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THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

With the opening of the Dominion parliament little more than a week away, Upper Canadian newspapers, usually in touch with happenings in the federal capital, are commencing to speculate as to what the session will bring forth. Upon one point they appear to be fairly well agreed, and that is that the session will be neither as long as or as stormy as the last one. During the session of the last year the prediction was freely made in Liberal newspapers that when the house re-assembled it would find the Laurier party in keen fighting trim and the stirring scenes of the last session would be more than duplicated. More recently, however, the fighting spirit of the Liberals seems to have cooled somewhat; possibly they prefer to do their fighting at long distance or through the columns of their newspapers, at any rate, the warlike talk has to a considerable degree abated and the indications, so far as the Ottawa and Toronto newspapers can read them, point to a quiet session, marked by hard work but little of the spectacular.

It is expected that within ten days after the speech from the throne has been read, the estimates will be in the hands of parliament. It is stated they are now practically ready for submission, and when brought down, it will be found that generous provision has been made for carrying out the plans of the government in the development of the great national ports of Canada, with probably an additional sum in the form of aid to agriculture. The national undertakings now under way will be provided for and necessary new ones launched.

A well informed Ottawa correspondent forecasting on the estimates is authority for the statement in the Winnipeg Telegram that it "is not believed any special assistance will be needed by the railways and only those cash subsidies formerly granted and now earned will be presented to parliament for ratification. While there is a money stringency, Canada's revenue and trade have been little affected and there is nothing to prevent the carrying out of the government's national policy of development of our transportation facilities to overcome the arrears, due to the stagnation under the old administration, and to provide for the great expansion certain and immediate."

Among the legislation which, it is said, will come before parliament, one of the most interesting items is the redistribution bill, and this the Liberals are expected to kill in the Senate. There will be a Naval Aid Bill, but the form it will take is not known outside of Premier Borden and his cabinet. It may be taken for granted, however, that the administration will not allow the opportunity to pass to place upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters the onus of keeping Canada from participating in the defence of the Empire. The Branch Lines Bill and the Highways Bill, both of which were killed by the Senate last session, will be reintroduced, and the Senate must either pass them or continue to keep the Liberal party in the position of refusing to add necessary feeders to the government railway system, and depriving the farmers of millions of dollars to improve the highways of the country. Civil Service reform will also be dealt with on the report of Sir George Murray, who was engaged by the government to prepare and outline a scheme of reform which has been found to be sadly needed.

As to tariff legislation at the coming session, the Winnipeg Telegram's Ottawa correspondent sends this forecast:

"There will be certain tariff legislation. The government's policy of dealing with the tariff has been blocked by the Senate. While there will be no general revision yet certain adjustments must be made and these will be done the present session. If before the next session the Liberals are no longer in a majority in the Senate the government's policy endorsed by the people will be put into effect. Whatever changes are made, it will be found as at the previous session, they will be downward not upward. There should be a general revision of the tariff and would have been by this time if the will of the people was expressed in the Senate as it has been in the Commons. It is certain that necessary, immediate tariff readjustments will be made this session."

The portion of the session which is expected to be most generally interesting, however, is that which will deal with the exposures of the scandals of administration under the Laurier government. A government commissioner has probed deep into the alienation of the natural resources and incompetent officials has resigned and others will follow. Certain reports will be ready if the crisis must be nerve enough to ask for them, which is regarded as doubtful.

Then there is the report of the Commission dealing with the graft, railroads and blundering in connection with the Transcontinental Railway. This is almost ready and, if reports are cor-

rect, the people of Canada will be informed why a railway which, at most, was estimated to cost \$55,000,000, actually cost three times that sum. Light will also be thrown on the transactions by which the Canadian people were robbed of \$44,000,000, although the Telegraph hastens to call the allegations "merely differences of opinion." Other unsavory messes of the old regime will be uncovered, and the source of the prosperity of certain Grit holders will be revealed. While all will not be ready there will be revelations sufficient to justify all criticisms ever made of the Laurier regime on the grounds of graft, loot and corruption.

The presentation of facts and evidence discrediting the opposition is taken as one of the indications why the session will be comparatively brief. When there is added to an already weakened party, the load of scandal brought to come, it is expected the Liberals will be more anxious to curtail than to prolong the session. Consequently it will be a surprise of the fighting spirit of Liberalism is any more in evidence in Ottawa during the coming session than it was in York county a few days ago.

