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Public Accounts.

The Provincial Auditor's report on the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1902, was tabled in the Legislature on Monday afternoon. This report shows like all its predecessors since the Liberals assumed power, that debt and deficits are still rolling up.

Sessional Notes.

Almost a fortnight has elapsed since the beginning of the Legislative Session, yet nothing has been done except passing the address in reply to the speech of the Lieut.-Governor at the opening, and simple matters of routine.

vere illness suffered by his Majesty the King at the time appointed for his coronation. The bravery of our Island boys and the important part taken by them in defence of the Empire were not forgotten in his reference to the South African war and its successful termination, by which Great Britain had gained a vast extent of territory and a noble body of people to add to the greatness and strength of its world-wide empire.

Hon. Mr. Peters, Leader of the Government, forgot to compliment the mover and seconder of the address. He spoke at some length and attached great importance to the different sections of the address. The coronation of the King, and the loyalty displayed by the people of all sections of the Empire at the time of the coronation were referred to.

Mr. Morson vigorously took up the discussion of the different questions referred to in the address and joined direct issue with the Premier on several points. This was particularly the case in the matter of guaranteeing the bonds of the Dominion Packing Company. He pointed out that if the Government were to borrow \$150,000 on the credit of the Province and lend it to the company they might make something on the difference of interest.

his feet in a jiffy to offer contradiction. The clock struck six and the House adjourned, thus escaping a violent explosion from that unbagged west wind. After routine on Wednesday, Mr. McLean continued the debate. He refuted Captain Read's statement regarding freight rates by quoting Mr. Holman's letter and by reference to the fact that Summerside merchants had their freight shipped by way of Georgetown and Pictou.

After Mr. Simpson had spoken, Mr. Currie, the newly elected member for West River, made a clear and forcible speech. He condemned the Government's action in promising to guarantee the bonds of a private company, without at least consulting the people.

Mr. McKinnon vigorously arraigned the Government for their numerous short comings. Numerous delegations had of late gone to Ottawa; but all the people had in consequence thus far as the payment of the expenses attached thereto. Last year the Premier assured the public that by this time the Province would have its share of the fishery award.

Hon. Mr. Rogers spoke briefly and was followed by Hon. Mr. McLeod, who dwelt at some length on different questions.

Mr. Arsenault argued in favor of the Summerside winter route, and contended that a new and stronger boat was needed. He severely criticized the expensive action taken by the Government in the matter of tax levies.

In committee Mr. Morson moved the following amendment to the paragraph in the address referring to winter communication: "And we respectfully ask your Honor in Council to request the Dominion Government to order an investigation into the causes which led to the stoppage in our winter communication; to the end that such measures may be adopted as will in future ensure efficient and continuous communication between this province and the mainland, by the appointment of a local board of control for the winter steamers, the thorough repair of the steamer Stanley, the providing of a third steamer of greater power, or otherwise, as the requirements of the case may demand."

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Hon. Lordship, Bishop McDonald returned from Chatham, on Saturday evening.

Governor Boyle, of Newfoundland, last Friday gave the Royal assent to the French Shore modus vivendi bill, which has been law for the present year.

Last Friday at Glouce Bay, after a consultation of various local company officials and managers, it was decided to flood the pits at Dominion No. 1.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia, have agreed a custom convention providing for ten per cent. preference in favor of Great Britain and re-proposing the colonies.

The Sunset Limited Express on the Southern Pacific, and a passenger train, collided at Lucerne, eight miles west of San Antonio, Texas, last Friday night. Three passengers were killed and nine injured. The bodies of the dead were buried.

The Toronto Opera House on Adelaide St. west, which in its time was the scene of probably the best performances and grand opera ever given in this country, passed out of existence last Wednesday morning. Fire completely destroyed the theatre, and all but caused the sacrifice of six lives. The loss is \$71,500.

In the Legislature of Kingston, Jamaica, at last Thursday's session, the Governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, announced that the proposed reciprocity convention with the United States had been abandoned owing to representations from Washington that it was hopeless to expect its ratification by the United States Senate.

WHILE the German Empress was galloping through Grantville Forest, three and a half miles southwest of Charlottetown last Saturday afternoon, her horse was started by a dog that ran across his path, and whirled, throwing her off. She broke the fall with her left arm, and one of the bones snapped just above the wrist.

SPEAKING of the Irish Land Bill John Redmond says: "The Land Bill in many respects is a far reaching measure. The Bill does not fill all the requirements of the case. It does not provide good terms either for landlords or tenants as proposed at the recent land conference, but it makes an enormous advance on any measure of its kind hitherto proposed by any English government."

Major General Hector McDonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide, by shooting himself with a revolver, at the Hotel Regina, Paris, on Wednesday last. He was on his way back to his command from London, when he committed the rash deed.

The Norwegian steamer Argyle, bound from Glasgow for Sydney, has been posted as missing. She is now two months and twelve days out. She is a small steamer of 900 tons register. Grave fears are also entertained for the steamer Spolia, which has frequently visited Maritime ports. She left Mobile, Ala., on a voyage to Antwerp, calling at Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 10. It is not improbable that she struck on an iceberg and sank.

GUILTY of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned on the 19th by the jury at Dover, Me., after an hour's consideration, at the conclusion of the trial of Edward Ballard for the murder of Martin Stanton, on the Eagle Lake road, 35 miles from Patten, Oct. 11, 1902. The trial occupied three days. Justice Powers made the sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor, which was heard by Ballard with much calmness. He showed little emotion except when handcuffed and taken from the court room. Then he appeared to realize his position. He was taken to the local jail and removed to Thomaston next day.

The funeral of Bishop Rogers at Chatham on Thursday last, was very largely attended. Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, Bishop of Blain, of Rimouski, Bishop McDonald,

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