

# Government Forces Score Heavily on Opening Day of Legislature

## CALL TROOPS TO KEEP ORDER AT SPRINGHILL

## Hard Working Liberal Declares Reciprocity Leaves Him Behind

### Address in Reply to Speech from Throne Aably Moved and Seconded by Messrs Hartt and MacLachlan.

### Premier Hazen Makes Crushing Reply to Weak Criticism of Leader of the Opposition.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., March 2.—The fourth session of the present Legislature of New Brunswick which opened today found Premier Hazen and his government more strongly entrenched in power and in the confidence of the people than ever since their election three years ago tomorrow, when the old administration paid the penalty for its offences and passed down and out under an unprecedented avalanche of blows expressing the indignation of the people of the province.

On the other hand the Opposition enters upon the session a more demoralized little band than ever. The reports so persistently circulated that Mr. Robinson is to be translated to the Senate, the Lieutenant Governorship or some other field of labor or rest may not be true, but if they are there is every indication that something should be done. Mr. Robinson's half-hearted speech in the House this afternoon was, frankly stating the facts, about the weakest effort ever made by an opposition leader in the Legislature, and was an indication of the position in which the opposition find themselves. Without a leader who even gives the appearance of taking an interest in what is going on and whose lack of ginger is so pronounced, the situation is not only most unsatisfactory from their own standpoint, but almost laughable when viewed from the outside.

### No Real Criticism.

Mr. Robinson, if he did not lack both interest and energy today, was without any of the weakest effort ever made by an opposition leader in the Legislature. About all he did was to indulge in some statements which he admitted were founded only on hearsay and some of which he may be asked to prove or else retract, if taken seriously. In striking contrast was the excellent speech made by Premier Hazen and his two enthusiastic supporters, who moved and seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Instead of being on the defensive, the Premier was found striking out telling blows at the opposition and calling for the dismissal of their demoralized leader. The Premier twitted the opposition leader on his professed great interest in having more farmers in the legislature and Hon. Mr. Hazen's statements regarding the St. John Valley Railway project and the further reduction in the price of school books to take effect at the commencement of the next school year will prove interesting news for the people of the province.

Premier Hazen moved the adjournment of the debate, which was made the order of the day for tomorrow, without anything definitely known as to whether or not the debate will be protracted or close somewhat earlier than during the last several sessions.

(Official Report.)

Fredericton, March 2.—The House met at three o'clock. After the Legislature was opened by the reading of the Speech from the Throne, the Hon. Mr. Tweedie came into the Assembly chamber at three o'clock, took his seat on the throne and read the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: It is with feelings of pleasure that I welcome you upon assembling for the discharge of your Parliamentary duties, which I am sure you will perform with a desire to advance the public welfare.

Since the last session the British Empire and the world at large have sustained a great loss in the demise of our wise and beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII., known as the Peacemaker. In no part of His Majesty's Dominion was greater attachment felt for his throne and person than in this Province. The people of New Brunswick, in common with all British subjects, have heartily acclaimed the accession of His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V., who brings to the discharge of his important duties a wider and more personal knowledge of "Greater Britain" than was possessed by any previous Sovereign. He will be the earnest prayer of every loyal subject that under his reign the greatness and prosperity of the British Empire may continue and increase.

Our thanks are due to Almighty God for the continued prosperity of our people during the past year. The farms have yielded more than an average of most crops, the hay crop being the largest known in our history, and, while some other crops have fallen below the average in quantity, the high prices which prevailed here, on the whole, given our agriculturists generous rewards for their labor.

The number of Agricultural Societies is increasing, and our people generally are utilizing to a greater

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### Crowds Numbering Hundreds Stone Houses of Miners Who Have Returned to Work Before Settlement.

Springhill, Mar. 2.—The troops stationed here on account of the strike of coal miners, have at last found something serious to do. They were called out today to suppress a fierce riot.

The trouble began by the stoning of the houses of men who were striking, but who have returned to work during the past few days. The stoning continued for some time, becoming worse and worse till the crowd numbered several hundreds and the disorder was tremendous.

