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Borden Will at Once G With Grand Trunk Railw Project.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, March 11.—Parliament of ed today with great eclat. The scene the senate chamber was brilliant. Maitoba and New Brunswick were represented by their Lieut.-Governors. Taiplomatic corps was in full force. La Minto and Lady Laurier each had mafrieuds with them. Mrs. Riley had prominent seat on the floor. The Cormons having sent for the Governor-Geral he read the following speech:

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In again meeting you in parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a benencent Providence for the bountiful harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

It is very gratifying to note that the yearly increasing trade of Canada, which has been so marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories is without a parallel in the history of the country.

These two very important facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion that long before the trans-continental railway, authorized by parliament at its hast session, can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the West to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent, independently of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

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pany regarding a new transcontinental railway contained certain stipulations which in effect, required the Grand Trunk Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement, and to assume heavy obligations in respect-thereof.

agreement by the representative of the Grand Trunk Railway Con of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and my government has resulted in showing the desirability of certain amendments to the contract which, having been approved by my government and subsequently by the board of directors and the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, will be submitted to you for ratification. The sum of \$5,000,000 in cash has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal in accordance with the provisions contained in the original and supplement agreements with

A militia bill will be introduced containing several important amendments to the present law, rendered necessary by the growth of the force and calculated to promote its efficiency.

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A copy of the award defining the boundary between the Dominion and Alaska, and other repaire connected with the controversy, will be laid before you.

In view of the widely-extended settlements now forming in the Territories, it will become necessary to increase the strength of the Northweet Mounted Police force, and authority will be asked for that purpose.

Centremen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

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Gentlemen of the House of Com-After the long, protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were deart with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any lengthened period. I commend, however, to your best consideration the subjects to which I have referred, and I invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations.

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The proceedings then terminated, when the Commons resumed. Then the introduction of new members followed. Rivet of Hochelaga, was presented by the prime minister and Mr. Fisher; Mr. Lavergne, Montmagny, was introduced by the prime minister and bis uncle, Mr. Lavergne, of Drummond; Mr. Hazzard of West Queens, by Emmerson and Mc. Kinnon; Mr. Armstrong of East Lambton, by Mr. Borden and Mr. Claucy. The Liberal members were received with applause from the ministerial bench. Mr. Armstrong got a rousing reception from the Conservatives.

After he had taken his seat, Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to present a motion. There were loud cries of "order" from the Opposition.

Occhrane remarked, amid laughter. "you had better wait a minute, we will have the control of the process of the control of the contro

Donnelly, East Bruce, was then presented by Mr. Borden and E. F. Clarke, and was greeted with loud Conservative applause, which was intensified when then minutes later Mr. Daniels of St. John, came in between Mr. Borden and Mr. Lefurgey.

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Sir Wilfrid moved that the address of the Governor-General be taken into consideration on Monday.

Mr. Borden pointed out that it would be necessary to have the new agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company laid on the table before the address was taken into consideration.

The prime minister replied that the document would be laid on the table before the end of the sitting.

That it was evidently not the mtention to present the document today had not Mr. Borden called for it was evidenced by the long wait which followed. Presently it was brought in and the agreement laid on the table. The house then adjourned.

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Amongst riflemen the subject of sending a Canadian team after the Palmatophy at Seagirt, N. J., is being discussed. The general impression is that, as Great Britain declined to send a feam to the United States this year. Canada would follow in the wake of the mother country. There are said to be good reasons for the refused or the National Rifle Association of Great Britain to participate in this intermational