MR. AMES' ADDRESS.

The editors of the Telegraph and Times are considerably excited because Mr. H. B. Ames, M. P., told the members of the Canadian Club, on Monday evening, that Canada, for many years, would not be in a position to build battleships and that it would hardly be practical business to establish a yard for battleship building in this country at the present time. What seems pertinent to affect them is that The Standard, recognizing in Mr. Ames' address an important non-political contribution to the question of battleship building, went to considerable pains to give his remarks the attention their importance entitled them to. The Telegraph did not fairly report the address in its news columns but published instead several hundred words of crude amateurish comment upon the speaker and his message. The Times last evening reprinted the Telegraph's news story, while the esteemed editor had violent editorial convulsions and claimed that the Canadian Club had been imposed upon.

Just where was the imposition? Does the editor of the Times or the editor of the Telegraph dare to assert that Mr. Ames deliberately sought to affront a political section of this community when he told his auditors that battleships could not be successfully built in Canada at the present time? On the contrary, do not these gentlemen know that the gifted speaker told his audience nothing but the truth and that his opinions as to Canada's ability to build battleships were established upon information furnished by some of the largest and most successful shipbuilding firms in Great Britain? Is Mr. Ames to be censured and held to ridicule simply because he told the truth?

We hardly think the calmer members of the Canadian Club will agree in the attack of the Telegraph and Times upon a gentleman who, unless the club has entirely changed its methods, was invited to speak to that organization and the subject of whose address was well understood in advance. H. B. Ames has spoken before Canadian Clubs in many parts of Canada. It is regrettable that he had to come to St. John to be made the victim of petty political spite. The attack of the Telegraph and the Times will do Mr. Ames no injury—even in the minds of people who do not agree with him. It will merely be regarded as another example of discourtesy from impertinent newspapers.

Judging from the reports from correspondents in Carleton county, the people of that constituency who have potatoes to sell have every cause to be grateful to their federal representative Mr. F. B. Carvell. Mr. Carvell came to St. John and had himself interviewed by the Telegraph and in the course of a story, which as published was untrue, was quoted as saying that there were 1,000,000 bushels of potatoes going to waste in Carleton county as a result of the United States embargo. In consequence of the unfavorable advertising given to Carleton county by Mr. Carvell the potato market in Ontario has been materially interfered with. Ontario potato buyers quote Mr. Carvell and say "if your potatoes are going to waste, as your own representative says, you should be willing to sell them cheaply." Mr. Carvell makes a damaging and incorrect statement and the Telegraph circulates it. That is both constructive statesmanship and sensible journalism.

Liberal papers are rejoicing over an alleged revitalizing of the party. It will still stand a considerable amount of the same treatment before it becomes a live issue in Canadian affairs.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

Laval University, Quebec's famous institution of learning, was opened 63 years ago today. The principal educational establishment of the Roman Catholics in Canada was named after Montmorency Francis Xavier de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec, who founded in 1663 the seminary for the training of priests. The university was instituted under a royal charter from Queen Victoria and a papal charter from Pope Pius IX. Within a short time it gained a place among the leading universities of Canada, with a large and spacious building, an excellent library, adequate apparatus and a strong faculty of lay and clerical professors, with departments devoted to arts, theology, medicine and law.

On this date in 1882 the first female members of a Canadian school board were elected in Toronto. On Jan. 7, 1901, municipal ownership of gas was secured in Toronto. The first Universalist church in the Maritime Provinces was today, Sir Sanford Fleming, builder of the Intercolonial Railway, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific, father of the Pan-Atlantic telegraph scheme and long chancellor of Queen's University, was born 87 years ago today.

THE PASSING DAY

RUSSIA'S CHRISTMAS.

In Russia, Greece and other countries where the Greek Catholic church is the state religion, Christmas will be celebrated today. For the millions of Russian Christians the morning of the Day of Nativity ends a twenty-four hour fast. On the morning of the day before the great festival of Christmas, the subjects of the Czar begin a strict fast. No food passes their lips, and even water is denied to all but the sick and infirm. This day of abstinence follows a partial fast of three weeks, during which period flesh food and all rich victuals are under the ban, and only the plainest fare may be partaken of.

Christmas Day for the Russians is a sacred occasion, and a solemn hush broods over the land, broken only by the pealing of the bells of all the churches. In the land of the Great White Bear the Day of Nativity is a sacred occasion, and a solemn hush broods over the land, broken only by the pealing of the bells of all the churches. In the land of the Great White Bear the Day of Nativity is a sacred occasion, and a solemn hush broods over the land, broken only by the pealing of the bells of all the churches.

