the recess, with a view to the preparation of such a measure as may, without doing injustice to any interest, materially lighten the burden of the people.

Immediate steps will be taken to effect a settlement of the Manitoba school question, and I have every confidence that when Parliament next assembles this important controversy will have been adjusted satisfactorily.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The estimates for the current year will be laid before you forthwith.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate and gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I hope that when you will have given the necessary attention to the consideration of the year's supplies, I may be able to relieve you from the duty of further attendance at this session of Parliament.

The formal proceedings then closed.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—There was a brief but not uninteresting session of the House to-day, in which two orders were wiped off the initial paper and an exchange of opinions passed between the Premier and the leader of the Opposition as to when the correspondence relating to the resignations of the late Government should be laid on the table. The Speaker informed the House, and the new members particularly, that when questions on the paper were not asked of motions moved, they should either be dropped or stand at the request of the mover.

At the opening of the House seven petitions for private bills were presented. The Speaker said with the consent of the House he would recognize the practice that if any question on the order paper was not asked or a motion moved that the order should be considered dropped unless allowed to stand at the request of the Government.

Sir H. G. Joly informed Mr. Wood that it was not the intention of the Government to make any changes this year as to the selection of grain standards which would require any amendment of the Inspection Act. The department was considering several minor features which the Act permits to be dealt with departmentally, but he was unable to state positively that any changes would be made this year.

Sir Henry also informed Mr. Wood that it was not the intention of the Government to adopt the metric system of weights and measures in lieu of the system now in force in Canada. It was practically optional now under the statute.

On a motion to adjourn, Mr. Laurier stated with regard to the correspondence between the late Prime Minister and the Governor-General, which Sir Charles Tupper had asked for yesterday, the Government had the assent of His Excellency that the correspondence should be brought down as soon as the address was passed.

Sir Charles Tupper said it was very desirable to have this correspondence previous to the passage of the address. There was no reason why it should be withheld. As it involved a great constitutional question it was very desirable that the House should have an opportunity of discussing that matter in connection with the passing of the address. It was usual for Ministerial explanations either from those who had formed the new Ministry or those who had held portfolios in the retiring Ministry to be submitted to Parliament at the very earliest possible moment. The House and the country were entitled to know as early as possible the circumstances attending the resignation of one Government and the formation of another. He hoped therefore the First Minister would reconsider that matter and, having obtained the assent of the Governor-General to bring down the correspondence, he should not delay its presentation to Parliament.

Mr. Laurier said he had serious doubts as to the constitutionality of the contention that this correspondence should be brought down and form part of the debate on the address. If this matter was going to be discussed it should be debated as a question of propriety by itself and not mixed up with the address. As for any Ministerial explanations regarding the Cabinet changes, he was not aware that any were necessary, when a new Government was formed consequent upon the result of an appeal to the people. He thought the better plan would be to discuss the address, simply the questions arising out of the speech from the throne. When the papers were laid before the House and they involved any controversial matter an opportunity would be given to discuss them.

Sir Charles Tupper stated that the correspondence affected the very point at issue. The resignation of the late Government had a most important bearing on the situation, and he hoped the First Minister would give his most careful consideration and see his way clear to bring the papers down with as little delay as possible.

Mr. Laurier informed the leader of the Opposition that the statement of the Governor-General's warrants would be presented to the House on Monday.

Replying to Col. Prior, Dr. Borden said the last report of the commandant of the Royal Military College would be presented to Parliament.

The House adjourned at 3.40.

Another Fight in Cuba.

Havana, Aug. 22.—Colonel Albergotti reports that after an engagement which lasted five hours his command captured a rebel fortified camp located near Aguacate, Province of Matanzas. The rebels lost nineteen killed. The Spanish losses were four killed and 26 wounded.

That Eclipse of the Sun.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—The St. Petersburg astronomical expedition, which was sent to Tornea, Finland, to observe the recent total eclipse of the sun, has been very successful. Members of the expedition have telegraphed here that they were enabled to get ten excellent photographs of the corona.

