

FIRST DAY OF LEGISLATURE PROVIDED LIVELY DEBATE

Much of the Excitement Was Due to the Poor Exhibition Given by the Leader of the Opposition Who Was Shown up by Premier Hazen in a Fighting Speech ---Mr. Robinson's Bad Breaks Included Criticism of His Own Friends---Premier's Remarks Give Renewed Vigor to St. John Valley Railway Advocates.

Not for years has there been such a breeze on the opening day of a session of the Legislature as interested the unusually large gathering at the opening ceremonies yesterday.

That there was such a large and representative gathering from all parts of the province was unfortunately for Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition. The gentleman who so acceptably filled the Speaker's chair for a number of years has not started the session with any brighter indications of making good as a party leader or debater than he did last year and his friends had good reason to feel downcast last evening as a result of the first day's proceedings while the Opposition leader was trying to forget his troubles with the pleasantness of a state dinner.

Opposition Leader's "Breaks."

As stated it was unfortunate for Mr. Robinson that there was such a large and representative gathering on the floors of the House and in the gallery because his address was later ridiculed by Premier Hazen in the short time at his disposal to discuss some of the more important features touched upon. Mr. Robinson had been placed in the unenviable position of being unable to substantiate charges when asked to by the Premier and other members of the Government. He had not even collected material which were facts for his address and made "breaks" which are not expected from experienced parliamentarians. His reference to Hon. Mr. Burchill, the member-elect for Northumberland, was unfortunate, owing to the pointed perfection of Hon. Mr. Morrissey that Mr. Burchill would support the Government.

Criticized His Friends.

Perhaps the most unfortunate mistake made by Mr. Robinson was when he inadvertently criticized his own friends in the Federal Government, and particularly Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister for Agriculture, because the Scottish farmers had not been given a sufficiently long visit in New Brunswick to have a full realization of the advantages of this province for intending settlers.

Premier Made Fine Impression.

Premier Hazen, on the contrary, was in fine form and in the brief time at his disposal made one of his best speeches. The Premier was in fine fighting trim and it pleased his followers and many friends to see the way he accepted the many chances for attack left open by the leader of the Opposition. Instead of the defensive conditions were reversed.

While Mr. Robinson was speaking the Premier and other members of the Government were kept busy making him adhere to facts.

The Premier gave a complete answer to the Opposition leader's criticism on the importation of thoroughbred horses.

Renewed Vigor for St. John Valley Railway Advocates.

The Premier's address must have given renewed vigor to the enthusiastic advocates of the building of the St. John Valley Railway. His remarks on this subject showed the Government to be fully alive to the situation, as well as in sympathy with the movement.

Regarding the speeches made by Mr. Murray of Kings, and Dr. Bourque of Kent, in moving and seconding the address, nothing but commendation is heard about the Legislature. They both acquitted themselves wonderfully well and their remarks were highly interesting, as well as eloquent.

MR. MURRAY.

Mr. Murray, of Kings, in moving the address in reply, said that he rose with some trepidation to perform this duty when he considered the long list of able and eloquent men who had performed the duty in previous years, and especially in comparing his efforts with the eloquent remarks made by the hon. member for St. John for the last session. He, however, had some compensation when he considered the kind and considerate treatment that the members of the House usually extended to all members. He himself, had to gratefully acknowledge the kindness that had been extended to him on all occasions from members on both sides of Mr. Speaker.

Government Keeping Pledges.

Referring to the substance of the speech he said it was entirely in keeping with the pledges of the Government. The province was to be congratulated that it had been free during the year from any great disasters and that a fair measure of prosperity had existed. Freedom from forest fires which it had enjoyed in comparison with the tremendous conflagration in other countries was a tribute to the conduct of the Crown Land Department under its present head and to the efficient services of all officials directed by him. The fire at the Provincial Hospital might have been very serious indeed had it not been for the excellent management of the officials and the prompt and vig-

orous action of the St. John firemen. The destruction of the Consolidated School at Kingston appealed to him almost as a personal matter. The people of Kings county had an abiding faith in the value of education, as was evidenced by the splendid school building at Sussex, costing over \$50,000, and the Consolidated School at Hampton. The Kingston School built at the expense of Sir William Macdonald, a monument to his generosity and a great advantage to the people of that section, in being destroyed created a distinct loss to the province. He hoped that some effective measures would be taken to replace the building.

Before the last election many statements had been made by the then Opposition, which partook of the nature of pledges. The people of the country having believed these pledges had elected the present Government to power and he felt sure that throughout the province there would be general satisfaction that these pledges had been in large measure redeemed.

The new Audit Act redeemed one of the most important of these. By it the Government had relinquished the power of dismissing the Auditor General and that official now had the power to prevent the payment of any account that he might think was not in the best interests of the people. He was only removable by the vote of this Legislature.

Another pledge made previous to the last election to reduce the price of school books had been carried out. A portion of the books had been reduced 40 per cent. and it was gratifying to know that in the near future nearly all the books used in the school curriculum would be substantially reduced.

The Highway Act.

He was pleased with the reference to the Highway Act, a measure which had caused a great deal of discussion and been much misrepresented throughout the country. Although last session it had been definitely announced by the Premier that the Act would not be put in force until after this present session, and had been fully submitted to the County Council throughout the province, yet one paper in St. John stated that it was to have been put in force on the first of January last, and because it was adversely criticised by the County Council the Government dare not proclaim it. The County Councils had done exactly what they were asked to do, and it was gratifying to know that it had been in large part approved. Some criticisms were made, some suggestions offered. These the Government were glad to have and make such changes in the Act as seemed to be desirable.

Criticism from Bad Quartets.

Criticism, he said, did not well come from the members of supporters of a party, which, when in power had utterly failed in the administration of the Highway legislation for which they were responsible. The present Government with the Act now in force had last session surprised the country. They had given better roads under this Act than the people had had for the last five years. A strong opponent of his had told him a few weeks ago, he must congratulate him and the Government on the operation of the Act in the county of Kings, where the roads were certainly much improved over previous years. The Government had paid all its bills in full for last year, while under the former administration accounts had been left open for years and unpaid bills had been coming in to him for work done two and three years before. The old Government had never

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The Commission's Work.

The Central Railway Commission had been appointed because of the general demand for investigation into the affairs of that railway. This investigation had been held, the report of the Commissioners would soon be made public and whatever the result the people would be glad the investigation had been made. He was also glad to know that the Government had appointed an agricultural commission to examine into all circumstances connected with agriculture. He thought it was a wise move. No business man would accept the position of manager of a mercantile business before he got a thorough grasp of its details, so under this Government the Department of Agriculture was to be informed in regard to agricultural conditions before a new agricultural policy is adopted. He believed the new policy would develop agriculture in a way that a (Continued on page 5.)

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