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## DEATH OF MR. LEGER IS REGRETTED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tributes to Late Kent Member Paid by the Party Leaders.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A reduction of taxation aimed "primarily at reducing the cost of the instruments of production" and the appointment of a board to investigate and study the various modes of taxation, were the two chief items in the Government programme announced at the opening of the third session of the fourteenth parliament of Canada today.

The opening was favored by sunny weather without, while within the parliament buildings there was a brilliant display of uniforms and attire to which the canopy of gold and maroon lent an added touch of color in the Senate chamber, where His Excellency the Governor-General Baron Byng of Vimy, read the Speech from the Throne and declared parliament open.

In addition to the announcements indicated the speech from the Throne laid emphasis upon the efforts already put forth by the Government to secure strict economy and rigorous retrenchment, and the belief was expressed that for the first time since 1912-13, the national budget would be balanced. The consolidation of the various statistical branches under one head was announced and in regard to the St. Lawrence waterways, the opinion was expressed that further inquiry was necessary before a final decision could be reached.

### Reduced Freight Rates.

An effort to secure a lower carrying charge on shipments of Canadian cattle and the removal of discrimination in ocean rates on flour and other Canadian products, were referred to the committee on the Canadian National branch lines bill, killed by the Senate last session, was also forewarned.

After listening to the speech from the throne, the commons held a short session in their own chamber and then adjourned until Monday when the debate on the address will be commenced. During the brief session in the Commons chamber, three ministers were introduced to the House, Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence, and Hon. E. J. McMurray, Solicitor-General. The re-election of members to parliament was made necessary by their acceptance of portfolios during the recess. E. L. Kelly, Liberal member for Cape Breton North, in succession to Hon. D. D. McKenzie, who was elevated to the Supreme bench of Nova Scotia, was also introduced.

### New Maritime Members.

On the Conservative side of the House, W. A. Black, of Halifax, and A. J. Doucet, of Kent, N. B., took their seats. Mr. Black represents the seat formerly held by Hon. A. K. Maclean, now president of the Executive Council, while Mr. Doucet succeeds A. T. Leger, former Liberal member for Kent, who died last summer. The Speaker, announced the vacancy in the county of Richelieu caused by the appointment of Hon. P. J. A. Cardin as Minister of Marine and Fisheries in succession to Hon. Ernest Lapointe, who took the place of Sir Lomer Gouin in the Department of Justice. Hon. Mr. Cardin was elected by acclamation on Wednesday.

Before the Commons adjourned brief references were made by the Premier and Conservative and Progressive leaders to the loss the House had sustained by the death of Mr. Leger and to the absence from the House at present of Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding and Sir Lomer Gouin on account of illness. The Premier stated that Mr. Fielding was most anxious to be able to continue to play his part, that he retained his old zeal but that his strength was insufficient. He could only hope that the breakdown of the minister of finance had suffered would not be as serious as it was threatened and that in a few years he would enjoy the health and honor which his distinguished career deserved. Mr. King announced that Sir Lomer Gouin would very shortly take his seat in the House as a private member.

### Pays Tribute to Mr. Leger.

Mr. Meighen paid a tribute to the companionable disposition of Mr. Leger and to his fidelity to the interests of his constituents. He associated himself with the Premier in expressing regret at the fact of the indisposition which caused the absence of Sir Lomer and Mr. Fielding. Mr. Forke, joined in the expression of sympathy with the family of Mr. Leger, and paid a tribute to the ability and honesty of purpose of Mr. Fielding, whose absence he described as a distinct loss to the House.

### On Motion of the Premier the House then adjourned until Monday.

In the Senate, following the Speech from the Throne, Hon. J. L. Cote, Edmonton, successor to the late Senator Forget, was introduced.

### The Senate then adjourned till Tuesday.

The speech is longer than usual. So many late hour changes were made that the printing of the final copies was not completed till shortly before Parliament met.

### Speeches From Throne.

Honorable Members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons: I am glad to be able to congratulate you upon the many evidences of increased prosperity. Though the general economic situation still reflects the consequences of the world war, the records of production, trade, transportation, employment and public finance have been uniformly increasingly favorable throughout the Dominion. The state of general employment has been distinctly better. The volume of business has steadily increased. Especially has the country reason to feel gratified at the expansion to a notable degree of its public revenue and decline of its expenditures.

