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RICHELIEU & ONTARIO REPORT.

The Year 1899 Was Away Ahead of 1898—Things Are in Good Shape.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, to be held to-morrow, the report of the president and directors for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899, will be as follows:

The gross receipts were $828,322.96; 1898, $728,943.97. Operating expenses, 1899, $674,626.89; 1898, $590,936.53. Fixed charges, 1899, $24,966; 1898, $25,979.89. Net profit, 1899, $128,730.07; 1898, $112,027.55.

Two semi-annual dividends of 3 per cent. each, amounting together to $104,400, were paid, leaving the amount of $24,330.07 carried to sundries.

A Jump in Earnings.

It will be noticed that the gross earnings show an increase of $99,378.99, due to the satisfactory condition of business generally and the improved facilities offered by the company to tourists.

From the surplus of last year, your directors have written off the sum of $104,179.44, arising from claims now settled, which have been in litigation for a number of years, and also from a reduction in valuation of some of the assets, leaving the accounts now free from all outstandings of every kind whatsoever.

The company's hotel at Tadousac has been well patronized and its business has continued very satisfactory. Your directors, having found a great want of good hotel accommodation at Murray Bay, are now constructing a large hotel at that point, which will be ready for the opening of next season. The company's new steamer Toronto has realized in regard to speed, economy, seaworthiness and attractive fittings, as well as in increased earnings, all that was anticipated. She was not ready as early as expected, which made some difference in the earnings of her route.

Increase of Capital Stock.

As indicated in last year's annual report, Parliament was asked at its last session, and has granted, the power to increase the company's capital to $5,000,000, under the deed of trust securing the company's bonds issued in 1895. The sum of $20,440.01 has been withdrawn and cancelled during the year, making a total to date of $75,919.99, out of the original issue of $571,833.31.

Your directors are also pleased to report the satisfactory condition of the company's property and of its relations with other transportation lines. Respectfully submitted. (Signed) L. J. Forget, president.

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SIR OLIVER OPENED THE LEGISLATURE IN STATE

There Was a Great Array of Dignitaries in Attendance to Hear the Speech From the Throne Read.

Special Reference Made to the Lumber Industry, Its Development and Preservation—The Mining Policy of the Ross Government—New Members Introduced.

The Legislative pile in Queen's Park has cheered up after a long rest. The buildings took on an air of unwonted activity yesterday, and the opening of the third session of the eighth Parliament of the Province of Ontario was indeed a brilliant function. A larger or more distinguished gathering never sat in the chamber at the opening of the House. The dignitaries were present in large numbers, and a profound interest was manifest thruout the ceremonies.

From the press gallery the view of the chamber was a beautiful sight to be remembered. The centre of the floor was filled with special chairs, in which were seated the leading clergy, the heads of educational institutions, the judges of the Superior Courts, the consuls representing various nations in Ontario, the military, and various other prominent bodies.

Sergeant-at-Arms Glackmeyer had these gentlemen bunched together in a way that helped the public in the Speaker's, ladies' and visitors' galleries, as well as the invited guests on the ground floor, to see who was there. The consuls wore the uniform of the countries they represented. The judges were attired in their gowns. The clergy were distinct in the sombre cloth. The House officials wore their robes of office, and decided brilliancy was lent to the scene by the bright gowns of hundreds of ladies, many of whom were in full dress and wore beautiful costumes.

Galleries Were Filled.

The seats around the members' desks were filled with ladies, and the whole of the ground floor of the chamber presented an animated scene. In the galleries every inch of space was filled long before the time for the proceedings to commence. The aisles were crowded, and many who were present failed to get much more than an occasional glimpse of the ceremonies being performed downstairs. Housekeeper O'Brien says it was the largest crowd the chamber ever contained.

Premier Ross Appears.

The Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross, put in an appearance shortly before 3 o'clock, and his entrance was greeted by a slight ripple of applause. All the other Ministers of the Government were present, and, with the rest of the members of the Assembly, were chatting to their acquaintances. Ministerialists and Opposition members conversed and chaffed together, and general good-nature seemed to pervade the atmosphere.

The Lieut.-Governor Arrives.

There were many people outside who could not find room in the House. They walked up and down the corridors and mourned their misfortune. Outside in front of the buildings, was the guard of honor from the Royal Grenadiers, and the band, awaiting the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Oliver Mowat. It was shortly after 3 o'clock when the strains of the National Anthem told the multitude in the House that the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived. In his party were Miss Mowat, Mrs. Langton and Miss Biggar. The Government party were saluted by the guard of honor, and Sir Oliver then proceeded to the Legislative Chamber.

It was a quarter past 3 when His Honor entered the chamber. He was accompanied by Premier Ross, Commander Law, A.D.C., Mr. Burnham, A.D.C., Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Lieut.-Col. Bruce, Lieut.-Col. Cosby, Lieut.-Col. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Graveley, Chaplain A. H. Baldwin, R.G., Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., and Capt. Sutton. The officers were all attired in full-dress uniform. His Honor wore the Windsor uniform of his office, and walked almost unassisted to the Speaker's chair, altho he is apparently very feeble.

