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**LEGISLATURE OPENS TO-DAY**

Forecast of Speech From the Throne Indicates Legislation Ahead for New Ontario.

**LIBERAL CAUCUS ON FRIDAY**

Choice of Leader for Session Will Probably Fall Upon Hon. Richard Harcourt—Few Members Here.

Fifteen guns at 3 o'clock need not be mistaken for nervous citizens this afternoon as the preliminary symptoms of an earthquake. They are only the opening of the legislature, the earthquake in which occurred two years ago. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clark, accompanied by Major Macdonald and Lieutenant Young, A. D. C.'s, and attended by a traveling escort of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and a guard of honor from the Second Regiment, Queen's Own Rifles, will proceed officially to the parliament buildings, and as the moutpiece of His Most Gracious Majesty's government in Ontario, will propose more than a dozen bills, and will be expected to happen during the next three months.

No doubt he will draw attention to the agricultural and commercial prosperity of the province as a subject for sincere gratitude. With a lively sense of favors to come, reference will follow to the conferences at Ottawa last fall, and the probable amendment of the N. A. Act as the result of one of them, by which Ontario will receive an increased subsidy of \$800,000. The other conference will be stated, related to the provincial boundaries. The ministers present then advanced the proposition that the eastern boundary of Manitoba be extended northward to Hudson Bay, until it strikes the Churchill River, and that it follow that river to the point where it empties into Hudson Bay. Ontario asks for all the territory lying east of this proposed Manitoba boundary line, and north and west of the present Ontario boundaries.

His Honor will express the expectation that this matter will soon be settled. Other matters to be referred to in the speech are the revision of the statutes, which will not be completed till next year, owing to the manner in which the work is being done; improved accommodation for immigrants arriving in Toronto, and the determination of the government to make additional efforts to secure the work of the farm laborers for Ontario; the work of the municipal board, and the satisfactory progress made in the direction of providing cheap electric power for consumers.

The announcement of a new judicial district in Northern Ontario is expected in the speech. This will include the unorganized territory which the T. & N. O. Railway has been building in the north. Another announcement of considerable interest will be of a measure providing for the taxation of mining properties. In this connection a warning note against reckless speculation may be sounded. Mention will be made of the Public School Act. While it has given general satisfaction, certain amendments are considered advisable, and these are to be made this session. With regard to the price of text books, the government expects, during the present session, to be able to announce a satisfactory arrangement as a result of the steps that have been taken.

The question of labor and the desirability of avoiding all possibility of such labor entering into competition with free labor, will be dealt with. Among the bills which are foreshadowed are one to consolidate the Companies Act; to amend the Volunteer Land Grant Act; and to amend the act relating to colonizing roads; to amend the act creating the railway and municipal board, and to amend the act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

The speech will indicate that there will be a substantial surplus this year. There'll be a Crowd. While the house will undoubtedly be crowded in every part, it will not be with the members, who were even less in evidence last night than usual. The cold weather will probably have but little effect upon the fashionable display which the ladies usually make on the floor of the chamber, and if the premier himself gets a seat it will not be due to the forbearance of the fashionable claimants. A lady will sit in the seat formerly occupied by Hon. G. W. Ross, thus solving a difficult problem.

Those expecting to be present are again reminded that reserved tickets will not be honored after 1.30. The interesting ceremony of the formal opening does not take very long, and after the assertion of the right of the legislature to do business by the speaker, the session will be opened.

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**The Toronto World**

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**Toronto Public Ownership League.**

I approve the formation of a public ownership league and am prepared to give the movement my earnest and personal support.

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By all but universal admission a large majority of the citizens of Toronto favor the municipalization of the city's public utilities and services, and it is certain that a still greater majority of The World's readers give that proposition hearty support. The World wants to get into personal touch with its readers in this regard and has for some time had in view the promotion of a "Public Ownership League," which would be the centre of an active propaganda designed to confirm the faith of the citizens who believe in public ownership and operation of the municipal franchises and to educate the minority who either have not hitherto considered the question on its merits or whose attitude towards it is sceptical or even hostile.

Now that the latest action of the Street Railway Company has brought its quarrel with the people to a climax, and the many and flagrant violations of its agreement have caused such deep and justifiable resentment, the time appears to have arrived for the launching of the "Public Ownership League." As a preliminary The World wishes all its readers who approve of municipalization of the public utilities and services and are prepared to assist actively in a movement which cannot but stimulate civic patriotism and improve civic conditions to sign and return the prefixed form.

If the project receives, as we do not doubt it will do, a sufficient measure of support, steps will be taken to organize the league and to commence a vigorous and assertive campaign all along the line. Issues of vital importance for the future prosperity of Toronto are rapidly maturing, and if the city is to be freed from corporation tyranny and to enjoy the advantage of services and utilities run with a single eye to the needs and interests of the people, a strong and earnest public conviction must be created and sustained. A league of this sort is well fitted to perform eminent public service, standing as it will do for a cause which every day reiterates to be essential to the progress of administrative efficiency and the purity and amenity of civic life.

