

BRITISH HOUSE OPENED TO-DAY

Brilliant Ceremonies Mark Opening. Forecast of a Session of Momentous Importance.

London, Jan. 29.—The poor man's parliament was convened today, brilliant ceremonies marking the formal opening. The London press christened it in advance. It chose an appropriate name. So great a mass of proposed legislation in the interests chiefly of the working classes was never scheduled for consideration at a single session of the British legislature.

The King's address was not much out of the ordinary, but the session promises to be far from the usual kind. It will continue to the middle of July. Then there will be a six week's vacation and resumption until December. After the Commons have acted upon an immense mass of bills now in a stage of introduction the indications are that the Lords will either reject these measures or so modify them until their own autors will not know them.

The old age pensioning bill will probably be a hot controversy. The government contemplates the creation of a fund from which the very poor people may receive a pension of one dollar and a quarter weekly after the age of sixty-five.

The Homeing problem is also already subject to bitter controversy. The government contemplates the reduction of a number of Sunday liquor selling establishments and to make new week-day restrictions. The anti-government party sees in this a plot to rob the working man of his "club houses."

Other proposed laws include a housing reform bill to encourage the erection of laborers' cottages. There is every indication that the present session will witness a more active struggle between government and opposition forces than any since the closing days of the Balfour cabinet.

INTERESTING REALTY SUIT.

Saskatoon Watches Case That Will Affect Many Transactions.

Saskatoon, Jan. 29.—Before Judge Melroy today an important case was heard. The plaintiff, Miss M. Mansell, sought judgment against George Moore and H. Mill, for \$4,277 balance due according to an agreement of sale. The court found in favor of the plaintiff and ordered the defendants to pay over the balance.

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Minister of the Interior. Shortest published list of names will not be published.

COAL RATES TO 'PEG'

G. N. Wants C. N. to Concur in Rate From Duluth to Winnipeg.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The railway commission today heard the application of the Great Northern railway for an order to force the C. N. R. to concur in a joint rate of \$2.50 per ton of coal from Duluth to Winnipeg, instead of \$3 as at present.

The present rate on coal from Port Arthur and Port Willis into Winnipeg is \$2.25 by the C. P. R. and C. N. R. lines, but from Duluth to Winnipeg the rate is \$3. The reason for this high rate is maintained to be because the Canadian Northern holds the key to the situation.

Mr. Bower declared the commercial interests with Japan were all in Premier Laurier's imagination and did not justify the treaty which for thirteen years had remained a dead letter from the Dominion, and on the other hand it was contrary to the interests of the other provinces as well as British Columbia and against the Clute-Foley prevention report of 1901.

ALDERMEN AND SALARIES.

Some Medicine Hat Aldermen Talk of Salaries.

Medicine Hat, Jan. 29.—At a meeting of the council a week ago Monday the city solicitor advised against the mayor and aldermen salaries, saying that under chapter 21, clause 2, there were no powers granted for such purposes.

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NATAL ACT WILL BE PUT IN FORCE

British Columbia's Government Will Test Provincial Rights in Enforcing Exclusion Act.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—The legislature heard a four hour debate on the second reading of the Natal bill which was introduced by the house. Attorney-General Bower urged that Ottawa should leave it to the courts to decide whether British Columbia has jurisdiction to pass the act.

The bill provides that under a clause of the present bill it does not apply to persons, the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed by a Federal Act. If the present bill received assent tomorrow it could not apply to the Japanese under the treaty act of last session.

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