The Speech From the Throne.

Commander Law, with the usual ceremony, handed him the speech from the Throne, which he read as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

Since the last meeting of the Legislature Great Britain has been under the necessity of resisting by force of arms the encroachment of the South African Republic upon her territorial rights and the liberties of British subjects in the Transvaal. The issues involved, affecting as they did the integrity of the Empire, appealed very strongly to the loyalty of the Canadian people. As the representatives of the province, I congratulate you on the enthusiasm manifested thruout the whole province in the enrolment of her sons for Imperial service at the seat of war. No more striking proof could have been given of the loyalty and devotion of Canadians to their Sovereign and to the Empire to which we belong, and I am confident that any proposal of my Government for contributing towards the support of the wives and families of our soldiers now serving at the front will receive favorable and generous consideration.

The Lumber Industry.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the lumbering industry of the province is in a flourishing condition. The legislation of 1898, requiring all pine logs cut under license to be manufactured in Canada, took effect first in the season of 1898-99. The practical operation of this legislation has proven beneficial and timely. While the quantity of pine timber cut last season showed little, if any, diminution, as compared with previous years, the sawmilling business of the province, on the other hand, has received a powerful stimulus. Many existing mills have been enlarged, idle ones have resumed work, and a number of new mills have been built and equipped to meet the demand for sawn lumber, and as a result substantial benefits have been reaped from the action of the Legislature.

Development and Preservation.

In pursuance of the policy of encouraging the development of industries for which the circumstances of the province are specially adapted, an order-in-council has been passed that pulp wood cut on Crown lands should be manufactured in Canada. A measure confirming this order-in-council will be laid before you.

The desirability of preserving the forests in districts not adapted for agriculture so as to constitute a permanent source of timber supply has been fully recognized in connection with the administration of the Crown domain; accordingly districts capable of being reforested are being set apart as forest reserves.

Mining Policy.

The healthy condition of the mining industry is shown by the growth of revenue from sales and rents of mining lands, the increase of investments in mining enterprises, and a larger output from mines and mining works. It is the object and policy of my Government to utilize all the natural resources of our country so as to afford the largest scope for the profitable employment of capital and labor, and thus furnish the markets of the world with finished articles instead of raw materials.

Agricultural Prospect.

I am pleased to be able to state that the agricultural condition of the province is much more favorable than it has been for many years. The great improvement in the quality of all dairy produce has increased the popularity of our butter and cheese in the British market, and has consequently stimulated this branch of industry. Our fruit interests are also increasing in importance and value, as the exports of our orchards for the last year make manifest. The attendance at the Agricultural College has reached the highest limit yet attained since the establishment of the college; it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation if the attendance continues to increase as it has during the last few years.

It is to be noted with regret that the increasing numbers of insane tax the accommodation of our asylums beyond their capacity. Notwithstanding the liberal provision already made and the large expenditure incurred in carrying on these services, it becomes imperative that increased accommodation be provided for many urgent cases now requiring attention.

Measures Coming Down.

Measures will be submitted for the improvement of public highways, the drainage of swamp lands, the encouragement of cold storage stations in rural districts and the colonization of those portions of northern Ontario best adapted for agricultural purposes. Your attention will be invited to bills respecting the revenue, elections, education and mining, and also to a measure for a comprehensive exploration of the district lying between the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Hudson Bay, in order that more accurate information may be obtained as to its timber, its mineral resources and its suitability for farming purposes.

Administration of Justice.

Your attention is invited to the present relative jurisdiction of the courts of the province, and of their respective judges, and to the suggestions of experience for further promoting the efficient, prompt and inexpensive administration of justice thruout the province.

The Royal Commission.

During the recess I appointed a Royal Commission to report upon the financial position of the province. The report will be laid before you early in the session. A commission was also appointed to enquire into irregularities reported by the judges at the bye-election held in the west riding of Elgin on Jan. 12, 1899. The commissioners have entered upon the duties assigned to them.

The public accounts and the reports of the several departments of the provincial service will be submitted to you in due course.

The estimates for the current year, prepared with as great regard to economy as is consistent with efficient service, will at an early date be placed before you.

Members Introduced.

The introduction of members elected since the last session followed. These gentlemen were presented to the Speaker:

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, South Ontario, by Hon. Mr. Ross and Hon. Mr. Gibson.

Hon. J. R. Stratton, Provincial Secretary, West Peterboro, by Hon. Mr. Harty and F. B. Leys, M.L.A.

Hon. F. R. Latchford, Commissioner of Public Works, South Renfrew, by Hon. Mr. Ross and Hon. Mr. Harty.

T. H. Preston, M.L.A., South Brant, by Hon. Mr. Harcourt and D. Burt, M.L.A., North Brant.

Finlay G. Macdiarmid, M.L.A., West Elgin, by Mr. J. P. Whitney, M.L.A., and Mr. G. F. Marter, M.L.A.