The Fram Is Safe.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 20.—Doctor Nansen's Arctic exploring steamer Fram has arrived safely at Skjervoe, a fishing post on the bay near the North Cape. A despatch from Skjervoe to The Aftenposten says that on Aug. 11 the Fram called at Dant's Island, where a visit was made to M. Andree, the Swedish explorer, whose intention it is to attempt to find the North Pole by means of a balloon. M. Andree had not yet made his ascension. The Fram sailed from Skjervoe for Tromsoe to-day. All on board were well.

Shortly after receiving the news of the arrival of the Fram at Skjervoe and her intention to sail from that place at once for Tromsoe, Dr. Nansen started for the latter place to meet her. Before leaving Hammerfest, Nansen wired Captain Sverdrup, the commander of the Fram, as follows: "A thousand welcomes to you all. Hurrah for the Fram!"

ALL THEY CAN HANDLE

Canadian Steamers Doing a Big Business.

Great Quantities of Freight Being Sent Out by the St. Lawrence Route—Steamship Men Happy Because Rates are Good—Something That Should Make the Business Men and Everybody Else Feel Better.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—This is the most active and profitable shipping season Montreal has known for many years past, and those who have been croaking about the decline of the St. Lawrence export trade will have to modify their theories to a wonderful extent. Last year the various steamship men had to go about with their hats in their hands begging for freight, but this season these same gentlemen have only to sit in their offices, and freight by the thousand tons comes rolling alongside their ships. To give an idea of what is being done here by the various ocean lines it will be well to quote Mr. John Torrance's words yesterday to your correspondent, as the agent for the Dominion line rejoiced over the changed aspect of affairs: "I could go out," he said, "and fill two steamships per week from now till the end of navigation," and all the lines have the same story to tell.

The Allans, the Dominion, the Donaldson, the Dempster, the Hamburg and other companies doing business at the port of Montreal are fairly staggering under the quantity of freight that is coming to this port for export to Britain and the Continent. This, however, is not all, as the increased freight rates are also a very pleasing feature in the present season's trade, and one that gives the utmost satisfaction to the steamship men, who, in the past, have had a good deal to complain of, not only with regard to rates, but the quantity of freight offering as well. This time last year the steamers from this port were carrying grain at one shilling a quarter, while this year they are getting two shillings for all they can stow away in their holds. Last summer deals were being carried for 32s. 6d., while this year the rate is 42s. 6d.

The Americans are also shipping much more extensively from this port than for many years past, and, apart from Chicago and Duluth, a good many New York people are shipping Western products here. Instead of from their own port and Boston, one-eighth of a cent per bushel in grain will cause the New Yorkers to give the preference to Montreal. A large shipper also said that the figures were even in advance of those quoted above. Steamers, he said, were asking 2s. 3d. to Liverpool, 2s. 6d. to Bristol, 2s. 6d. to London and Glasgo, 2s. 6d. paid and 3s. asked for Hamburg, adding that all of the September space had been taken and a good part of October, as well. "Should freight rates advance to 3s. on grain," he concluded, "it will then pay ships to come over in ballast, and if that rate be reached no doubt plenty of tonnage would be found coming to the St. Lawrence."

Were Go Fire Drowned.

Quebec, Aug. 22.—On the 18th inst. five men Sherthier, County of Montmagny, left in a small boat for a fishing trip around the Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle. Nothing of them has been heard until this afternoon, when the body of one of the men, named Lesperance, was found by J. B. Turcotte and A. Dancause of this place. The whereabouts of the boat and the other four men is unknown. It is supposed the boat was smashed to atoms on the rocks and all her occupants drowned. The names of the four missing men are Joseph Lesperance, brother of the man whose body was found, Boissonneault and Collard of St. Pierre, Montmagny, and young Fortin of St. Thomas village. They were all married men except young Fortin. Lesperance was a widower and leaves three young children.

Dying While He Run.

Findlay, O., Aug. 22.—Oscar Wammock met his death in a horrible manner last night near Dunton. He was drilling in an oil well, when the well unexpectedly began spurting oil. Wammock's clothing was completely saturated with the oil, and as he started to run from the derrick, the gas from the well ignited from the fire under the boiler enveloped the driller in a sheet of flame. He continued to run until his clothing was nearly all burned off him, when he fell. He died a short time later. His home was at Fairview, Penn. The derrick and surrounding buildings were all consumed. The well, which is still flowing oil above the tree tops, makes a pillar of fire visible for miles around.

