

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

Picturesque Ceremony at Buildings is Attended by Many Prominent in Life of British Columbia.

Brief and exceedingly business-like, despite their old-time ceremonial character, were the proceedings of yesterday incident to the inauguration of the third session of British Columbia's twelfth parliament...

As showing through and clearly dominating all the picturesque symbolism and historical allusions ever in evidence the spirit of optimism concerning the self-reliance-determination to have promptly done those things surely making for greatness in this new country of infinite possibilities...

Excellent Arrangements

Nothing could have moved with finer precision and quiet order. To the gratification of all, Mr. Speaker Eberts had sufficiently recovered from his recent indisposition to bear with his accustomed dignity and tact his principal part in proceedings inaugurating another session of the house over which he so capably presides...

A single regretted and unanticipated circumstance in connection with the day's proceedings was to be noted in the many vacant seats of the assembly...

Functional in Attendance

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor arrived almost upon the stroke of three, attended by his secretary, Mr. Muskett, his personal aide de camp, Captain Tyrwhitt-Drake, and his official staff...

Speech From the Throne

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislature: It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the third session of the twelfth parliament of British Columbia.

Having completed his term of office as His Majesty's representative in the Dominion, Earl Grey, on his return to the motherland, takes with him the warmest regard of the Canadian people.

will be presented to you in due course. The consolidation of the provincial statutes has been completed, and the result of the work of the commissioner will be laid before you.

Following the report of the forestry commission, legislation has been prepared providing for a department of forests, and a bill will be submitted dealing with the conservation and administration of the timber wealth of the province.

During the past year work has been proceeded with under the direction of the minister of public works in connection with the development of Strathcona park. You will be asked to place a sum in the estimates to provide for a vigorous prosecution of the undertaking during the coming season.

During the year the first minister, together with the attorney-general and the minister of lands, visited Ottawa to discuss with the Dominion authorities various important questions affecting the province. The papers dealing with these matters will be placed before you.

As one of the results of this conference with the federal government, it has been arranged that the administration of the water in the railway belt will be carried on under the water board of the provincial lands department. A bill to give effect to this agreement will be submitted to you in due course.

The rapid growth of the business of the province has called for a necessary increase in public works. Under the authority of the legislation passed last session, a contract has been awarded for the much-needed extension of the parliament buildings, and the work is now proceeding.

Owing to the increased demand for transportation facilities, measures will be placed before you designed to further encourage the building of railways in the province.

It is interesting to note that substantial progress is being made with the preliminary work leading up to the establishment of a provincial university. Land clearing operations are under way at the university site, and steps are being taken to give effect to the provisions of the act.

You will be asked to provide a sufficient grant to permit of a formal opening of the university at the fall term of 1912.

The public accounts for the past fiscal year and the estimates of expenditure for the coming year will be duly laid before you.

I feel assured that these and all other matters submitted to you will receive your most careful consideration, and that you will be guided in your deliberations by what you believe to be in the best interests of the province.

Upon His Honor's withdrawal with his official company—interesting motion pictures of his arrival and departure were, by the way, secured by the provincial photographic expert for exhibition—Mr. Speaker Eberts resumed the chair; prayer was offered by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and the customary pro forma resolutions marked the inauguration of the sessional business proceedings.

First Bill of Session

As precedent would seem to have ordered, the first bill of the year was introduced by Attorney-General Bowser, and took its initial reading, this being a merely technical measure amending the act which governs the administration of small estates of the insane. Returns were also brought down by Finance Minister Ellison of the public accounts for the last fiscal year, and by Hon. Dr. Young of the fortieth report of the department of education, the report of the provincial sanitary inspector, the fourteenth report of the provincial board of health, and the yearly report of the Hospital for the Insane over which Dr. Doherty presides.

The house, shortly afterwards rose, after the formal motion by the Premier for the taking into consideration this afternoon of His Honor's speech, when Mr. Watson (Vancouver) and Mr. Lucas (Xaile) will respectively move and second the resolution in reply.

As in other years, the business sessions of the house are at the hour of two.