Charles A. Brower, M.L.A., East Elgin, by Mr. J. P. Whitney, M.L.A., and Mr. G. F. Marter, M.L.A.

Capt. J. E. Robson, the new Conservative member for East Middlesex, was not present to be introduced.

The large gathering took a decided interest in the proceedings, but it was not until Mr. Macdiarmid was introduced that there was any demonstration. Then there was an outburst of applause from the galleries and the Opposition side of the House. This was repeated when Mr. Brower was introduced.

The West Elgin Commission.

Hon. Mr. Ross then moved that the House adjourn, but Mr. Whitney rose and said he desired to ask the Premier to furnish a copy of the commission for the investigation in the west riding of Elgin. In order to discuss the speech from the throne to-day, he said it would be necessary that he should be advised at once what scope had been given to this commission. In addition he would like copies of any instructions regarding counsel at this commission, etc.

Hon. Mr. Ross replied that a copy of the commission will be presented to the House to-day, and that Mr. Whitney could be supplied with a copy for his convenience earlier. He would also provide copies of instructions regarding counsel to Mr. Whitney.

The House then adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Some of Those Present.

Among the judges present were Sir William Ralph Meredith, Mr. Justice MacMahon, Mr. Justice Maclennan, Mr. Justice Ferguson and Mr. Justice Moss.

The consuls present were Mr. George Musson, Consul for Brazil; Mr. A. S. Nordheimer, Consul for Germany; Mr. G. N. Morang, Consul for Venezuela; Mr. J. Enoch Thompson, Consul for Spain; Mr. V. Glanelli, jr., representing his father, the Italian Consul, who was unable to be present.

Among the representatives of the educationists and the clergy were: The Bishop of Huron, the Bishop of Toronto, Prof. Loudon, Chancellor Burwash, Chancellor Wallace, Rev. E. A. Welch, Rev. Armstrong Black, Principal Caven, Rev. A. C. Courtice, Rev. Morgan Wood, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. J. Dixon (New York), Rev. A. Burns, Prof. McCallum.

Other well-known people on the floor were Mayor E. A. Macdonald, Col. J. I. Davidson, ex-Mayor Shaw, G. R. Pattullo, registrar, Oxford County; J. S. Willison, Edward Harris, Port Dover; Sheriff Middleton, Wentworth; Hamilton Cassels, Q.C., City Solicitor Caswell, A. W. Wright, J. W. L. Forster, Dr. J. H. McCullough, Owen Sound; Mayor Marks, Port Arthur; J. H. Wallace, Woodstock.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

The returns from East Middlesex reached Col. Clarke, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, yesterday morning, but Captain Robson did not turn up to be sworn in. The other new members were duly sworn in before being formally introduced to the House.

The Conservative members held a caucus at the buildings yesterday morning, but no information was given out regarding it.

The Ontario Government has decided that during the session, Wednesday will be the day for hearing deputations, excepting in special cases.

Hon. A. S. Hardy's retirement has caused a move up along the line of ministerial seats in the House. Hon. E. J. Davis will come from the second row to the front and Hon. F. R. Latchford will be last in the line of ministers. There are several other changes of seats on both sides of the House.

The Clerk of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly was a caller on Col. Clarke at the Parliament Buildings yesterday.

Two Wills Probated.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in the estate of the late John Blevins, late City Clerk of Toronto. The estate is valued at $2700, and includes $700 in cash and the properties at 259 East Gerrard-street and 425, 427, 431 Parliament-street. The daughters, Maggie and Jessie Blevins, are the beneficiaries.

The late A. D. Benjamin made his will on Jan. 3 last, or 5 days before his death. It disposes of an estate consisting of $2365 equity in Toronto real estate and $2870 in mining and other stocks, all of which goes to the wife. The Toronto General Trusts Co. will administer the estate. This is said to be only a partial filing of the estate.

Stretcher Section, Q.O.R., At Home.

From present prospects the at home to be given in St. George's Hall, on Tuesday, 20th instant, under the auspices of the stretcher section of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, will be a great success.

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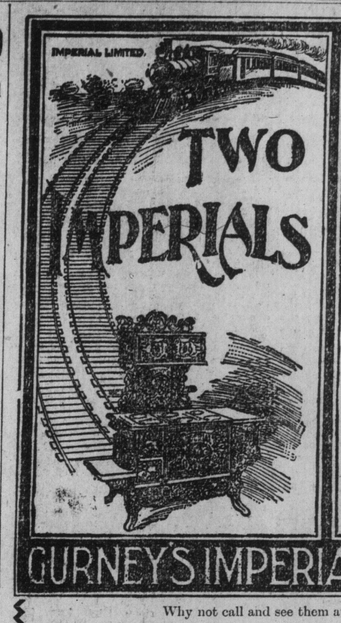

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