



C. W. MUNRO, Liberal Member for Chilliwack.

ECHOES OF THE OPENING DAY HOUSE LAUNCHED UPON ITS COURSE

Fairly launched upon its first session, the eleventh parliament of British Columbia under the second government of the Hon. Richard McBride is again to-day sitting. As the legislature is somewhat in the condition of a ship newly-launched, the process of finding itself is as tedious and to some of its component parts as painful a process as it was in the case of the ship that Kipling wrote about. Sir John A. Macdonald once stated that it took three seasons to break in a new man when he was merely a unit in the ranks. With the large proportion of new members in the present legislature the process is likely to prove interesting. Yet things went very smoothly yesterday. His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor discharged his duties admirably and the speeches, proposing and seconding the nomination of D. M. Eberts to the position of speaker, delivered by Brian Ellison, Conservative, of Okanagan and Charles McNair, Liberal, of Chilliwack, though brief, were graceful. The new speaker with his long parliamentary and legal training should be able to control the house satisfactorily and expeditiously handle business and help the budding parliamentarians along their way. The premier, debonair and smiling, occupied his usual seat to the right of the speaker. Fronting him in the first seat to the left of the speaker sat John Oliver. When the usual remarks were made by Mr. McBride anent the desire of the government to track to its lair any corruption that might be responsible for the return of any member, Mr. Oliver's smile was significant and quite sufficient to assure the premier that in that, at least, he was certain of Mr. Oliver's firm backing. Mr. Hawthornthwaite, entered the house somewhat later than the other members, and his entrance created quite a sensation. As he proceeded to his desk, just below those occupied by His Majesty's loyal Liberal opposition, it was noticeable that the member for Nanaimo was sporting a bright red boutonniere. As pink was the color reserved for the ordinary member, and the flower of more ardent hue was supported to adorn the members of the cabinet, people were rude enough to ask one another whether it was possible that Mr. Hawthornthwaite had not heard of the recent election in British Columbia, and was still endeavoring to cling to his alleged role of dictator and co-partner with the premier, or if it was merely his Socialist tendencies finding expression. The business of the house was quickly transacted. The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th were presented to the house by the minister of finance. The twenty-fifth annual report of the public schools was moved by the minister of education. Hon. Mr. Fulton also presented the introduction and the first reading of a bill to amend the Interpretation Act, a purely legal measure. It will come up for its second reading to-day. Notice of a bill to be introduced to incorporate the B. C. Veterinary Medical Association was given by the minister of agriculture. Bishop Perrin thereupon read the prayer for the day. Then upon the motion of the premier, the house adjourned, and the pageant that alone reminds many that they are a great and sovereign people, was over for another year. As stated in the Times of yesterday, the scene was a brilliant one. The floor of the house was packed with the friends of the ministers and members while the galleries were filled to their capacity. The brilliant staff of His Honor, the Governor, composed of naval and military officers formed a patch of blue and red and gold in the centre aisle between the two long rows of black-coated members. The blaze of feminine finery and the uniforms of the consular corps combined to make an ensemble both pleasing and striking. ANY OFFICIAL DINNER. Last evening His Honor the Lieut.-Governor gave an official dinner at Government House. The banquet hall was elaborately decorated. The table, rich with red carnations, was laid for sixty. Music was rendered by the Fifth Regiment orchestra. The invited guests were as follows: The Most Reverend Archbishop Orth, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Columbia; Hon. W. Templeman, Hon. the Chief Justice, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. G. Prior, Hon. Senator W. J. Macdonald, Hon. Senator G. Riley, Captain Learmouth, R. N., Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison, Hon. Mr. Justice Clement, Hon. G. A. Walkem, Hon. M. W. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. W. Sloan, Mr. R. G. Macpherson, Mr. James Kennedy, Mr. W. A. Gallher, Mr. Duncan Ross, Hon. the Premier of British Columbia, Hon. R. G. Tattow, Hon. F. J. Fulton, Hon. P. L. Carter, Cotton, Hon. H. E. Young, Hon. the Speaker, Commander Allgood, R. N., Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., Lieut.-Colonel Hall, Captain Elliot, A. D. G., Captain Both, the Japanese Consul, the Imperial German Consul for the

