

Opening of Parliament.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

OTTAWA, April 15. This day, at 3 o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate in the Parliament buildings, and took his seat upon the throne.

The members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the second session of the first Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have great satisfaction in having recourse to your advice, and I rejoice to think that on this, the first occasion on which I have had the honor of addressing you, we may congratulate ourselves on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful councils amongst nations, and on the indications of agreement and tranquillity, favorable alike to the development of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

The great scheme of Confederation was successfully inaugurated under the auspices of my predecessor. It is to me a source of pride to find my name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of Canada, and I shall count it a happiness as well as a duty to co-operate to the utmost of my ability in furthering your efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces together, and to ensure the attachment of the people to the soil by the enactment of wise and equal laws.

Your efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, inasmuch as the terms upon which great accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for your immediate consideration.

In consequence of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos' despatch of the 8th August last year, stating that His Grace proposed to enter into negotiations with the Hudson's Bay Company, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North-west Territory, Lord Monck sent home to England two members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of Canada. The Conference in London and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definitive issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl Granville made, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, for the consideration of the people of Canada and of the Hudson Bay Company. I have received the intelligence that the Hudson Bay Company has, after some deliberations, agreed upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the colonies. I have directed that the report of the Mission and all papers connected therewith shall be duly laid before Parliament; and I commend them to your consideration in view of the great importance of the subject, no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

I was much gratified by communications from the Governor of Newfoundland, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that colony, and especially by his despatch on the 20th March last, containing copies of resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance. These documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament; and I hope that before the close of the session I may be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for your consideration. It will be a sensible pleasure to me as well as a subject of general congratulation, if at some early day the fine colony of Newfoundland, unrivalled as the nursery of hardy seamen and inexhaustible in its wealth of fisheries, becomes part of the Dominion.

In accordance with the suggestion of Her Majesty's Government an earnest attempt has been made to allay the discontent unhappily existing in Nova Scotia. The papers connected with this subject have been submitted for your favorable consideration.

In continuation of the course commenced last session, bills will be presented to you for the assimilation of the criminal laws existing in the several Provinces. No greater boon can be conferred on a country than a well-defined code of criminal law, of general application and easy ascertainment.

Among other measures, bills will be presented to you for the establishment of uniform and amended laws respecting Parliamentary elections, bankruptcy and insolvency and patents of invention and discovery.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The estimates for the expenditure of the coming year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with every economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service. I have also desired that the financial accounts of the past year shall be laid before you.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The Charters of several Banks are drawing to a close, and the important subjects of banking and currency will be brought under your notice.

In considering these questions, which so deeply affect not only the important interests of commerce, but the daily transactions of life, I feel assured that you will endeavor to adopt such principles as in their application may ensure the greatest amount of safety to the public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of trade.

I have enumerated a variety of topics, but they are of moment, and press for decision within the limits of the session. I commit them in all confidence to your deliberate judgment, earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend your counsels and enable you to discharge with dignity and effect the great trust to which the order of Providence has called you.

The newly elected members were then introduced, the usual routine business gone through with and the House adjourned.

CATTLE FAIRS.—In future fairs are to be held in the north country as follows:—At Walkerton, on the third Wednesday of each month, and at Clifford, Teviotdale and Bosworth, on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following. The buyers will not attend any other fair on the Elora and Sauguenay road. The first fair will be held in Clifford, on 20th April, Teviotdale on the 30th, and at Bosworth on the 1st May next.

Dramatic Performances.

The Guelph amateurs gave a select dramatic entertainment in the Town Hall last (Thursday) night, which was well attended by a respectable and appreciative audience. The opening piece, "Temptation, or the Irish Emigrant," was capably acted by the entire cast—the rich brogue and quaint sayings of "Tim O'Bryan" bringing forth repeated bursts of laughter and applause. "Tom" and "Polly Bobalink" sustained their parts very effectively, and their acting was neither unnatural nor overstrained. The latter, with 'Mrs. Grimguskin' and 'Mary Travers,' bore out the female characters they assumed quite as well as young men could do—and that is saying a good deal. 'Mr. Granite,' 'Sterling,' 'Henry Travers' and 'Williams,' were first class performers, and carried out the personations with admirable ease and naturalness. In addition, we may add that the costumes, as well as the scenery, were very appropriate, agreeing exactly with the characters played. The scenery also was well painted, and reflected much credit on the designers. At the close of 'Temptation' Mr. Thomas H. Taylor recited Gough's celebrated temperance sketch, 'Going over Niagara Falls,' and did so with great effect, calling forth rounds of applause. By request, Mr. Taylor also read an original poem called 'Little Jim.' The amusing farce of 'Turn him out' pleased the audience vastly, and certainly the inimitable swill, 'Charles Augustus Roseleaf,' the homely 'Nicomedeus Nobbe,' and 'Mackintosh Moke' deserved all the encomiums they received. 'Julia' and 'Susan,' the latter of whom sang a diverting song, are also worthy of all praise. On the whole, the performance last night was by far the best ever given by the Club—and the members have shown us that the more experience they have of theatricals the better they become; and when next they appear upon 'the boards,' we may look for still greater proficiency, Prof. Vale's quadrille band were in attendance, and added to the interest of the occasion by the playing of a number of popular airs.

Grand Exhibition

Prof. Graves, far-famed Educated Horse at the Drill Shed, in this City, Friday evening. All who want to see the best trained horse in America, should be on hand. Good seats reserved for the ladies. Admittance 15 cents. Children under ten years 10 cents. Come early and get a good seat. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance to commence at a quarter to 8 o'clock, precisely. Immediately after the public exhibition, a private class will be formed, and that terrible kicking mare of Mr. Walker West's will be broken. All who have tickets for the class and those who wish to get them should be on hand early.

N. B.—Bad horses handled only before the private class.

PRESENTATION.—The Elora Express says that on the evening of Saturday last the Rev. C. E. Thompson, incumbent of St. John's Church, in that village, was presented with a handsome new buggy, from the carriage shop of Mr. Geo. A. Bruce, Guelph. The vehicle is neatly and substantially built, and just exactly what the esteemed gentleman most required.

THE TORONTO TELEGRAPH.—This paper, which during the three years of its existence, has met with success almost unparalleled in the history of journalism on this continent, appeared on Thursday last in a new and enlarged form, which gives greater facilities than it before found for the publication of all the passing events of the day. The Telegraph is well edited, and its news department is always spicy and interesting. Its police court reports have alone made it famous; and now, with renewed enterprise and improvement, there is no doubt of the future success of the Telegraph.

MARRIAGES.

McMASTER—CLEGG.—At the Glen, the residence of the bride's father, Paisley Block, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. A. McMaster, of Minto, to Mary, daughter of Mr. Robert Clegg.

New Advertisements.

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D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw tf

STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY. MISS LAWRENCE, (Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle), Will for the present season carry on the business in all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, a few doors north of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph, Guelph, 31st March. dw

CAUTION. I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it. F. PREST. dw

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES. CHURCH-ST. - GUELPH MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April. Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do

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MAGAZINES

FOR APRIL

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Opposite the Market.

Bow Bells London Society Young Ladies' Journal Cornhill London Journal British Friend Sunday Teacher's Treasury Chambers' Journal

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Guelph, 9th April. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE. All ACCOUNTS unpaid by the 30th of APRIL will be put in suit for collection. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 9th April, 1869. dwtd

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