

Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor. W. F. LLOYD, Editor. WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1915.

Opening of the Legislature.

This afternoon at three o'clock, His Excellency the Governor opens the Legislature. Some of the soldiers in training for the reserve company of the Newfoundland Regiment, who are available in the city will form a guard of honor.

As was anticipated the Governor's Speech is largely taken up with the Great War, and what Newfoundland has been doing since the war was called upon to do as a Dominion of the Empire. Foremost among the latter is the making of provision to aid those who may be physically disabled on Active Service from earning their livelihood, and for the dependents of those who fall on the field of battle. This is a debt of honor incumbent on those for whom our brave soldiers and sailors have offered to sacrifice their all.

In spite of the extraordinary addition to taxation made twelve months ago, the Governor's Speech declares that the Revenue for the fiscal year ending in June 30th last showed a deficit. As the fiscal year terminates before there was any expectation of the outbreak of war, the deficit can in no way be attributed to it. It is attributable directly to the policy of extravagance, which has been so justly condemned by the Opposition during the past six years and the rushing into vast obligations without counting the cost. It is the natural result of blind financing.

What is far more serious is that a policy which could not pay its way in the height of prosperity has been brought to a sharp turn by the additional difficulties and surprises of the war, and it will be no surprise to the public to learn of the Government's admission that "even a greater shortage is apprehended than was anticipated at the time of the last June was a quarter of a million dollars. We would not be surprised to find a shortage of three quarters of a million in current account next June. The Government announce that they intend to utilize the Cash Reserve to reduce this adverse balance. This will wipe out the Half Million Dollars Sir Robert Bond husbanded so carefully. But this will not suffice, and the Government propose to add to the taxation so greatly increased last spring and further increased in September, by new taxation. The Speech also foreshadows considerable curtailment in the grants of supplies. Little reference is made to other legislation, but the handy annual crops up as usual. The Government are negotiating with a corporation for the establishment of a large industry in the interior. Rumor says it is to extract nitrogen from the air for the manufacture of explosives.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly: The great War in which our Empire is engaged, and which, in order to provide for the Colony's participation therein, compelled your being convoked in Extraordinary Session last September, still continues. The progress of the struggle has been such that it is to give Britons cause for pride in the achievements of the Naval and Military forces of the Empire, and the splendid spirit of union, and co-operation manifested towards the Mother Country by the Dominions beyond the Seas. Equally, however, events have been such as to establish beyond doubt that Victory will in time crown the arms of Britain and her Allies, and secure to the world not alone a lasting peace, but also a protection against the unprovoked ambition of militarist cliques in countries which have defied the civilizing spirit of the present age.

Under the terms of the measure enacted by you at the Special Session, enlistment of a force for military service abroad was proceeded with. It is a source of gratification to me, as it must be to you, that the response to the call for volunteers proved so large that the original number proposed was speedily doubled, and now stands fair shortly to be trebled. Final honour has been paid to the Newfoundland Regiment by the Imperial authorities, and all accounts agree that the men who have gone forward are doing credit to themselves and their country; while it is almost needless to express the confident belief that when their period of training is completed, and they undertake active service, they will acquire themselves in a manner that will leave nothing to be desired.

Concurrently with the creation of this force, the enlargement of the Newfoundland Naval Reserve, which my Ministers engaged to increase from Six Hundred to One Thousand men, was carried on, and it is equally satisfactory to know that the number was duly enrolled, and additions to this body are still being made. In this branch of our fighting force the Colony has already paid a substantial toll in human life, through the loss of three of His Majesty's ships containing complements of our men, but the relatives of those who have given their lives in the defence of the Empire will have the satisfaction of knowing that the sympathy of their fellow-countrymen goes out to them in the fullest measure, and may well be proud that in the greatest crisis in the history of the British race, sons of the Oldest Colony were found ready doing their duty, and sacrificing life itself beside their brothers of the parent Land, and kindred Dominions.

You will be invited to consider a measure to provide financial assistance towards the maintenance of those who suffer partial or total disablement while on active service, or to the dependents of those who lose their lives while so engaged. To this measure I am sure you will give your most generous and sympathetic consideration.

It is gratifying to observe that private philanthropy has already bene-

enlisted with highly beneficial results on behalf of those whose ordinary sources of income are impaired or cut off by the absence of their breadwinners at the front, and in this respect the generous contributions towards the Patriotic Fund attest anew the liberality of the people of Newfoundland, while the efforts of the Women's Patriotic Association on behalf of the sick and wounded in the War, and for the provision of comforts for our own forces, deserve equally favourable notice. Their self and self-sacrificing efforts will, I am satisfied, rank among the very best achieved by the women of any portion of the Empire.

The Colony, in common with the other portions of the Empire, has suffered in its Trade and Commerce, as the result of the War, but it is reassuring to remember that the fears entertained at the outbreak of hostilities, as to the possible dislocation of our business enterprises and the marketing of our staple products, have been dispelled and that, during the past half year, the prices realized for our codfish have been among the very best on record.