FIVE DOLLAR DOMINION NOTES

Minister of Finance Announces That \$4 Issue Will be Recalled—New Printing Contract to be Let

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The house spent the day in real work, disposing of government legislation and voting over four millions of estimates, chiefly in the civil government list, that is payment of the Ottawa civil service. The discussion was discursive, the important points being Minister White's statement that \$5 Dominion notes will be issued, the same minister's statement that tenders for the printing of Dominion notes are to be called for, Minister Hughes' announcement that the government will build its own small armories, and Hon. Mr. Monk's announcement that legislation will be introduced to improve the position of the engineers in the government service.

The house took up a bill amending the Quebec harbor commissioners act, which was given a second reading and passed through committee. The bill abolishes the present commission of nine and substitutes one of three, to be appointed by the government on the model of the Montreal board.

Hon. Mr. White announced that the \$4 bill had been issued last autumn because of need for currency and the plate for it was ready. It will be withdrawn and \$5 Dominion notes substituted.

The contract for printing notes with the American Bank Note company expires on October 1st next, and the government will advertise in a couple of weeks for tenders. The basis will be a five-year contract, and advertisements will be issued in Britain as well as in Canada. Firms tendering must be prepared to establish a plant in Canada.

Hon. Colonel Hughes announced that the militia department henceforward will undertake the work of erecting armories costing less than \$5,000, the public works department being too busy.

The opposition fought over an hour on the proposal to increase the salary of Colonel W. P. Anderson, chief clerk of the marine department, from \$3,550 to \$4,000, on the ground that other officials of the colonial department had the latter figure. Colonel Anderson has been in the service since 1875, and ranks high as an official. The opposition claimed that this was a violation of the civil service act. Hon. Mr. Monk plainly said that Anderson had been held back by political prejudice.

After a long debate the vote was passed 57 to 37. In the course of this debate Mr. Monk said that he would introduce at the next session legislation to improve the position of engineers in the government service.

It was announced by Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, tonight, that the government had decided to grant the request of the Farmers' bank of the affairs of the bank. A royal commission is to be issued, clothed with ample powers for probing the whole fraud from beginning to end. The decision of the government was reached without any further representations from the bank sufferers, although a number of gentlemen concerned in the appeal recently made were in Ottawa today. The commission has not yet been named, but will consist of one man, probably assisted by counsel. The commission, it is understood, will be issued at once.

ORDER AGAINST SEALING

Japanese Ordinance Published, Bringing Four Nation Treaty Into Effect

The Japanese government has issued an ordinance forbidding the sealing as a result of the four-nation treaty which came into effect on December 15 last. The ordinance reads: Article 1.—The catching of seals and sea otters in the Bering, Kamchatka and Okhotsk seas, and the North Pacific Ocean, lying to the north of the 30th degree of north latitude, including the Sea of Japan, is prohibited.

Article 2.—Persons catching seals, or using, or causing to be used, land, buildings and articles for the purpose, shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding 200 yen (\$100). This provision also applies to persons who have imported or caused to be imported to the dominions of the empire sea otters, seals or their furs caught in those waters.

FOREIGNERS IN DANGER IN CHINA

Robber Bands Beginning to Move Country Following Stoppage of Pay of Troops

According to advices brought by the steamer Mexico Maru, which arrived today from the Orient, grave disorders are anticipated in Central China as a result of the lack of funds of both Imperial and revolutionary forces. With the stoppage of payment in consequence of the lack of funds soldiers are deserting in numbers and in less than two months' time it is expected that large bodies of robbers will start marauding on their own and foreigners, who have not made their escape, will probably suffer. The outlook is considered serious by officials, and when the Mexico Maru left Japan troops were being ordered to China to protect Japanese. In Shensi the greatest anxiety prevails. Taking advantage of the truce Yuan Shi Kai hurled a big force into this province to clear away the insurgents...

ELECTIONS HELD IN OTHER CITIES

Mr. James Findlay Chosen Mayor of Vancouver by a Large Majority—Mayor Dier in Ladysmith

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—By a majority of 1308 votes, Mr. James Findlay defeated today Mayor Taylor, who has held office for the past two years. The election was fought chiefly on civic questions.

Only one woman figured as a candidate for public office, Mrs. P. McNaughton, who was elected as school trustee. A fairly heavy poll of women voters was recorded.

