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THE LEGISLATURE OPENED. The speech with which His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, opened the Legislature yesterday was cheerful. It was his agreeable duty to congratulate the representatives of the people on the prosperity of the Province.

Facilities for commerce between the different parts of the Dominion cannot fail to be beneficial. The amendment of the laws with respect to bills of exchange, cheques and promissory notes, and the law to make uniform throughout the Dominion the laws relating to bills of lading are intended to have this effect, and there is little doubt that they will accomplish the end proposed.

All who have the progress of the Dominion at heart will approve of the determination of the Government to give the encouragement needed to establish a line of fast sailing steamships to ply between Great Britain and Canada. Such wonderful improvements have been made in the ocean going steamships sailing from the ports of the United States that it is almost certain if Canadians do not bestir themselves, the whole of the Atlantic passenger traffic will be monopolized by New York and other American seaports.

It is to be hoped that its members will address themselves earnestly to the work of the session, and waste as little time as possible in mere talk for talk's sake.

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PRINCE RUDOLPH DEAD.

The Crown Prince of Austria Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy of the Heart.

Queen Victoria, Kaiser William and the Prince of Wales Deeply Affected by the News.

Archduchess Elizabeth, the Six-Year Old Daughter of the Dead Prince, Becomes His Successor.

Special to THE COLONIST.

VIENNA, Jan. 30.—Crown Prince Rudolph died suddenly to-day at Miering, near Baden. His sudden death is supposed to have been caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

It is now believed that Prince Rudolph died of heart disease. He was found by his valet dead in bed this morning. The crown prince had been feeling unwell for several days, but there was nothing alarming in his symptoms.

HOW THE KAISER RECEIVED THE NEWS.

Emperor William was much agitated upon receipt of the news of the prince's death. He drove immediately to the Austrian embassy, where he remained with Ambassador Count Schrenker for half an hour. He then drove to the opera to see the performance of the opera 'The Crown Prince of Prussia' at the Court Theatre.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' REACTION.

The Prince of Wales is said to be very much affected by the news of the death of the Crown Prince. He is reported to be in bed at the moment, and his health is said to be very delicate.

SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM.

VIENNA, Jan. 30.—Crown Prince Rudolph suffered during the last few years from rheumatism in his joints. Last evening he had a severe fit of shivering, and he died in consequence of it.

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THE SALVATION ARMY.

The rise and progress of the Salvation Army is one of the most singular of the social phenomena of the day.

There is very little that is attractive, and not a little that is distasteful—we might be justified in saying, "that is repulsive"—to the ordinary church-going member of the community in the methods and practices of these salvation lads and lasses.

Yet the Army has grown to very large proportions, and is still growing rapidly. Its officers claim to be doing a very great amount of good to individuals and classes that are not reached by the ordinary church organizations.

They say that persons who have reached the lowest depths of degradation, who are looked upon as hopeless cases, and who are considered as beyond redemption, are taken by the hand by these Salvationists and reclaimed.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Everything in Readiness for Opening of Parliament—Forecast of the Speech from the Throne.

The Haldimand Election—Collier, the Liberal Candidate, Elected by a Majority of Thirty-Seven.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The Governor-General in the Speech from the Throne to-morrow will intimate the intention of Canada to continue to maintain her fishery rights as prescribed by the convention which was concluded at London, and to which she has not yet acceded.

Among the Government measures will be one simplifying the fiscal law and lessening the cost of its operation. There will also be a bill to assimilate the laws of the several provinces relating to bills of exchange, cheques and promissory notes.

The Government will introduce a bill to secure uniformity in the laws relating to the prevention of crime, and also a bill to amend the laws in connection with municipal councils. One to improve the law of procedure in criminal cases, and a bill to increase the efficiency of the Mounted Police, and other measures.

Parliament will be asked to provide subsidies for improved mail service, and for the establishment of a line of steamers between British Columbia, China and Japan.

A deputation of medical men waited on the Governor-General and urged the reduction of the duty on surgical instruments and appliances.

The Senators MacDonald and Reid, Members of the Executive Council, arrived this morning. Everything is in readiness for the opening of Parliament. Collier, Liberal, was elected for Haldimand by 37 majority. Dr. Montague was the Conservative candidate.

Another Prisoner Gone. R. D. Thornhill, another prisoner of the province, died yesterday at his home on Pandora street in this city yesterday morning, heart disease being the cause of his death. The deceased was a native of England, and came to this city in 1868, at that time being 22 years of age.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Perry Creek Gold. A sixty oz. sample of Perry Creek gold, taken out of the tunnel during the month of December, is on exhibition in the window of Mr. C. E. Redfern's jewelry establishment. The gold is valued at \$18 per oz., and is at present selling at \$17 per oz. It is expected that gold of this quality will be secured.

Western to Death. At Westminster on Friday afternoon, a Chinaman while walking near Sapper-ton, was set upon and beaten by two Indians, receiving severe injuries that he died soon after. His pockets were rifled and the sum of \$4.50, all the money in his possession, was taken by the murderers. The tragedy took place in broad daylight, and has created a sensation in Westminster. It is not known whether the Indians were arrested.

Passenger Report. A telegram received from Tacoma yesterday, states the Northern Pacific railway will shortly commence the construction of a large passenger depot at Tacoma, which will accommodate two or three passenger trains at any time within the twenty years, pay over the 4 per cent. guaranteed, the surplus would go towards repaying the government for any money already expended thereon. I think that is a fairly well acquainted with the capabilities of this portion of British Columbia, and I feel perfectly satisfied that eventually the railway will be built across the entire province upon the proposed road, had they given the guarantee as requested. It is very often a useless piece of work reviewing the past and regretting it, but in the present instance I do not consider it so, as the province will likely have the choice of courses with other proposed roads, and a better one than the one now being repeated. If I can prove this view of the matter to be correct, I am at the same time proving the investment to be a paying one.

Seattle and Southern Railroad. The third session of the present legislature will be formally opened this afternoon at three o'clock by His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Nelson, whose staff for the occasion will be composed of Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, Captain Smith, Captain Clarke, Captain Nicolls, Dr. Bookie and Dr. Matthews. The guard of honor will be in charge of Major Peters and Lieutenant Gair. The officers of the staff will be present in connection with the opening of the House.

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