**UNCLE SAM NOT MAD OFFICIALLY**

President Assures British Representative That Government Will Not Take a Fair Up.

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Roosevelt has finally dismissed the Swettenham-Davis incident, as is shown in the following letter, made public at the state department to-day, addressed by Acting Secretary of State Bacon, to Charge Howard:

"State Department, Washington, Jan. 23.—To Mr. Eame Howard, charge d'affaires, ad interim: The British embassy, Washington: Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday's date, by which you communicate the substance of instructions received by you from Sir Edward Grey, in reference to the Jamaica incident. I hasten to assure you, on behalf of the president, that this government will pay no heed whatever to the matter, and very much appreciates the frank and ready courtesy and consideration shown in this despatch by Sir Edward Grey.

"I can only repeat to you in this formal way what I said to you personally last week, and which you have reported to your government. It is especially gratifying to me to feel that it has been possible for this country to show in any practical way, however small, its friendship to a community of your people in a time of such suffering and need."

**ANOTHER QUAKE.**

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 22.—Two earthquake shocks, the heaviest since the destructive one of Jan. 14, were felt here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Several buildings were thrown down and there was great alarm among the people. No one was injured.

**OFFICIALLY ADVISED.**

London, Jan. 23.—The colonial office is now in possession of official advice from Sir Alexander Swettenham, the governor of Jamaica, concerning the exchange of letters between him and Rear-Admiral Davis. The extent of these advices has not been disclosed.

**IMPERIAL PRESTIGE SUFFERS.**

London Globe Comments on the Feeling of "Every Colony."

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Jan. 23.—The Evening Globe says: "To all those who have taken upon themselves to congratulate Haldane and the rest on their proper obsequiousness to the United States, we would recommend some extracts from a speech delivered yesterday in the Dominion house of commons: 'I take this opportunity,' announced Maclean, to say for myself and perhaps for many of my fellow Canadians that I regard certain incidents connected with the Jamaica earthquake a distinct loss of imperial prestige on this continent, a thing all Canadians should prize in.' 'Maclean delivered sentiments which did not come altogether well from a man who had just returned from a tour of inspection to the United States, and who had been making a point of order at all times, you will wonder why you are so foolish to pay \$18 or \$20 a sweater.' Hobblerlin, 133 Yonge Street."

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**THAT WOLF HUNT**



MR. CANUCK (as he takes a shot): Why should there be a postponement? The wolves are plentiful enough.

**Jury Who Will Try Thaw Renounce Unwritten Law**

Two Are Selected After First Day's Work—Insanity as Excuse for Crime Thoroughly Explained to Each Talsman.

New York, Jan. 23.—The long-awaited trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White began this morning shortly before 10.30, and when an adjournment for the day had been taken at 5 p.m. there were two jurors in the box. A third had been accepted and sworn, but he was excused in the closing moments of the day's session, the reason for the court's action being of a private nature. Nineteen of the 200 talsmen who were summoned were examined before the day closed. Nearly all of them seemed anxious to serve, and a very small percentage were excused for cause.

The examination of the first talsman called from the large panel was followed by the keenest interest because it was thought the line of questioning by the attorneys for Thaw would develop the character of the defence they are to set up. But the defendants' counsel seemed perfectly willing to accept any talsman who satisfactorily answered the questions put by District Attorney Jerome. The defence peremptorily challenged two talsmen, however, who are architects.

Mr. Jerome asked each talsman in turn if he would be influenced by any so-called higher or unwritten law to the exclusion of the laws of the state as they would be laid down by Justice Fitzgerald. None said he would not accept the court's ruling as to all questions of law, whether he agreed with the law or not.

As to the question of insanity as an excuse for crime, Mr. Jerome explained to each talsman that the law excuses only those persons who are laboring under such defective reasoning powers as not to know the nature of the act committed, or even that the act is wrong.

Again the talsmen said in turn that they would be guided solely by the court. Thaw's counsel entered objections only to certain forms of questions put by Mr. Jerome along this line. They declared they had no objection to the questions in principle.

The presence of three noted alienists in the court room, as prospective witnesses for the prosecution, created some comment. Thaw sat during the day at the table set apart for his counsel. At times he seemed to take a lively interest in the examination of talsmen. He leaned well forward and held his hand to his ear to catch words from the talsmen.

Just behind the prisoner sat several members of his family gathered here for the trial. Scenes approaching absolute disorder attend the opening of the trial. Most of the clashes were between reporters and correspondents and the police. Of the newspaper men there were perhaps 200, and there was a policeman for each. Only about 50

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**SAYS GOVERNOR CAN BE EXCUSED**

Conduct of U.S. Sailors and Tourists Was Not Proper, Declares Returned Montrealer.