Manager Sharp and other officials did what they could to protect the company's property and to preserve the men who were being assaulted. In the melee Mr. Sharp was somewhat badly cut about the head.

The town police took a hand and the arrests they made, strange to say, were those who had been trying to preserve the peace while the men who caused the riot were unmolested.

The troops were then called out and quiet was restored. What will occur tomorrow is hard to predict, but there will be further trouble seems sure for there is a great deal of ill feeling.

## MURDER OF A PRINCESS

### Lady-in-Waiting To Italy's Queen Slain By Lover Who Attempted To Commit Suicide.

Rome, Mar. 2.—Princess Di Trivona, a lady in waiting to Queen Helena, sister of Marquis Di San Giuliano, the Italian minister of foreign affairs and cousin of Prince Di Scialoja, secretary of state in the foreign office was murdered today in a small hotel in this city by Lt. Baron Paterno, a cavalry officer who then shot himself.

Paterno was still alive when the room occupied by the couple was entered by hotel employees, but the princess was found lying on a bed dead. She had been stabbed in the neck and death was almost instantaneous.

Princess Di Trivona was one of the most beautiful ladies in waiting to the queen, and her tragic end has caused a tremendous sensation. She was at the court ball on Monday and attracted more than ordinary attention and general admiration. She had a disagreement with her husband, which deeply grieved the queen. Her majesty used every influence to reconcile the couple but without success.

Baron Paterno, who had been in close attendance on the princess for some time past, engaged a room in a small hotel this morning. Soon he was joined by Princess Di Trivona and they remained together until the afternoon. A waiter passing through the hall heard a pistol shot, followed by screams. An attempt was made to break in the door, but this proved too strong to be forced and employees entered the room by a window.

The princess, half dressed, lay on a bed in a lake of blood. A dagger had severed the blood vessels in the neck and she had bled to death. Paterno was outstretched on the floor. There was a bullet wound in his breast, made in an evident attempt to commit suicide, but he was still alive and was quickly moved to other quarters.

The princess had been summoned to appear before the courts today in separation proceedings brought by her husband. Both she and Paterno were Sicilians.

## W. M. German, of Welland, who Keeps in Touch with Constituency, Cannot Follow Government --His Defection Really More Serious Than Hon. Mr. Sifton's--Hits Out From Shoulder.

Ottawa, March 2.—The wave riding in the Liberal ranks continues. The second bolt took place today, when W. M. German, of Welland, assailed the reciprocity proposals, not apologetically, but vigorously.

There is a sense in which this defection hurts more even than Sifton's. The indictment which Mr. Sifton brought against the ill-starred policy of Continentalism was terrific and unanswerable, so far as arguments go, but there is a line of reply which the Liberals are adopting with great agility.

Mr. Sifton, they say, has long ceased to be a real Liberal, has withdrawn from party politics, he has been slackening in his allegiance to the Liberal party, therefore the incident of his own desertion has little significance. In reality this is a poor reply.

Mr. Sifton has been a good enough Liberal for the government to bestow upon him the post of chairman of the Conservation Commission. But while this line of reply is weak, it is intelligible, and the Liberals may be trusted to work it very hard.

No such thing can be said of Mr. German. There has been no doubt about his party standing. He is a hard hitter, hard fighting, battle scarred, thick and thin partisan. He is a man of somewhat greater individuality than the ordinary run of ministerial members, and his special note has been that he is an exceptionally hard playing practical politician who makes no pretensions and watches his constituency.

It is said by some that Mr. Sifton is out of touch with his constituency. No such thing can be said about Mr. German. Thus the defence thrown up against Mr. Sifton breaks down utterly against this new bolt. Here is a very faithful Liberal, an aggressive partisan Liberal, a member who has a thoroughly practical view of politics, a member who studies his electors, and he leaves the Laurier government on this subject in sorrow.

Thus we have: 1.—The argument submitted by Mr. Sifton. 2.—The evidence of internal dissatisfaction supplied by Mr. German. Strong Arguments.

It must not be supposed that Mr. German did not submit arguments of his own, and very good arguments. He is a man of ability and he spoke exceedingly well. In many respects his speech was very like Mr. Sifton's. Reduced to its final terms however, his speech is chiefly remarkable for the fact that it was he who made it.