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Promotions Made in the Local Regiment—Discharges From the Force. Regimental orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall commanding the 5th Regiment, C. A. The orders are as follows: The officer commanding has been pleased to appoint: No. 22, Gr. F. Fosag (1st Lt. Life Guards) to be assistant instructor of signaling, with acting rank of sergeant. The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the 3rd company: To be corporal, No. 22, Gr. W. Thrall, vice J. P. Wheeler. promoted to be corporal, No. 23, Gr. V. Williams, to complete establishment; to be bombardier, No. 27, Gr. S. L. Wilson, to complete establishment. The following men, having been duly attested, are taken on the strength of the regiment, and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: No. 21, Gr. F. B. Fisher, March 5th; No. 22, Gr. Harvey F. C. Walker, March 5th; No. 14, Gr. John Barnshaw, March 5th; No. 13, Gr. James Watt, March 5th; No. 18, Gr. William Carter, March 5th. The following N. C. O. has been re-appointed for three years' further service: Staff Sergeant R. O. Clarke, Dec. 6th, 1906. The following men, having been granted their discharge, are struck off the strength of the regiment, March 5th: No. 20, C. S. M. E. Boorman; No. 18, Trapp; R. D. McLachlan; No. 19, Gr. C. Ross; No. 13, Trapp; N. Carmichael; No. 17, Gr. W. Trinder; No. 17, Gr. J. W. Kinnloch; No. 14, Gr. W. Patterson; No. 15, Gr. R. B. Kemp; No. 12, Gr. Arch. Dick; No. 25, Gr. E. Parsons; No. 12, Gr. T. Keppock; No. 12, Gr. A. Jaffe; No. 17, Gr. A. H. Compton; No. 16, Gr. A. E. Robson; No. 12, Gr. R. P. Dunn; No. 10, Gr. J. H. Le Page; No. 10, Gr. G. Q. Lyall; No. 18, Gr. N. S. Short; No. 13, Gr. H. W. Laine; No. 12, Gr. G. W. Thorn; No. 17, Gr. H. Spink; No. 18, Gr. J. G. Menzies; No. 14, Gr. E. Spall. Officers commanding companies will issue rifles, obtaining the usual receipt for same. Members of the regiment are notified that parts of the rifle must not be tampered with in any way.

DEATH OF JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE

FOUNDER OF ZION CITY PASSED AWAY TO-DAY. His Health Had Been Failing for Some Time But End Came Unexpectedly. Chicago, March 9.—John Alexander Dowie died at 7:40 this morning at Zion City. There were present with him when he died only Judge Barnes and two personal attendants. It had been Dowie's custom to hold services every Sunday afternoon in the parlor of Shiloh House. About 500 of his followers attended the services. He always wore his apostolic robes and made a characteristic address. Seven weeks ago these meetings ceased, and Dowie appeared no longer in public. The meetings, however, were still held by his adherents. Since that time Dowie has gradually been failing. During Friday, however, there was no indication of approaching death. He received a few followers, and prayed for some people. His condition seemed to be about the same for the last two or three weeks. One of the attendants remained with him until midnight, and was relieved by the other attendant. Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning Dowie became delirious, and his talk was the same as at a religious meeting in the days of his prime. He denounced with old time vigor, ordered the guests to throw out disturbers and acted just as he had on many previous occasions. He gradually became weaker, and the attendant telephoned for Judge Barnes, who reached Shiloh House at 7 a. m. Forty minutes later Dowie died. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. The death of Dowie was unexpected. John Alexander Dowie was a Scotchman by birth, having been born in Edinburgh in 1847. He went to Australia as a Congregational minister, and while there was offered the portfolio of public education in the cabinet of Sir Henry Parkes, of New South Wales. Some years ago he established himself in Chicago and took to preaching on street corners. No particular attention was paid to him until he advanced his claims as being Elijah the Third. Then, indeed, the crowds poured. His