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LEGISLATURE OPENED TO-DAY

THE SPEECH OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Legislation Which Is Forecasted in the Address From His Honor.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Every encouragement was offered the social turn out which accompanied the opening of parliament at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The weather was ideal and the temperature sufficiently summer-like to permit a generous display of costume and to attract a large attendance of the fair sex. The demand for tickets of admission was exhausted early in the day and a great many requests had to be made to prevent overcrowding. As it was, all the available seating capacity was taken and standing room was at a premium. Over 20 seats on the floor of the House were occupied.

As in past years the guard of honor was furnished by the Fifth regiment. The detachment, which made a very creditable appearance, was commanded by Capt. J. C. Harris and Lieutenants R. Prior and P. T. Stern.

The Lieut.-Governor was attended by a brilliant show of uniform, his staff consisting of officers from the Fifth regiment and the Royal Canadian artillery and other corps stationed at Work Point, with a representation of officers from the Shearwater and Egeria.

The following ladies and gentlemen were those invited to seats on the floor of the House:

Mrs. Dunsmuir and party, Bishop and Mrs. Derrin, Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter, Hon. B. Dewdney, Col. E. C. Frow and Mrs. Frow, Mr. Justice Irving, Mrs. Irving and Miss Irving, Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Clement, Senator and Mrs. McDonald, Monsieur and Madame Duchastel de Marrouge, French consul at Vancouver; C. Loewenberg, German consul; Thomas R. Smith, Swedish and Norwegian consul, and Mrs. Smith, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Young, R. P. Rithet and Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Tatlow, Mrs. Bowser, Miss Eberhart, Judge Corbett and Mrs. Corbett, A. S. Gray and Miss Gray, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Elliston, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Mustard Williams, G. Baldwin, city controller of Vancouver, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. (Col.) Wolfenden, Judge and Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Musket, H. D. Helmcken and Mrs. Helmcken, Admiral Fleet, Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. (Col.) Hall, Mrs. Algood, wife of Commander Algood; Hon. Robert Beaven and Mrs. Beaven, Judge Young and Mrs. Young, Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Mrs. Higgins, Fred Peters, Mrs. C. Peters, Mrs. K. Simpson Hayes, ex-president of Canadian Women's Press Club, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. George Fraser, Rev. Wesley Clay and Mrs. Clay, R. E. Gosnell, Miss Gosnell, John Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, C. H. Lugin and Mrs. Lugin.

Following the usual formalities of assembling, His Honor was pleased to open the second session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia, with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you again at the opening of another session, it is my privilege to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which, during the past year, has prevailed in nearly all lines of trade and industry.

The commission on irrigation, the appointment of which you authorized last session, has entered on its duties, and its report and recommendations will be submitted to you. In accordance with those recommendations, legislation will be introduced to secure a more equitable and efficient system of distribution of water for irrigation purposes.

The large increase in immigration, with the consequent demand for land under pre-emptions, warrants my government in asking you to place a larger sum in the estimates for an extension of the provincial survey. A measure will be laid before you with a view to the restriction of immigration of undesirable persons.

With the aim of encouraging and expediting railway construction, it is proposed to exempt from taxation, for a period of ten years from time of completion, certain railways already authorized. To do this you will be asked to pass an act empowering the government to grant such exemptions.

In accordance with your recommendation that a representative of the government should be sent to London to lay before the imperial government the fact of the refusal of the federal government to entertain British Columbia's claim for more adequate and equitable treatment in the matter of provincial subsidies, the honorable the

first minister was assigned to undertake the duty, and his report of his mission and its results will be laid before you.

In order to secure a more efficient service in the conduct of the public business, it has been thought desirable to regulate the civil service, and a measure for effecting that and creating a superannuation fund will be submitted for your approval.

With a view to obviate the necessity of our youth going abroad to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences, an act to establish a provincial university will be introduced during the session.

For the more convenient prosecution of public works under appropriations by the legislature, and with the object of securing uniformity between the federal and provincial systems in the method of accounting and the collection of statistics, it is deemed advisable to change the commencement of the financial year from July to April. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the finances of the province are in excellent condition. This has enabled my government to effect a large reduction in the public debt, while still able to show a substantial surplus over the actual expenditure.

Measures will be submitted to you designed to secure to the province the full benefits that should accrue to the treasury from the utilisation of its resources.

The public accounts for the past financial year, and the estimates for the ensuing similar period, will be laid before you. The estimates have been framed with due regard to economy, while providing for the outlay necessary to meet the requirements of the public service in a province the scene of important industrial development.