I am persuaded that a reduction in taxation, and in production and transportation costs, such as will encourage investment of capital in industrial enterprise and attract settlers in large number to our Dominion, are all that

are necessary to effect an economic development which is unimpeded. My ministers are strongly of the opinion that a reduction of taxation is of first importance, and that to this end the efforts already put forth to combine strict economy in the administration of the public service with rigorous retrenchment in public expenditures, should be furthered as many directions as may be possible. This is the more imperative, in that the margin of controllable expenditures within which economy can be effected, is necessarily restricted.

### May Balance Budget.

My ministers believe, however, that in view of economies already effected they will, when the present financial year closes, be able to announce to the country that for the first time since 1912-13 the national budget has been balanced. They are further of the opinion that when the budget for the ensuing fiscal year is introduced it will be found that the relation between public revenue and public expenditure is such as to justify some immediate reduction of taxation.

In the opinion of the Government such reduction of taxation as it may be possible to effect should aim primarily at reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the national resources of the Dominion, thereby aiding materially in the development of our natural resources, and through cheapened production effecting a diminution also in the cost of living.

Legislation will be introduced making provision for consolidation of the revenue collecting services of the Government under one administrative head. With a view to simplifying and improving the existing system, it is also proposed to constitute a board to investigate and study the various modes of taxation.

National Unity. National unity, not less than national prosperity, depends upon the surmounting of those barriers which have tended to separate western from eastern Canada and to discourage permanent settlement upon the land. Foremost in this regard are the problems incidental to tariff readjustments and to the marketing of agricultural and other national products.

The stabilization and control of freight rates on grain from the head of the Great Lakes to Canadian ocean ports and thence to Liverpool, are referred to the committee on the Canadian National branch lines bill, killed by the Senate last session, was also forewarned. It is hoped that the report of the Royal Grain Inquiry commission authorized last session to inquire into the subject of the handling and marketing of grain will be available for presentation to parliament this session, and that legislation based upon its recommendations may be for your consideration.

### Water Transportation.

The further development of our inland water transportation routes, which will result in lower carrying charges for the products of the farms of the west, as well as for the products of the mine, the forest, and the diversified industries of the east, is of vital importance. To this purpose work on the new Welland Ship Canal is being expedited.

A further interchange of correspondence has taken place between my Government and the Government of the United States with reference to the St. Lawrence waterway. In the opinion of my advisers the importance of this question is such that further inquiry should be instituted before a final decision is reached on the proposals which have been under consideration.

The important subject of marine insurance as affecting our ports, the permanent equalization of the rate on Canadian flour and the removal of discriminations in ocean rates on other Canadian products are receiving attention.

### As a stimulus to stock raising in the Dominion and to direct benefit to agriculture, the government has been endeavoring to obtain a lower carrying charge on all shipments of Canadian cattle.

Canadian Trade by Canadian Ports. Every effort will be made still further to develop the policy of Canadian trade via Canadian ports.

Particularly satisfactory and promising is the material improvement which has taken place in the financial condition of the Canadian National Railway system.

The Dominion fuel board has been created to study and make recommendations in regard to the development of our fuel resources with a view to making Canada independent, so far as possible, of foreign sources of supply. The investigations carried on by the board have already been productive of important results, and legislation to encourage Canadian production will be submitted for your consideration.

The amendments made to the Bank Act in the last session provided better guarantees for the public in banking operations, their wisdom has already been abundantly apparent. The depositors in the Home Bank have asked that they should be recompensed the amount of their losses, and in their petition made representations which my advisers regard as so important as to warrant full investigation. To that end a commission has been appointed to inquire fully into the allegations made by these petitioners.

The redistribution bill of last session respecting the representation of

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## How's This, Girls!

Miss Kate Schmidt of America Cuts Up for the Smart Set at Fashionable St. Moritz.



The House of Commons will be reintroduced at an early date. Among amendments to be proposed to the Dominion Elections Act will be one providing for the use of the transferable vote in single-member constituencies.

