

SECOND SESSION.

Opening Ceremonies on Thursday.

The Debate on the Address Concluded Last Night and an Opposition Amendment Voted Down.

Attorney General Blair's Masterly Address in Defense of the Government.

The second session of the present local legislature was opened at 3 p.m. on Thursday, with the usual ceremony at the Governor's residence...

Nearly all the members of the legislature were in their places...

Mr. Speaker, and Gentleman of the Legislative Assembly.

It affords me sincere pleasure to meet you in parliament for the first time since entering upon the duties which I am charged with as the representative of Her Majesty in this province.

I am sure you will join with me in paying a just tribute of respect to the memory of my immediate predecessor...

It is fitting that we should acknowledge, in a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness to the Giver of all good things...

During the recess the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's governor general of Canada, retired from the position, which he had filled most acceptably...

In accordance with the resolution expressed by resolution at the last session, that an investigation should be held into the administration of the school law...

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the unqualified success with which the policy authorized and approved by you in respect to the management of our timber crown lands has been attended...

So many and considerable are the changes which have of late years been made in the status law of the province, and so few of them contained in the consolidated act of 1877...

The opinion has come to be strongly entertained by the general public that the practice and procedure in probate courts, and the law relating to such courts generally, requires to be materially altered and improved...

question, will, I am sure, receive your careful attention. My government has not been discouraged by past failures from pressing with continued persistence for a settlement of the Eastern Extension claim...

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure will be submitted to you, and I think you will find that the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a view to economy and the requirements of the public service.

When his honor had retired, Speaker Borchill took the chair and Mr. Wells, of Westmorland, moved the address in reply, seconded by Mr. Ferris, of Queens.

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spoke of Sir Leonard Tilley's great services to the country, and said he did not think there was a dissenting voice in the province when Judge Fraser, a gentleman who had filled so prominent and honorable a place in the affairs of this province...

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and his colleagues in the executive. Mr. Blair then read the following: The fact that Mr. Connell, who has, since the general elections of 1892, been a member of the government, has now retired from the administration, would make it proper that I should offer an explanation...

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