The service continued throughout the night, and in the more important churches the program is very impressive. The story of the birth of Jesus is enacted in a form most dramatic. The long-haired priest, clad in rich velvet, with a high head-dress, and a large golden cross in his hands, is composed of lads clad in white robes, and looking very angelic. Hundreds of candles, and the red glow of incense, dimly illumine the walls of the church. The service is a form most dramatic. The long-haired priest, clad in rich velvet, with a high head-dress, and a large golden cross in his hands, is composed of lads clad in white robes, and looking very angelic. Hundreds of candles, and the red glow of incense, dimly illumine the walls of the church.

Such is Christmas in Russia. But the festival does not end with Christmas Day. Tomorrow, after mass, the Russians will be free to indulge their festive desires. Feasting parties are most popular among the young people, while the elder Russians pay and receive Christmas calls. Banquets innumerable, by which suppers and tea parties, are held during the day. There are balls in the evening, and masquerade parties. The peasants are especially fond of grotesque costumes, go from house to house, performing various amusing antics. The wealthier people always bestow gifts on the peasant bands, and provide for them a repast of vodka, tea, cakes, and more vodka. By evening the peasant entertainers are comfortably drunk.

Christmas in Russia continues for a week, and during that period business is generally suspended, while the people give themselves over to religious rites and later to merry-making.

Christmas will also be observed today in Greece and the Balkan States. In Greece Christmas will be celebrated by thousands of newlyweds, for the Sunday preceding Christmas is the day of days for committing matrimony. Most matches are arranged by the parents of the contracting pair, and love marriages are the exception rather than the rule. Girls must marry in the order of seniority, and it is considered a scandal when a Greek girl marries while she has an elder sister still unwed.

FIRST THINGS

BALLOONS.

The first men to cross the English Channel in a balloon were Blanchard and Jeffries, two pioneer aeronauts, who performed their epochal feat 129 years ago today, January 7, 1785. They ascended at Dover and crossed the channel without any mishap, descending at Calais. The first flight across the channel in a heavier-than-air machine was made in 1909 by Blériot. In the same year Latham was the victor of the first prize in the contest of the air. Mme. Blanchard was the first woman aeronaut to give up her life in the cause of the conquest of the air. Mme. Blanchard was the first woman aeronaut to give up her life in the cause of the conquest of the air. Mme. Blanchard was the first woman aeronaut to give up her life in the cause of the conquest of the air.

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It will pay you to read the advertisement of H. Mont Jones on page 5.

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Ample Explanation.

"Hello, Mike, where did you get that black eye?"

"Why, O'Grady's just back from his honeymoon and 'twas me advised him to get married."

Can't Spare the Time.

Blk—They say that women are hardly ever stammerers.

Dis—No; they have so much to say that they can't stop for it.

Liebe Jugend!

Teacher—Tommy Silmsom, have you any good excuse for being late today (beaming)—Yes, ma'am.

Teacher—What is it?

Tommy—Waffles—Harper's Bazar.

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Mote—True. But a man who endeavors habitually to make himself a nuisance never succeeds by any accident in being pleasant.

You Can't Feel All The People.

Conductor of Village Band—What's wrong, Duncat?

Duncan (colloist)—The drum's been playin' ma music and I've been playin' his.

Conductor—I thought there was something not just quite right.—Punch.

One Use For Them.

"Did you know," remarked a Springfield lady to her Boston friend, "that we have several thousand Poles in the Connecticut Valley?"

"How nice to grow beans on!" replied the lady from Boston.—Chicago.

Some Use For Him.

Mr. Beck Hall—Good afternoon, Miss Radcliffe. Going for a walk?

Miss Radcliffe—Yes, Dr. Sargent says we must always walk with some object, and I suppose you will answer the purpose.—Harvard Lampoon.

An Omission.

"Good heavens, waiter; this fish is moving."

"Pardon, sir; they must have forgotten to kill it in the kitchen."—Sourire.

Tactful Remark.

Mrs. Fuleigh, a lady who did not believe her name, got thirsty during a social entertainment, and smilingly mentioned the fact to a group of young men standing near her chair. There was a rush to supply her want, and the young man who reached her first with a glass of water she complimented on his quickness.

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