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Legislative Assembly

Initial Business Transacted at First Session of House Yesterday.

Premier McBride Makes Pro-nouncement Respecting Railway Policy.

Few Public Measures Advanced—Government's Position Outlined.

THE legislative assembly convened today at 12:15, the proceedings being opened by the reading of prayers by Canon Beaudry. At the commencement of the session the members, fifteen on the government benches, and eight on the opposition benches, the attorney-general and the finance ministers were in their places, and the premier and the minister of lands and works came in shortly after.

Some time was consumed in handshakes and greetings on the floor of the house, the most prominent of the ministers, among the most prominent in this interchanges of courtesies being the member for Yanx, and the member for Atlin. Mr. Manson rose to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and said he did so with great pleasure, and under the best of circumstances, as the constitutionality of the bill was not in question.

Referring to the financial condition of the province, he said the advance was phenomenal. Reverting to the Alberta election he did not want to claim that Alberta was the only place in British Columbia, but he owed a word of praise for the people there who had developed their country, and by dyking and irrigating, at their own expense, had developed a splendid farming industry. In passing, he paid a tribute to the splendid natural harbor of Quatsno, which was an Oriental port to a great future.

Coming down the coast there was a fishing industry, and further down they had great mining and lumber possibilities, all they wanted was better railway facilities and he hoped for much from the future of the British Canadian Pacific Railway. After touching on the prosperous mining on Texada Island, Mr. Manson came to the speech from the throne, and he twitted the opposition with inconsistency in refusing any credit to the provincial government for the success of the British Columbia whist he gave the federal government all the credit for the prosperity of the province.

Coming to the finances of the province Mr. Manson said he was very pleased to feel proud of what had been achieved. Expenditures had to be reduced, and while he saw two railways being constructed in the Similkameen, without aid, he thought he was justified in concluding that the day had gone by for any extravagance in contributing to railway building by the government. The people would not stand for it.

He urged greater care in protecting game, which was still subject to ravages from the wolf, and he suggested a larger head bounty on panthers. Mr. Manson then turned to a subject which had been widely discussed during the Alberta election, the Kalien Island deal. The member for Delta had been declaring loudly that there was a terrible scandal to be unearthed in the connection. Well for his part he believed the government was entitled to the thanks of the province for having selected the best point in the interests of the province. They might have allowed the terms to go where land speculators were heavily interested, to the detriment of the public service, but they had not done so, and for their wise, unselfish decision, they were entitled to the thanks of the people who would benefit by their choice. Mr. Manson concluding by moving the address be presented in reply to the speech from the throne.

Mr. Macdonald rose to second the reply. He highly complimented Mr.

Mr. Macdonald then demurred to the claim that there was a legitimate surplus. He rather might say that he had relieved his property by the surplus in that category, but he demurred to the claim that the Minister was entitled to any credit for that, and he for one, refused to give it.

The Schools act of last session was then discussed in a brief manner. He said school trustees were resigning on all hands, because they would not consent to the proposed changes. It was the duty of the government to repeal that act during the present session.

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It was illegal, declared the speaker, when construction would begin in the Lower Fraser valley. Referring to the remarks of Mr. Macdonald, the Premier said it was due to the Premier's own conduct in the House.

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Dominion News Notes

Provincial Government Propose That Ottawa Authorities Ad-minister Fisheries.

Cape Colony Incensed at the Inferior Fruit Shipped by Canadian.

The Printers' Strike at Hamilton Was of Short Duration—Plumbers Fined.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Serious complaints have reached the trade department respecting the quality of Canadian fruit shipped to South Africa, and the Cape government threatens to forbid the importation of all fruit from Canada unless the quality is improved.

The secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has sent an appeal to all unaffiliated unions to come into the fold.

The late Hon. R. Prentiss has been interred with naval honors. A guard of honor of two officers and twenty men from the cruiser Canada will escort the remains from Halifax to Montreal.

Investigations of the books of Jos. Scott, who up to the time of his death was treasurer of the township of Augustus, show a shortage of \$200.

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Conference On Morocco

First Meeting of Representatives of the Powers Takes Place Today.

Germany Will Contend for the Open Door in Trade Matters.

No Evidence of Tension Among Delegates and Satisfactory Outcome Assured.

ALGERIRAS, Jan. 15.—The opening of the international conference on Moroccan reform has been fixed for three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Duke of Almodovar, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs took the initiative after having telegraphically arranged the plans for the beginning of the preparations.

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Pacific Coast Happenings

Steamer Dirigo Reaches Frisco Disabled After Fierce Battle With Storm.

Counterfeiter and an Extensive Plant Captured by Detectives at Bellingham.

STEAMER Dirigo, which sailed from Olympia, Wn., seven days ago with a cargo of lumber, arrived here today disabled and in tow of the tugboat Shasta. The officers of the Dirigo tell a story of a terrible experience at sea and narrow escapes from total wreck, which inevitably would have been attended with loss of life.

On last Thursday, when the vessel was 450 miles south of Cape Horn, the ship ran into a heavy southeast gale which threw her on her beam ends and damaged her rudder. About 1000 feet of lumber was washed overboard, and only by clinging to the rigging did the crew escape a similar fate.

The strain on the steamer caused her to spring a leak, and soon the hold was partly filled with water. On Friday she was sighted by the Puget Sound Navigation Company of Port Townsend.

Counterfeiter Captured Bellingham, Jan. 15.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Detective DeHaven of the police force, arrested George L. Brown in a room over a cigar store on lower Elk street and captured a complete counterfeiter's outfit, including furnace, die, moulding spoons and complete equipment. In a box were discovered \$8 spurious \$5 gold pieces, nine \$10 gold pieces of the same variety and 24 \$1 pieces. The \$10 pieces were unfinished. Brown had been under surveillance for some time.

Bookkeeper Had Embezzled It develops that Charles A. Chambers, former bookkeeper of the H. L. Jenkins Lumber Company of Bellingham, whose disappearance last month caused rumors of foul play, is now wanted by the company for an alleged shortage of \$750. His books were thought to be straight, but a shortage was finally found after three experts had gone over them.

Ship Elwell Again Afloat Port Townsend, Jan. 15.—At extreme high tide this morning the British ship Elwell, which dragged her anchor and grounded on Saturday morning, was towed into deep water.

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