Another point of much significance has relation to his attitude to the Laurier government and the Liberal party. He took the attitude of a man who remains a Liberal.

He was at pains several times to indicate that it was the government which had left him as a Liberal, rather than he that had left the party. He did, it's true, permit himself the luxury of a personal attack on Mr. Sifton in one boom at least—definitely put drive at Mr. Fisher's prolixity. But it is probable that he spoke from a full heart and that it was secretly enjoyed by many who were not Conservatives.

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## VETO BILL HAS 125 MAJORITY

### Measure For Curbing Lords Passed Second Reading—Lord Balfour Proposes Referendum In Lords.

London, Mar. 2.—Four days of the most uninspiring debate ever given to a measure involving a great constitutional reform, came to a conclusion tonight, when Premier Asquith applied closure and the second reading of the veto bill was passed by a majority of 125, the vote being 368 to 243. Prior to this the House divided on Austen Chamberlain's amendment, with a majority of 121 against it.

The figures on the veto bill were greeted with prolonged cheers after which the bill on the premier's motion was sent to the committee of the whole House.

This stage is likely to be deferred for some time to enable the government to dispose of financial business. The Opposition leaders are drafting an elaborate series of amendments.

The appearance of Mr. Balfour in today's debate gave a temporary lull to the otherwise dull proceedings, and although not in the best of form the former premier kept the interest alive, not always, however, to the complete advantage of his party. For instance, expatiating on the value of the hereditary principle, he explained: "Let it be our servant; let it no longer be our master."

This admission was received with a burst of laughter.

## DR. DANIEL ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION

### Complaint Made That Exclusion Of Negroes From Canada By Immigration Officers Is Unfair.

Ottawa, Ont., March 2.—Before the orders of the day were called, Dr. J. W. Daniel drew the attention of the Minister of the Interior to a report that negroes from the United States are being turned back as undesirable citizens. His colored constituents had communicated with him on the subject, objecting to racial discrimination.

Mr. Oliver said that he had no knowledge of specific cases but said that there were no instructions to immigration officers which would warrant the exclusion of any man on racial ground. He promised, in response to a further remark by Dr. Daniel, to investigate the cases reported in the press.

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, introduced in the House of Lords today his bill for the employment of the referendum on occasions of great National importance. The measure passed its first reading without division.

The Earl of Crewe, on behalf of the government, characterized the proposal as a counter stroke to the government's veto bill. He said it was a more radical departure from the constitution than the government's proposal, or even a measure to set up a single chamber government. He declared that he would have nothing to do with a referendum project.

NEW PAPAL DELEGATE. Ottawa, March 2.—Mgr. Stagni, the newly appointed papal delegate to Canada, will arrive in Ottawa on the 25th of this month. He will bring with him the decrees formulated by the Plenary Council held at Quebec two years ago, which only now have been approved by the Vatican.

## CALL FOR TENDERS FOR PANAMA RAILWAY

Panama, Mar. 2.—The Panama government announces that it will receive proposals for the construction of the railway from Panama to David, near the Costa Rican frontier and a branch to Los Santos until June 30. The conditions for the contract will be placed in the hands of the consul general in the United States and European countries.

## GOES TO PRISON FOR FORTY YEARS

Kansas City, Mo., March 2.—Andy Spaulding, known in police circles as a "daylight robber," today was sentenced to 40 years in prison for robbing a house of jewels valued at \$110.

## OPEN BIG HOTEL

Quebec, March 2.—The Canadian Northern Quebec Railway announce they will re-open the big Lake St. Joseph summer hotel this year. It was closed last year.

## Uniform Varieties.

He was glad to see the increased interest in horticulture in this province and a good thing would be accomplished if it were possible to get the fruit growers to agree upon a few varieties which were the best to grow. If all were growing different varieties it would be hard for a buyer to get a good sized shipment of any one kind. There were different opinions as to how the different parts of fruit growing work should be done and it was necessary to have the proper information constantly before the public.

He was glad that poultry raising was increasing. It was a great pity that it was not more generally practiced.

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