

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Attorney-General Refuses to Hear a Word About Re-election of Victoria Members.

Plan for Reorganizing Departments and Providing an Additional Salaried Minister.

Friday, February 3. Victoria's "Big Four" was made complete in the house this afternoon, when Messrs. Turner, Hall and McPhillips were formally escorted back to their seats in triumph, while both sides of the house joined with the galleries in expressing satisfaction at the reaction.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15, prayers being read by Rev. J. C. Speer. VICTORIA CITY ELECTIONS. The clerk read the certificate of election of Messrs. J. H. Turner, Richard Hall and A. E. McPhillips for the city of Victoria.

Col. Baker, preparatory to moving that the certificate and return of the election be entered on the returns of the house, said that he was delighted to hear from the clerk the result of the election in Victoria. He was proceeding to say that the people of Victoria had shown themselves—

The Speaker here interrupted that the leader of the opposition was out of order. Col. Baker protested that he was speaking to a question of privilege. The leader of the government, on the return to the house of Mr. Tisdall, had referred to his re-election, and surely that precedent would justify the house in listening to what he had to say.

Mr. Higgins took the point of order that the formal motion for the adjournment was not a motion to adjourn, and quoted copiously from May in concluding that the Speaker might name the member for East Kootenay to proceed.

Col. Baker then moved an adjournment, claiming his right under Rule 30; he subsequently withdrew the motion, however, rather than the members waiting in the lobby. The motion that the return be entered on the journals of the house was agreed to by a vote of 18 to 10. The Speaker then introduced the forms of applause from both sides of the house and the crowded galleries.

The following government bills were considered in committee of the house, each in a separate report: Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act—Hon. Mr. Scott. Medical Act Amendment Bill—Hon. Dr. McKelvie. Juries Bill—Hon. Mr. Martin. Bill for setting aside vault accommodation in the parliament buildings for use of the Supreme court—Hon. Mr. Martin. Bechets bill—Hon. Mr. Martin. Interpretation Act—Hon. Mr. Martin. Definition of Time bill—Hon. Mr. Cotton. Succession Duty bill—Hon. Mr. Cotton.

STOOD OVER BY REQUEST. At the request of various members, the second reading of the Health bill, the Provincial Elections bill, the Queen's Counsel bill, and the bills to amend and to further amend the Coal Mines Regulations bill, act were referred to a select committee.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL. Hon. Mr. Martin, in moving the second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment bill, explained briefly the meaning of the various clauses. He maintained that the office of minister of education, under the administration, had been an anomalous power existing under the Constitution act for its creation. At the same time the late government had provided for a fifth minister with salary, and had not seen fit to appoint a fifth salaried minister. It was now intended to make the position of minister of mines a much more important one, attaching a salary to the office, and making the department of the minister of mines a substantial and independent one, by removing from the lands and works department all work in connection with mining claims.

KEY TO PANAMA CANAL PROBLEM. In the design of the canal, the answer to the crucial question (1) as to the alienation of the "divide" and (2) as to the regulation of the floods of the river, has been a matter of great importance. A realization of the scheme proposed in his manifesto would have involved too radical a change from the system which has been in force for nearly one hundred years to admit of its being put into execution within any given period. It would merely have had the effect of disturbing and throwing into disorder the entire economy, administrative, social, life, and political of the canal zone, and by the confusion which it would have created would probably have brought about the very thing which the czar desired to prevent, namely, war.

ROYAL PEACE MAKERS

Queen Victoria's Deep Sympathy with the Young Czar's Great Undertaking.

Suggested Congress of the Rulers of Europe at London Next Spring.

Blasphemy, terrorism and all the horrors of foreign and civil war characterized the closing of the eighteenth century to such an extent that many people on the other side of the Atlantic were led to believe that the end of the world was at hand. The year which opens to-day, which is the close of the nineteenth century, bids fair to present a striking contrast to 1790, in so far that it is likely to constitute an era of peace which may extend far into the new cycle. In fact, if royal and imperial projects for the ensuing century are carried out, the millennium that people will be led to look for the advent of the new age, one hundred years ago, though on different grounds.