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 11.—The municipal elections here today passed off quietly, the inclement weather no doubt being responsible for several absences from the polls. In the mayoralty contest Ald. John Shaw was elected over his opponent, Thos. Hodgson, by a majority of 23, the vote standing: Shaw 455, Hodgson 432.

Aldermen were elected in the different wards as follows: South Ward—Jas. Young, Geo. Cavallay, Wm. J. Ferguson, Middle Ward—H. Shepherd, H. McKenzie, A. F. Busby, North Ward—Alex. Forrester, Wm. Grieve, J. R. McKinnell.

School Trustees: Thos. Hodgson, Alex. Forrester, the school bylaw passed by a large majority.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 11.—In the most exciting election contest ever held here, Dr. R. E. Dier was re-elected mayor by an overwhelming majority against Mr. W. Ward. The vote polled was especially large, and the greatest enthusiasm was evinced.

There were no bylaws or referenda. Mayor-elect Dier polled a heavy vote in each ward, and his election was never in doubt. This result is taken as an excellent testimonial to Dr. Dier's popularity as chief magistrate last year. His opponent, Mr. Ward, is a highly respected resident, a retired merchant of the city.

The aldermanic results contained some surprises. They were as follows: Middle Ward Messrs. Daniel J. Matheson, Colin J. Campbell and William Baird; East Ward, Messrs. Murdoch Matheson and Thomas Turner; West Ward, Messrs. Patrick Malone and William Siler.

As school trustees Messrs. I. E. Lowe and Harry Hughes were successful. Mayor Dier pledged himself to support the adoption of a three-dollar wage per eight-hour day for laborers in civic works.

NELSON, B. C., Jan. 11.—The municipal elections today were keenly contested and created greater interest than for years past, and it is estimated that at least fifteen thousand dollars changed hands as the result. Mayor Harold Selous was defeated by J. E. Annable, by 76 majority. Mayor Selous had been elected the three previous years.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Jan. 11.—Robert Gaw was elected mayor today, defeating Fernand Lequin.

FERNIE, B. C., Jan. 11.—Fornie elected Mayor A. W. Bleasdel, over Thomas Beck by a majority of fifty.

SIXTH VICTIM DIES MONTREAL, Jan. 11.—C. A. Boulet, the fifteen-year-old son of Dr. Jos. Boulet, of 115 Beaudry street, Quebec, died today as the result of injuries sustained in the wreck of the C. P. R. Express at St. Vincent de Paul on Monday last, making the sixth victim. He was the only first class passenger on the Quebec train that was seriously injured.

When time has allowed us to see it in proper perspective, the year 1911 will show little but the most favorable developments from the point of view of Canadians. With immigration at its height, England still pouring in money, and the West opening out grain, albeit somewhat tardily after a winter somewhat with railway extensions being rushed and building breaking all records; with our factories working overtime and our farmers prosperous, there is no reason to enter the new year with misgivings.

STRIKE CONTINUES

Cotton Companies and Operatives Stay Apart on Open Shop Question—An Offer Declined

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 11.—Employers in the cotton trade expressed their determination to insist on the open shop system, but the workers' union will not allow the workers to be employed in the mills, and the result will be that the strike is far from unshakable. The employers are understood to be ready to grant an increase of wages if the operatives will guarantee never to strike again on the non-union question. The men have declined this offer, but are willing to agree to a six months' "truce," during which work shall be carried on and the open shop question be left to the arbitration of the general federation of trades unions, which is to give the cotton operatives financial aid.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Books and records showing the allowances used in figuring the cost of fresh meats, which were inspected by a federal grand jury investigating charges of rebating against the packers in 1909, can not be found by the attorneys of the defendants for use in the trial of the ten packers charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade before United States District Judge Carpenter. Three accountants paid by the packers testified today that they had searched for the records in question and had been unable to find them. They said they believed the documents had been destroyed.

It is expected that the defense will make a determined effort to prevent the books bearing on the manufacture and sale of fresh meat from going into the record of the case, on the ground that the books of a corporation cannot be used as evidence against its officers in a criminal proceeding.