The unfavourable outlook of the Sea Fishery this year is to be regretted, but there is this cause for comparative satisfaction, that the fishing season, and there would seem to be therefore especially good ground for belief that all those who will engage in fishing operations the present season will reap a liberal fruit of their labour.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly: The Revenue for the past fiscal year showed a deficit the result of the depression which had been manifesting itself for sometime previously in Newfoundland, as well as in other parts of the world. This condition of affairs was rendered more acute by the outbreak of the War, and for the current fiscal year an even greater shortage is apprehended. Towards reducing this adverse balance my Ministers propose to utilize the Cash Reserve provided for such emergencies, and proposals will be submitted to you for dealing with the amount which will remain to be liquidated.

Estimates for the Public Service which were laid before you at an earlier date. In view of existing conditions they have been prepared to meet only indispensable requirements. I invite your consideration of them.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly: In July last His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught paid his promised visit to the Colony. He called at Bay St. John's, St. John's, and everywhere met with a most enthusiastic reception. In this City he took part in several important functions, and his visit will long be remembered, and will, I trust, be but the forerunner of others which may follow in the not distant future from other members of the Royal Family.

As you are aware, a Royal Commission, appointed by His Majesty, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the natural Resources of the self-governing Dominions, has been pursuing its investigations for the past three years, and during last season visited Newfoundland in pursuance of this task. The Commissioners held sittings in St. John's and took evidence in regard to our resources and industries, and also visited Bell Island, and the centres of the Paper Industry in the Exploits Valley. The Report of the Commission has recently been issued, and I trust will prove not alone of interest but of profit to the Colony.

In response to a request by my Ministers that the Fishery Board of Scotland would place at their disposal the services of one of its experts to enquire into and report upon the fishery possibilities of the Colony, one of its inspectors was despatched here in the early months of 1914, and spent some weeks amongst us closely observing our fishery methods and the habits of the various fishes that resort our shores. His report, a copy of which will be laid before you, will probably appeal strongly to those interested in the fishing industry, and may, I trust, form a basis for practical action at your hands.

As announced to you a year ago, Professor Wyndham R. Dunstan, the head of the Imperial Institute in London, was invited to undertake such an examination of the Colony's mineral wealth as was possible during such time as he could spend in the Colony, and he devoted several weeks to this mission last year, visiting different parts of the island and studying the mineral formations. The intervention of the War has delayed his report thereon, but I am hopeful that it will be received in time to allow of its being submitted to you before the present session closes, and I feel confident it will prove of no small value in assisting all to arrive at an estimate of Newfoundland's possibilities as a mineral producing country.

A year ago a Joint Committee of both branches of the Legislature undertook an investigation of fishery problems of pressing importance, but, being unable to complete the work before the session closed, the gentleman composing it were appointed a Commission under the Great Seal to continue their labours and report at the present session. That report will be laid before you in due course, and you will be asked to give effect by enactments to the recommendations contained therein.

Under the authority of the Act passed at the Special Session, a Commission was appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances attending the death of members of the crew of the steamer "Newfoundland" and the loss of the steamer "Southern Cross" and her whole crew; the manner of prosecuting the Seal fishery,

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TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SENATORS TO A MAXIMUM OF 104. Ottawa, March 24.—Sir Robert Borden has given notice of a resolution in the form of an address to the King for an amendment to the constitution. It asks that the British North America Act, 1867, be amended, first, to increase the number of senators from seventy-two to ninety-six. Although seventy-two was the number fixed in 1867, there have been several increases since up to the present total of eighty-seven. The amendment will thus provide an increase of nine. The nine will be made up by increasing the representation of Manitoba from four to six; of Saskatchewan from four to six; of Alberta from four to six, and of British Columbia from three to six.

It is proposed that the divisions of Canada in relation to the constitution of the senate be increased from three to four—the fourth to comprise the western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The eastern divisions will be Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces each with twenty-four, and the new western division will also have twenty-four, the representation in the senate by provinces being: Ontario 24, Quebec 24, Nova Scotia 10, New Brunswick 10, Prince Edward Island 4, Manitoba 6, Saskatchewan 6, Alberta 6, British Columbia 6.

Another change asked for will increase the number of persons whom, by section 26 of the B. N. A. Act, the governor-in-council, by direction of the king, may add to the senate. The number is now three to six. It is proposed to raise it to four or eight, with the old provision that no new appointments be added until the various divisions get back to their limit of twenty-four each.

The address asks that the number of senators do not at any time exceed 104. It proposes that if Newfoundland be admitted into confederation it have six senators instead of four as provided in 1867. This would bring the constitution of the senate up to a 102 with a maximum of 110 possible through eight extra appointments.

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MORWENNA DETAINED.—Owing to the large amount of freight offering the S. S. Morwenna will not get away from New York until some time this afternoon. She is coming direct to this port. BOY SCOUTS.—At last night's meeting of the Boy Scouts, held at the C.E.I. Rooms, it was decided to form five patrols, while negotiations are being made for a hall suitable for scout work. The young lads are quite enthusiastic, and enrolment of the patrols will take place next week.

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