### C. N. R. Branch Lines.

Bills will again be submitted with respect to the construction of Canadian National Railway lines, the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, and race track gambling. Your attention will also be invited to amendments to the Government Annuities Act, to provide additional encouragement in the promotion of thrift and self-help, and to amendments to the Militia Act, with respect to the calling out of the militia in aid of the civil power.

The imperial conference and the imperial economic conference, held in London in the months of October and November last between representatives of the government of the United Kingdom and of the British dominions and India, dealt with many subjects with which the empire at large is interested. The reports of the proceedings of both conferences will be presented to parliament.

Members of the House of Commons: The public accounts for the last fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date.

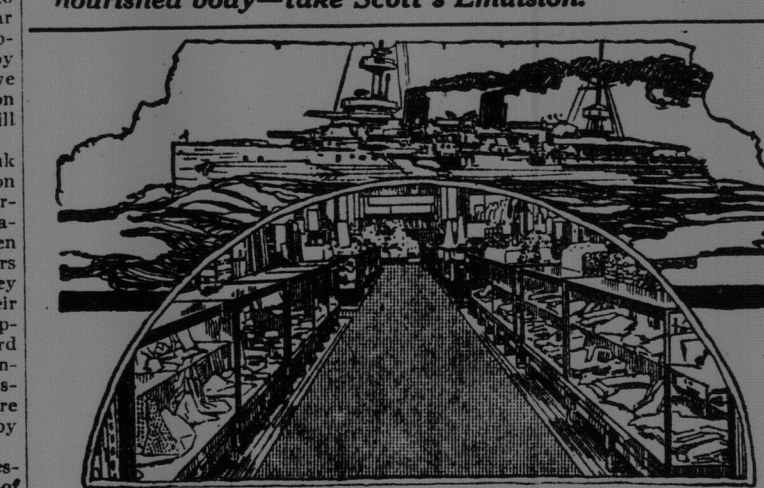
You will observe that in the preparation of the estimates my advisers have felt the necessity of continuing the policy of rigid economy with respect to public services and public

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## OLD COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS CONCERT

A splendid concert programme was given under the auspices of the Old Country Club of St. David's church in the church hall last night and a capacity house showed its appreciation in its hearty applause. A satisfactory sum was realized for the funds of the club.

Rev. Hugh Miller, honorary president, was the chairman and the programme was in charge of T. Joy, president, and D. McCartney, vice-president. During the intermission ice cream and candy were sold under the convener-ship of Mrs. J. S. Malcolm. The opening part of the programme consisted of the following numbers: Solo, Miss N. Donahue; reading, Miss Flora MacDonald; Scotch dance, Mr. and Miss Gibbs; solo, Mrs. Hugh Miller; reading, Miss Bertha Smith; Lauder impersonation, J. Simpson; solo, D. McCartney; piano and violin duet, Mrs. Joy and Percy Reid; solo, A. C. Smith; solo, Miss J. Aird.

An amusing sketch, "Wanted a Wife" was given in the second half of the programme and the cast of characters was as follows: Mr. Pumbleton, J. Smith; Nathan, the man servant, W. Sharp; maid servant, Mrs. A. Telfer; Miss Lacerlight, Miss Cross; Dorothy Dingle, Miss B. Smith; Sarah Morris, Mrs. Jessio; Molly Malone, Miss Butterworth. The dramatic presentation was excellent.

## WHALES CHASE FISH AND MEN GET THEM

Inspector Says Fishermen of Charlotte County Are Doing Well

That the fishermen of Grand Manan were reaping a harvest due to the striking in of a great many herring, was the declaration of J. F. Calder, of Campbellton, Dominion fisheries inspector, who was at the Royal Hotel last night.

North Head, Grand Manan, he said was getting perhaps the best of the bargains, for there the fishermen were scooping them up in the day time. The reason for the herring striking in at this time of the year, he said, was because of whales, which were very numerous in the waters around Grand Manan.

The southern end of Grand Manan, Mr. Calder said, was benefiting from sculpin fishing. The fishermen were dragging the sculpins continuously and were getting very favorable results.

### 35 TAKE SECOND DEGREE.

The second degree of the order was exemplified to a class of 35 candidates at the Knights of Columbus Home last night. James L. Sugrue, Grand Knight, and the officers of the St. John Council, officiated.

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