DOCUMENTS MISSING

Books and Records Wanted in Trial of Packers are Searched For Without Success

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FIRST REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

Steps Taken Toward the Establishment of System in Provincial Work—Enforcement of Rules

The first—indeed one might fairly call it an interim or preliminary—report of the Provincial Sanitary Inspector, Dr. Davis, whose function it is particularly to oversee the conditions as to sanitation, water supply, etc., in construction, leasing, fishing and similar camps throughout British Columbia, was yesterday presented to the legislature by Hon. Dr. Young. In it Dr. Davis sketches hastily the steps taken toward the establishment of a sanitary code, and says: "Judging from my limited experience during the past few months, it appears that the sanitary conditions in railway logging, mining, and other camps throughout the province are not upon the whole, satisfactory. In many instances, however, where proper attention has not been paid to yearling disposal of garbage, etc., although in every case the responsibility for the camp has at once been accepted by the campers. In this connection, I should like to state that in every instance I have visited, the water supply has been met with nothing but kindness and courtesy from those responsible for the operation of the various camps."

From the reports received from the outside, and as well as my personal experience, I find that, with very few exceptions, the water supply is generally good. In a number of what may be called permanent camps there have usually been sanitary arrangements which have been occupied by the men themselves. These buildings are usually well built, complete, and fairly sanitary. The question of the ventilation of bunk-houses is a somewhat difficult one. The usual method is by leaving a space in the roof or gables, but during wet and stormy weather the ventilation of the smaller bunk-houses presents a serious problem. In many instances, the men sleep, and unless the windows and doors are kept open, which is impossible in bad weather, the atmosphere becomes very close.

This department proposes to enforce the rules by every means at its disposal. While it is not intended to bring about any necessary changes in such a manner that the health of the men is not impaired, the department believes that the health of the men is the first consideration. I propose to issue orders, which, if they are not obeyed, will be enforced by the departmental rules and regulations which are being prepared. Contractors are to be held responsible for the sanitary treatment of an injured man. The department does not believe that there is any reason why the men should be kept for hours without medical attention. Larger contractors are perfectly able to pay attention to the health of their men. It seems to be considered a luxury in the past to employ a physician, and there is no reason why this should be so. It is clearly impossible for one medical man to properly attend to the men in the various camps situated several miles apart. I have now under consideration the question of formulating a regulation which will make it compulsory for all camps to keep on hand a complete first-aid equipment, with simple directions for its use. Now that the winter of the service has been organized, it will, I hope, be possible in the future to maintain a better supervisory system, and to ameliorate the conditions under which a large and unorganized body of workers live.

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HOW BILLY Four men in—much good sport, and had a great sportsman known big game the phrase run question of ner horror of losing been dwelt upon "It seems to Irishman of the from sure if he "But, if a fe well?" said the "It by no me man. "You se often believe w where the misc "Hum! I'm mine," said the "I feel sure again came the men aren't so s A ripple of, and the host sa please; and, if nerve. A chorus: "Well," said Bludkins, the confirmed back again, have County Uppon heard of Billy S Bludkins no fully slipped his "And now," his chair with yarn: "Colonel W. County Uppon Army some ten story. The great spent in India, v service, and ha many a hard-f services, too, ha yet he had neve his merit. At le ways said. As fe thought of grun duction had for the Army for a knew that he w proved no will with him all th such a love ca successful. Wh Bludkins smi went on. "Sometimes, soldier would a Cloreham was a good billet, and duffer he really had a clever wa had made her h did certainly so as he wondered have gone if h clever wife. Hi and he had bee well content, in for him to retire on the family Scottish forbear the Plantation spent his leave h he was ever 'B few parts of his he didn't know units of his own "To his love, tense passion fo found himself he of youth. As his used frequently talkin' about? A huntin'." "Therefore, v India, it was w that he found h the comfortable park sloping do Lough. He cou remainder of his hunt, at any rate not much use. mornings after h watched the wh and gradually e He looked on th tion, and mutter of your eternal "Then he we out with the preached and pr fitness. 'Yes,' a fit, my boy; not you, so long as y nerve; yes, kee enjoy yourself." "It would ha agined Billy S was the gerdon had cultivated h His valor was and nerve. Nev had—if ever ma courage of the h "Well, Billy, sons with the U Ballyruppan Har