Great Fire in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Aug. 22.—Fire started in the Exposition building and in the covered half-mile track at the Buffalo Driving Park simultaneously about 15 minutes after the last of the spectators who witnessed the Grand Circuit races this afternoon had left the track. The Exposition building and half of the covered track was burned. One man named Martin, a hostler, who was taken into the covered track in an intoxicated condition just before the fire started, is thought to have been burned to death. The horses in the stables surrounding the track were rescued with much difficulty.

Drowned in the Mill Dam.

Hespeler, Ont., Aug. 22.—Yesterday afternoon a young unmarried man named Ambrose Winter was drowned in the milldam at Fisher's mill about two miles from this place. The unfortunate victim was fishing and is believed to have fallen into the water while in a fit. Some years ago he met with a serious accident and has been subject to fits ever since. Not returning home, a search was instituted and his body was soon recovered quite near the shore. He was the son of Mr. Fountain Winter and was one of a large and highly respected family.

Terrific Storm at the Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 23.—A most terrific thunderstorm, accompanied by a small cyclone and heavy downpour, passed over this town about 1 o'clock this morning. The lightning was sharp, and peals of thunder cracked with terrific force that shook the buildings like an earthquake and aroused the town. Only one place so far heard from was struck by the lightning, that being the spire of the Presbyterian Church, the electric fluid entering at the top of the spire, ripping out the south side, tearing the large timbers inside into splinters and ripping off a portion of the roof as it shot down to the ground. Damage to the church about $400. Slight damage in the country to the fruit being whipped by the wind.

Lost Both Legs.

Toronto, Aug. 21.

Saturday night about 8.30 John Baxter, a brickmaker living on Greenwood avenue, while walking on the G.T.R. tracks between Little York and the Don Station was run down by a freight train. Both his legs were smashed above the ankle. He was taken to the General Hospital and both legs were amputated above the knees. He cannot recover.

Dying of Lockjaw.

London, Ont., Aug. 22.—Leslie Rollin, a fireman on the C.P.R., lies at his residence, 755 Maitland-street, in a very dangerous condition. He is suffering from lockjaw, resulting from a slight cut on his hand between the thumb and forefinger, which he received while at work about two weeks ago. Grave doubts are entertained of his recovery.

Baron Manis, commanding a strong Belgian force, has taken the offensive against the Mahdists in the Upper Congo.

A despatch from Berlin says that the powers have all agreed upon the adoption of a policy which will compel Turkey to grant autonomy to Crete.

A manifesto has been scattered broadcast in Barcelona, urging the troops now under orders to reinforce the Spanish army in Cuba to refuse to embark.

HAVE CROSSED THE BAR.

Provincial Secretary Balfour and Sir David Macpherson Called.

Toronto, Aug. 20.

A second time has the huge legislative pile in Queen's Park become the death-chamber of a member of the Ontario Government. Hon. W. D. Balfour passed over the bar to the great majority last evening. The Provincial Secretary was surrounded by his loved ones when he breathed his last. The summons came five minutes after 6 o'clock, just as the Minister was in his delirium, vigorously addressing an imaginary audience of his electors.

Friday the remains of the dead minister were conveyed from Toronto to Amherstburg, where they were received by a weeping people, for the hon. gentleman had in life been loved by his friends and admired by his opponents. The funeral on Sunday was very large and fittingly expressed the esteem in which deceased was held.

William Douglas Balfour was born on Aug. 6, 1851, at Forfar, Scotland. He was a member of the great Kincardinshire family of Balfours, his father being David Balfour, and his mother's maiden name Janet Dougal. Coming to St. Catharines, Ont., at the age of 6, with his parents, he was educated at the Grantham Academy. In 1874, at Grosse Isle, Mich., he took to wife Josephine, eldest daughter of Col. T. F. Brodhead, an ambitious woman and one who has afforded her husband much aid in his onward march in life.