NOXIOUS WEEDS BILL. The house then went into committee, Mr. McBride presiding, on the bill to amend the Noxious Weeds act (Mr. Helgesen's). The bill was reported complete with amendments, the report to be considered at the next sitting of the house.

DENTISTRY BILL. The last business of the afternoon was the consideration of the second reading of the Dentistry bill (Mr. Helgesen), the mover explaining that it was in the opinion of the profession of dentistry, and being adopted by the members of the dental profession, by the doing away with the six months' residence, would be a great benefit to the public.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES. The private bills committee meets on Monday at 10 o'clock to consider the Pine-Creek Flume Co. bill.

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL. Objections to the proposal of a congress of the great powers in London may at first sight appear, it is thought, to be of a trifling nature. The proposal is a beneficial and satisfactory result of the czar's plan for a general disarmament of the world.

PEACE UNTIL CRIMEA. But there is no reason whatever why the rulers of the great powers should not meet to consider the proposal in such a manner as might be calculated to avert an armed conflict for many years to come. It may be remembered that the last congress of this kind was the Congress of Vienna, when the sovereigns of Austria, of Russia, and of Prussia, after first restoring the emperor Napoleon to the throne of France, and taking counsel with him, proceeded to London to confer with King George IV., then prince regent.

REVELATION TO THE CZAR. It is impossible to refrain from the conviction that Nicholas II. has been most as soon as his manifesto had been issued. For instead of there having been any tendency on the part of Russia to discontinue her armaments, she last September she has on the contrary increased them considerably, and her example in this respect has been followed by almost every other great power in Europe. While every government accepted the czar's invitation to attend a congress for the purpose of discussing means for an international disarmament, each one of them at once set to work to augment its armaments.

THE UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION. Sir: Now that the acute interest in politics has subsided and citizens have a breathing spell, I wish to call their attention to a matter, which, though not so keenly exciting, nevertheless not less important than the issues of the recent contest.

SICK IN YUKON'S SOLITUDE. Young Man Lies Two Months Helpless in His Cabin—Deceased at Point of Death. Dr. H. W. Yemas, agent of the Esquair Transportation company at Dawson, who came down on the steamship Dirigo from Skagway, brought a story of the most awful distress of a young miner on Galena creek, in the Klondike country. Telling the story in Seattle he said:

PEACE VS. DIVINE RIGHT. No such idea prevails to-day, not even on the steps of the throne. There is no imbued with the belief that the will of the people constitutes a sounder basis for government than the will of God, and who is not impressed with the idea that inasmuch as it is impossible to establish a democracy in the world, it is better to keep the crown abreast with democracy in the path of progress and to attempt to tempt the trip himself, and about 25 years old, had a peculiarly weak feeling about the lower limbs and decided not to attempt the trip himself. Gill had plenty of food provisions, and before leaving his partner cut him a good supply of wood for use till he should be able to return home.

A BIG FAMILY PARTY. It is a picturesque idea, this congress, and well worthy of the sagacious and venerable sovereign to whom it is proposed to be held. The rulers of the two greatest powers of Europe, namely, the czar and the kaiser, are her grandsons, and the emperor of Austria, her nephew. The emperor of Russia, her cousin, as well as an old and tried friend. Indeed, the bond of sympathy between them is a very strong one.

AN OLD STORY RETOLD. Mr. Rhodes is a masterful genius who commands general admiration—and obedience. He is a man of a high order of intellect, and a man of a high order of character. He is a man of a high order of intellect, and a man of a high order of character.

PAIN IN THE BACK. Being troubled off and on with pains in my back, caused by constipation, I tried several kinds of pills I had seen advertised, but they did not give me any relief. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the only pills that have proved effectual in my case. I can heartily recommend them to all who are afflicted with this complaint. More cases of sick headache, biliousness, constipation, can be cured in less time, with less medicine, and for less cost, than by any other means.

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