On account of the increase in the demands for public works and buildings, and the development taking place in the northern parts of the province, it is deemed advisable to create the office of minister of public works, and you will be asked to approve of an amendment to the Constitution Act to effect that.

I now commend these various measures to your attention, believing that their adoption will be to the advantage of the province and the welfare of the people.

EXPLOSION CAUSED BY "BLACK HAND"

Front of New York Tenement Building Shattered—Panic in Hospital.

New York, Jan. 16.—An explosion, which the police attribute to the Black Hand, occurred early to-day in a tenement house in East 29th street, shattering the front of the building, breaking windows in nearby buildings, and causing a panic in the wards of Bellevue hospital, which are located on that side of the hospital towards the building where the explosion occurred. No one in the building was seriously injured.

The explosion seems to have been directed toward the family of Pierre Orarato, a coal and wood dealer, whose



HON. JAMES DUNSMUIR
Lieut.-Governor of the Province, Who Opened the Legislature This Afternoon.

wife and three children were in the building.

Orarato states that on December 5th he received a letter signed "Black Hand," in which he was directed to place \$1,000 on the grave of a certain Italian in a Brooklyn cemetery within a month, on penalty of being killed with all his family.

A representation of old London Bridge is to be one of the features of the Franco-British exhibition next year at Shepherd's Bush, London.

TOWN MAY SINK TO DESTRUCTION

Inhabitants of Spanish City Flee From Houses—Gaps in Streets.

Minas de Rio Tinto, Spain, Jan. 16.—This town is threatened with complete

destruction owing to the subsidence of the ground.

Large gaps are visible in the principal streets and four hundred houses have been hastily evacuated.

The sinking of the ground is believed to be due to the caving in of a portion of the copper mines.

ABOLISHES DEATH PENALTY.

Munich, Jan. 15.—The Prince Regent of Bavaria, who recently pardoned two murderers sentenced to death, to-day declared his intention not to sign any more death warrants.

BOARD OF CONTROL

Much Opposition Expected to Scheme For Civic Administration.

Calgary, Jan. 16.—The committee appointed by the city council to draft a new form of executive has decided upon a board of control to consist of the mayor and four controllers, to be elected from the city at large, to hold office for two years, unless their resignation is demanded sooner by a two-thirds vote of the council. Controllers must have had one or more years' experience in the city council, and have a salary of not more than \$3,000 a year, except the mayor, who may have more.

Much opposition to this scheme is feared, and it may not pass the provincial legislature.

V. I. & E. RAILWAY.

W. Sloan Presents Petition in the House of Commons.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—W. Sloan presented a petition in the House to-day of the Vancouver Island & Eastern Railway Company for the building of a railway from the city of Victoria to the Narrows, and the Yellow Head Pass to Edmonton.

T. W. Paterson, of Victoria, and W. J. Haney, of Toronto, are among the incorporators.

CALGARY PRESBYTERIANS.

Calgary, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the Knox church was held last night. During the last three years the membership has more than doubled, and two new congregations have been formed. The church is considering the proposition of adding two more congregations in the city.

\$100,000 HOTEL.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The Canadian Railway Lumber Company and the Grand Trunk railway have completed the purchase of forty acres of land at Norway Point, Huntsville, for the erection of their new \$100,000 hotel.

NEW PHASE IN JAP CABINET CRISIS

Changes to Be Made in Budget—\$210,000,000 for Army and Navy.

Tokio, Jan. 16.—The presentation of a synopsis of the budget to the leaders of both houses, which it had been arranged was to have occurred this morning, was suddenly postponed, and it was announced that changes are to be made in certain items.

While absolutely nothing official has been given out, leading business men estimate that the government receipts for 1908-9 will amount to about \$410,000,000 and expenditures to about \$410,000,000, of which approximately one third is for the army and navy.

This would leave a deficit of nearly \$200,000,000 which Finance Minister Satow expected to pay by increased taxation.

PROTECTION OF CANADA'S TOBACCO

B. C. GROWERS NOT SATISFIED WITH LAW

New Bill Will Amend Inland Revenue Act, Says Hon. W. Templeman.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A discussion took place in the House yesterday in which the merits of Canadian tobacco played a part. As splendid tobacco is grown in British Columbia, particularly in the Okanagan valley, the discussion is of special interest to the people of the Pacific province. It arose from a motion calling for copies of documents, correspondence, etc., received by the government since 1904 relative to the encouragement and protection of the Canadian tobacco industry.