A journalist by profession, he, in 1872, established, with Mr. Matheson, the St. Catharines Daily and Weekly News, and two years later he and Mr. John Auld started the Amherstburg Echo, which the two have ever since conducted.

Mr. Balfour always took a great interest in local educational and agricultural maters, having been chairman of both the St. Catharines and Amherstburg Public School Boards, and for 12 years president of the South Essex Agricultural Society and Farmers' Institute. In 1879 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature in South Essex, but was elected for that constituency in 1882, and has held the seat ever since. In 1894 he succeeded Hon. Mr. Ballantyne as Speaker of the House, holding that position till about four weeks ago, when, on Sir Oliver Mowat's removal to Ottawa, he succeeded Hon. J. M. Gibson as Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Balfour carried through the House bills for the improvement of the law of libel and for the restriction of the bonus-granting powers of municipalities. A hobby of his was womanhood suffrage.

In religion Mr. Balfour was a Presbyterian. His family consisted of four boys and four girls, the eldest son, now 19 years of age, being a pupil at the Guelph Agricultural College.

Death of Sir David Macpherson.

Quebec, Aug. 21.—The R.M.S. Labrador, Captain MacAullay, arrived in port at 7 o'clock this evening. Her flags were at half mast. The vessel proceeded to the G.T.R. wharf at Levis. There was a busy scene on board when the correspondent of the United Press called. Away aft on the starboard side of the twin deck, in an isolated compartment, the body of the late Sir David Macpherson, K.C.M.G., was laid, all dressed on ice. Sir David joined the Labrador on the 12th, and shortly after she put to sea he went to the bed from which he never rose, having died on Sunday at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Banks, his daughter, was with him when the end came.

Hon. Sir David Lewis Macpherson, K.C.M.G., C.B., was the eldest son of the late David Macpherson, Inverness-shire, Scotland, where he was born Sept. 12, 1818.

Sir David Lewis Macpherson comes of an ancient and comely Scottish family, and in the markedly successful career which has been his exhibits the characteristics of his race. His success well to school in Scotland, and completed his education at the Inverness Royal Academy. In 1835, with the beginnings of life's stern battle in view, he left the Northern Metropolis and sought the New World. Here was a new country, teeming with promise, and had every encouraging, if beseeching, hands to courage and enterprise. Young Macpherson was poor, but not such a poor man but that he could behold a distance to lay hold of every opportunity which would show the main springs of his success, but the chief results stand out clearly in his career he took an earnest interest in public operations, and in 1854, three years before Confederation, at the solicitation of many friends, he offered himself, and was successful, for the Saugeen Division, Upper Canada. He held his seat in the old Canadian Parliament as member for Saugeen till 1867, when he was called by Royal proclamation to the senate. He had now amassed much wealth, was prominently connected with enterprises of national importance, and stood in high repute among his fellow countrymen.

A GIGANTIC MONOPOLY.

The Western Union Telegraph Company Secures Control of the American Bell Telephone Company.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 21.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say to-morrow: "We understand upon the best authority that the Western Union Telegraph Company controls a large majority of the capital of the American Bell Telephone Company. The importance of such control will at once appear to everyone who appreciates how the two have come in competition during recent years. The Western Union dividends had become threatened through the competition of the Bell Company and of the Postal Telegraph Company, but it has long been a fully arranged plan for the Western Union to secure control of the telephone company. The two together can probably make it very warm for the Postal Telegraph Company, on the final outcome may be a combination of all three. J. Pierpont Morgan has been the largest purchaser of Bell Telephone stock at auction here, but the manner of purchase has been very cleverly concealed. Western Union stock has ruled weak on the New York Stock Exchange during the past few days, but this weakness is thought to be part of the program of these combining the organic deal. The combination of these two concerns will mean in almost huge double monopoly of both the telegraph and telephone business in the same hands."

ELECTRICITY VS. GAS.

The electric light and waterworks by-law was carried in Listowel by a small majority.

Dr. Nansen's Arctic exploring steamer Fram has safely arrived at Skjervoe, a fishing port in Norway.

The Bank of Montreal now refuses to accept on a par with bills as well as silver at its head office in Montreal.

A little touch of winter visited London Township where both frost and snow were reported one night last week.

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