**WERE QUICK TO EXAGGERATE**

And Swaggered and Grumbled Instead of Really Attempting to Relieve Distress.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—"I am just back from Kingston and I feel hot about it all yet, I can tell you. The newspaper despatches to the American papers seem to be a tissue of lies. Certainly Gov. Swettenham, the captain of the Fort Kingston, and others, have been cruelly misrepresented. The whole affair is a campaign of calumny."

This is the opinion of A. Stuart Ewing of the firm of Gault & Ewing, who has just returned from Jamaica. He was in Kingston when the earthquake occurred, and thru the following days of horror. He says: "The swagger of the American sailors was intensely irritating, the more so because we were smirking under the knowledge that there were only 200 white troops in the island. The imperial government is making a terrible mistake in the withdrawal of the white troops in the island. Little wonder that the governor was angry at the landing of an armed party without his permission."

"The dead had all been dug out by that time, I should say, and there was no necessity for the Americans coming in. As it was, when they came, the American tourists of the island—and Jamaica is full of American tourists—kicked up a terrific row, cheering and shouting. Before then they had been groaning and grumbling all the time. Their behavior was disgusting to all of us."

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MILDER, WITH SNOW.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 23.—(8 a.m.) Light snowfall occurred in the western and Maritime Provinces, whilst in Ontario and Quebec the weather has been not very cold. It is turning decidedly colder again to-night in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38 below—22 below; Atlin, 22 below—3 below; Victoria, 25—4 N.; 2—34; Calgary, 10—32; Winnipeg, 12 below—4; Port Arthur, 28 below—2 below; Parry Sound, 20 below—10 below; Toronto, 32—12; Ottawa, 16 below—4 below; Montreal, 12 below—6 below; Quebec, 8 below—4 below; St. John, 2—18; Halifax, 8—32.

Probabilities.  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong winds; milder with some light snowfalls.  
Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and very cold to-day, then moderate with some light snowfalls.  
Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Fine and very cold.  
Lake Superior—Light snowfalls; clearing and colder again on Friday.  
Manitoba—Fresh to strong northwesterly to northerly winds; clearing and colder.  
Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and very cold.

THE BAROMETRICAL.

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8 a.m. .... 32 below. ....  
10 a.m. .... 32 below. ....  
Noon. .... 32 below. ....  
2 p.m. .... 30 24 10 N.  
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**A RECOGNITION LONG DEFERRED**

Root's Visit a Realization of Canada's Status Which Britain Should Likewise Show, Says Times.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Jan. 23.—The Times says the very fact of Root's visit and his discussion with leading Canadian statesmen, coupled with the belief that the visit is only a prelude to some comprehensive attempt to settle all outstanding diplomatic differences, is in itself a recognition of Canada's status, which American statesmen have not hitherto conceded her. Such recognition is most satisfactory, but it is far more important that the recognition should come even more clearly from our side.

It is good business for Root to get into touch with Canadian sentiment. To do so is Sir Edward Grey's imperative duty. It is not a matter of mere courtesy, but a matter of self-interest. This is no easy matter, but easy if she steps into her place as a full partner of the British empire.

Canada's interests lie in the wide sphere of reciprocal arrangements provided by the British empire. The Freeman's Journal says Root declared he and the United States were great admirers of the Canadian people. This may be, but Canadians by no means return the compliment. The idea of Root and Grey and Laurier discussing Newfoundland fisheries seems almost comic in view of the Jamaica incident. It is to be feared that while Grey and Root have been talking in the semi-tropical zone they have been thinking in a tropical one.

The Journal's London correspondent, referring to Root's visit, refers to past hostility of the American senate to British treaties, and says the understanding with the United States can only be attained thru a previous settlement of Ireland's just demands.

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DEATHS.  
COSGRAVE—Suddenly, at his residence, 447 Adelaide West, John Cosgrave, a Federal Friday, Jan. 23rd, 1907, at the above address. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

DICK—At his residence, 20 Avenue-road, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 22nd January, 1907, William Carrick Dick, eldest son of the late Captain James Dick, and beloved husband of Flora Agnes Dick. Funeral on Friday, the 23rd, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in St. James' Cemetery.

HUGHES—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 1907, Frank Homer Hughes, beloved husband of Clely Hughes, and son of the late W. R. Hughes.  
Funeral on Saturday, Jan. 26th, 1907, at 2 p.m. from his late residence, 218 Jones-avenue, to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Funeral notice later.

JOHNSON—At St. Michael's Hospital, on Jan. 23, 1907, Wm. Johnson, aged 63 years, Member of Keat Lodge, S.O.E., and L.O.L., 1388.  
Funeral notice later.

TRUMP—On Jan. 23rd, 1907, at her late residence, 1125 Yonge-street, Lydia Mary Trump, relict of the late Daniel Trump. Funeral from above address on Friday afternoon, 25th inst., at 2 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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