Duncan Ross, M. P., referred to the excellent tobacco grown in his constituency, from which, according to the report of the expert of the department of agriculture, cigars almost equal to the best Havana product, could be manufactured.

"I am very glad," Mr. Ross said, "that my hon. friend from Joliette (Mr. Dubeau) has introduced this resolution, and before the hon. minister of inland revenue (Mr. Templeman) replies, I wish to say that the tobacco-growers in my constituency are not satisfied with the present regulations. They believe that they are handicapped by these regulations. They are anxious that numerous stamps that are now being used in connection with the inland revenue department should be abolished and that only one stamp should be used for all cigars manufactured in Canada. They are also anxious that the regulations should be so amended as to absolutely abolish the system of rebates on clippings which has been in force under the present regulations for some time back. Tobacco growing is a very important industry in so far as British Columbia is concerned, it is becoming more important every year, and I hope that the minister of inland revenue, in the legislation, which I understand, he is about to introduce into the House, will so amend the present regulations as to give greater encouragement to tobacco growers."

In the course of his remarks in reply to the various speakers, the minister of inland revenue (Hon. Mr. Templeman) said:

"This is an age of advancement and improvement, and even in the question of tobacco and its growth in Canada, the conditions and opportunities are receiving, and have been for a considerable time receiving the very serious attention of the department of inland revenue. I have been a smoker of cigars for many years, and I know that the numerous labels put on cigar boxes are a detriment to some extent to the native-grown article. If the adoption of one uniform label will place the tobacco growers of Canada in a better position than that they now occupy, for my part I know of no good reason why we should not have one uniform label. I agree also with the remarks of the hon. member for South Essex (Mr. Clark) and the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Henderson) that much may be done in instructing the tobacco growers of Canada in the best methods of growing and curing tobacco. I feel sure that Canada, particularly my own province of British Columbia, can grow as good tobacco as may be grown on the continent of America, excepting, possibly, the island of Cuba. I believe my hon. friend the minister of marine and fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) has already intimated that this question was receiving the attention of the department and that we hoped before the present session is over, to introduce a measure amending the inland revenue act along the line proposed in the discussion here to-day. Just what that bill will be it is premature for me to say; but I hope that, before many weeks have passed, we shall be in a position to announce to the House a measure that will, to a considerable extent at any rate, remove the difficulties under which the tobacco growers of Canada are said now to be laboring. There can be no objection, I take it, to the motion."

ARMORED CRUISER AGROUND.

German Warship Met With Bad Accident While Engaged in Evolutions.

Kiel, Jan. 16.—The new German armored cruiser Schamhorst, a fast and powerful vessel, ran aground near Buek last night while engaged in evolutions. It is reported that a hole one hundred feet long was torn in her double bottom. The crew of the cruiser's stoke holds immediately filled with water, and it was necessary to close the collision bulkheads in order to prevent her from sinking.

Under her own steam the cruiser entered the Imperial dock yard here, where she will undergo repairs.

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NEWSBOYS STRIKE.
Mass., Jan. 11.—Three officers
striped of their badges
and one officer and a by-
stander badly injured that they had
been to the emergency hospital
an attack made on the po-
two hundred newsboys in
Boston American newspa-

of the newsboys were placed
rest, and another disturbance
at the police station, when of-
d to get the arrested youths
The trouble was an in-
a strike of union newsboys,
at Tuesday against a local
which it is claimed has
price of the paper to the

Wednesday the union newsboys
se to handle the paper. There
trouble until to-day, how-
in the paper found non-union
take out the paper.

D—2 cows, brand E. B., on right
ear split, one of them red
da of horns cut off, one half
and half Holstein, colored black
e; last seen at Glen Lake. Par-
same please file up and notify
wards, Millstream, care of D.
H. Colwood.

D—To the premises of C. Heal,
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west corner post of Lot 27, and
M. W. Bonthron's northeast
thence west 80 chains, and north 80
to 80 chains, and north 80 chains
of commencement.

TO MR. W. BONTHRON,
RCLAY BONTHRON, Agent.

DAST LAND DISTRICT.

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to purchase the following de-
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Lot 24, Range 3, Coast District,
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shore line to the west bound-
at 24, thence north five chains,
less, to point of commencement,
measuring 10 acres, more or less,
November 28th, 1907.

ALBERT HAMMER.