

Territorial Legislature.

Regina, Oct. 28.—The third session of the seventh legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories was opened today by the Lieutenant Governor. His Honor left Government House precisely at three o'clock, accompanied by a travelling escort of the Mounted Police, the depleted condition of the stables not permitting of a more imposing cavalcade. There was no salute of guns and there was no band, on account of the reduction of the force. A flourish from a bugler announced the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor at the assembly chamber.

His Honor at once took his seat in the Speaker's chair, the speech was handed to him by his aide-de-camp, Inspector Montague Baker, and the speech was then read by His Honor, who immediately afterwards withdrew. The room was crowded, chiefly by ladies. The only members of the assembly present were Messrs. Haultain, Ross and Bulyea, members of the council, Speaker Batts and Messrs. Dill, Tims, Macdonald, Neff, Dr. Patrick, Gilles, Simpson, Eakin, Page, Maloney and Brown. Dr. Patrick will move the reply to the address which will be seconded by Mr. Macdonald. The house then got into session, when the newly elected members present were introduced, the formal motions appointing committees passed and the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Following is the text of Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh's "speech from the throne":
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I have much pleasure in meeting you at the opening of the third session of the third legislature.

Since I last met you the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne was appropriately marked throughout the Territories by loyal celebrations of that auspicious event, and in every community of the country evidence was given of the regard in which Her Majesty's subjects in this part of the empire hold her person and crown. It will not be unfitting that the Legislature of the Territories should take the first opportunity afforded it of expressing in a more formal manner its loyalty and devotion as well as that of the people whom it represents.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the many evidences of prosperity to be seen all over the Territories as a result of a bountiful harvest and the sound condition and good prospects of all of our important industries.

The wonderful discoveries of mineral wealth in hitherto unexplored parts of the Territories, and the almost absolute certainty of establishing ready means of access to the new gold fields from the settled portions of the country promise the most beneficial results in the way of opening up new markets for our staple products, while the building of the Crow's Nest railway will enable stock raisers and agriculturists to avail themselves of the constant and increasing demand for food supplies of all kinds from the rich mining regions of the neighboring province of British Columbia.

Since the last meeting of the legislature important changes in the constitution of the Territories have been made by the act passed at the last session of the federal parliament. In accordance with the provisions of that act I have chosen an executive council and can now congratulate the Territories upon having obtained a completely responsible system of government.

In consequence of this change a reorganization of the offices of the government and the creation of public departments for the more efficient carrying on of the public service will be found necessary, and measures having those ends in view will be submitted for your consideration.

The commissioners appointed to revise and consolidate the ordinances have presented their report, which will be laid before you at an early day and measures for the completion of this important work will be submitted.

Before the consolidated ordinances are brought into operation a large amount of amending legislation will be necessary for the purpose of securing symmetry, simplification and uniformity of treatment as well as for adapting them to the new system of government.

As a consequence of the adoption at the last session of the legislature of a public works policy looking to more permanent and important undertakings under central supervision and control, and also of the delegation by parliament to the legislature of larger powers with regard to road allowances and trails, your consideration will be asked to bills dealing with public works, the expropriation of land and the direction, management and control of public highways.

Among other measures also to be submitted for your consideration will be a bill providing for the more complete control and audit of territorial funds; a bill to establish practice and procedure in connection with controverted elections; bills relating to the branding of animals, inspection of hides, supervision of shipments of stock and other matters connected with the stock industry; and bills amending the ordinance relating to liquor licences, elections, municipal government, magistrates, judicial procedure, the magistracy and foreign corporations.

Among other reports which will be laid before you will be the report of the council of public instruction, the report of the inspector of hospitals, and the report of the chief license inspector.

The public accounts of the Territories, showing the receipts and expenditures of the past two years and the estimated expenditure for the current year will be promptly submitted. The estimates will be prepared with a view to keeping the expenditure as low as possible, consistent with a regard for the public interests.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I now leave you to undertake the work of the session in full confidence that you will bring an earnest resolve to work in the best interests of the Territories, and trusting that you will have the guidance of Divine Providence in all your deliberations.

The Edmonton Route.

Mr. Carlisle A. Kemp, of New York, was a guest at the Hotel Manitoba on his return from a journey which with several others he made towards the Klondyke via the Edmonton route. On the first of September about twenty men from the eastern States gathered at Edmonton with the intention of forming a party for the Yukon gold fields and reaching that point entirely through Canadian territory. "We felt confident," said Mr. Kemp to a Free Press man, "that we could reach the fam-

ous gold fields without going around by the Pacific passes. When I left the party to return to civilization to transact some private business, we had reached a point 500 miles north of Edmonton at Fort St. John on the Peace river. Our party intended to continue the journey until winter set in and then they would build huts and remain until spring. They expected to reach the Nelson river, 150 miles north of the Peace river. We had 120 pack horses in our party and my intention is to return and join the party with the assistance of dogs and toboggans in February."

"Do I think the Edmonton route the best one? Why, most assuredly I do. We have demonstrated that the road via St. Anne is a perfectly practicable one. A great number of people could safely traverse it. I saw the government had an offer from a company to build a road into the Yukon if travellers and outfit were found for the men. I think they should have accepted. A large revenue could be secured if a toll were placed on all persons travelling over a road that was known to be a direct and safe trail. I am a United States citizen, but if I were a Canadian I would most assuredly urge the government to accept if fifty lumbermen offered to cut a way through those big forests. I never saw a more beautiful country in my life than there is in that northern district—magnificent forests of timber opening out into luxuriant plains upon which grow the best grass that ever was placed before an animal for feeding purposes. We went to Lesser Slave Lake without meeting a muskox and progress was not hindered by any impediment."

"The opening of the Edmonton route would mean a great deal to Winnipeg's wholesalers. All the outfitting would be done at Edmonton and the merchants tell me that they have to depend upon Winnipeg as their source of supplies. I met many people on my return journey going along our trail and several parties are fitting out in the town. These will go as far as they possibly can this year and then await the opening of spring to continue on towards the arctic El Dorado."

British Stocks.

London, Oct. 28.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 111 1-2; consols for the account 111 9-16; Canadian Pacific 80 3-4; Erie 15 1-4; Erie seconds 37; Illinois Central 104 1-2; Mexican ordinary 18 3-4; St. Paul common 95 7-8; New York Central 110 1-2; Pennsylvania 58 1-2; Reading 11 3-4; Mexican Central new fours 66 1-2; Bar silver 27 1-2d. Money 2 1-2 to 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills was 2 7-8 per cent. The rate of discount for three months bills was 2 7-8 to 3 per cent. The market for American securities opened easier, improved and continued firmer all day. Bears were early sellers, but covered later on. Close steady; demand fair.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Oct. 28.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot firm. Corn—Spot quiet. Wheat—Spot No. 1 California 7s 11 1-2d to 8s 1d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 8d to 7s 9d.

3.45 p.m.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring new 7s 8d. Corn—No. 2 3s 1d, Dec. 3s 11-4d;

Private advices from Argentine say crop prospects are disheartening and that exports from there will be scarce. Public cables contain opposite views.