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## THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Speech from the Throne is given in full elsewhere in this issue, and does not need any further amplification.

The most notable feature is the omission of reference to the Navy Bill and the Highways Bill.

With regard to the former, which proposed a grant of \$35,000,000 for three dreadnoughts to be offered John Bull, Premier Borden and his colleagues have taken the very proper ground that they would not again allow the country to suffer the deep humiliation placed upon it by a second rejection in the Senate—a rejection incited by Laurier from motives altogether unworthy of an alleged statesman.

The unwarranted course of the Upper Chamber in this matter undoubtedly created a most unfortunate impression in the Old Land, and led to many sneers in the foreign press at the expense of the Empire and its aim for solidarity.

The Highways Bill, a measure providing for giving assistance to the Provinces in the construction and maintenance of good main roads, the same body of irresponsibles have twice given it the throw-out. In this, as in the other matter, the only thing to do with regard to their dastardly attempt to thwart Government intention and the popular will is to await the time, in the natural course of events, not far distant, when there will not be a hostile majority in that chamber.

The Administration, under the circumstances, has taken a dignified stand.

## A CORNERED ORGAN

The Courier, in seeking to defend the three-fifths clause of the Local Option Act, calls attention to the fact that in the Methodist Church no change can be made in the general rules of the church, or in the basis of union, affecting constitutional questions, except on a three-fourths majority. Well, what of it? Changes in the constitution of any society are seldom made by a majority vote, but what constitution is being changed by the provisions of the Local Option Act?—Expositor.

As to that, it is a very fundamental change, indeed, in any community to say "Thou shalt not" with reference to a custom which is often quite legal right across the boundary of the next county, or in the next town.

The three-fifths clause makes for stability. So the Expositor itself argued in an editorial which it published in April, 1910. Here was its language on that point then:

"In fairness to the Whitney Government it should be admitted in this latter connection that the three-fifths clause undoubtedly lends stability to the law, and under it, though progress may be slower, it will certainly not be less stable in the end."

Doesn't the Brantford Expositor believe the Brantford Expositor?

## THE BOUNDARIES QUESTION

The local Grit organ, with that fineness of touch for which it is so noted, intimates that the Courier supports Mayor Spence in the matter of boundary extension because it has to. As a matter of fact, Mr. Spence is no more responsible for what this paper says than the Expositor ever seems to be responsible for its own utterances. Many months ago this paper took the stand:

1. That we already have plenty of area, which should first be looked after.

2. That if at any future time adjacent township communities wish to come in they should do so on the basis of Brantford assessment and Brantford taxes.

What they would be after in such event would be city privileges. Then why not pay for them like the rest of us?

Our cotem, adds:

"Villages are being built up on every side and part, save municipally, are part and parcel of the city, and which can be annexed now on more favorable terms than will ever be possible in the future. In fact, if the matter is left too long, it may not be possible to do it at all."

Well, what about it?

Would the statement, "Brantford and suburbs total so much in population" have any less weight than that "Brantford totals so and so?"

Apart from that phase of it, these communities in the long run will ask to be included, just the same as they are doing in the case of Toronto.

J. E. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, will testify before the prison reform commission at Kingston tomorrow. He will give expression to the views of the organized tradesmen of Canada on the problem of prison labor.

## THE FEELING OUT WEST

Mr. R. L. Richardson is the editor of the Winnipeg Tribune (Liberal), and he was the candidate of that party for the riding of Macdonald. In a recent editorial he frankly says:

"Judging by the results of recent bye-elections in Manitoba, it is a fair inference that the majority of the electors seem to be favorable to the Conservative Administrations, both local and Federal."

Mr. Richardson states that he cannot understand why the Roblin Government should hold public confidence, but states:

"It is not difficult to reconcile the condition of the public mind towards the Federal Administration, against which little criticism of weight and credit has been directed."

This is absolutely true, not only with regard to the sentiment in the Western Provinces, but also throughout Canada.

Mr. Borden, like Sir James Whitney, made up his mind to have a clean and progressive Administration, and he is giving the people that. Just as Sir James, by such a course, has won the confidence and respect of all classes, so will he also.

The average man in the average walk of life likes the square deal, and he knows enough to help keep men in power who are straight through and through. In all human probability Richard Laird Borden has a very long lease of power ahead of him—probably one which will exceed the fifteen years of the Laurier regime.

## THE MUTABILITY OF PARLIAMENTARY LIFE

To the older generation it seems but a comparatively short time since the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's foremost Premier and yet it is pointed out that to-day there are only three members of the Commons of the 216 members who were there when Sir John died as First Minister—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Geo. Foster and Dr. Sproule.

For a long time the late Hon. John Haggart and Hon. William Paterson, now retired, were the two oldest continuous members. Both were first elected in 1873, some time before Laurier and both came back contest after contest from that time until 1896. In that year Mr. Paterson was defeated for this Riding, but within a few months was member for North Grey, a constituency opened for his convenience. Mr. Paterson passed out of the political arena in the elections of 1911 and Mr. Haggart died a few months ago.

Let us bring this thing down to an eighteen year basis. What has become of the men who in 1896 formed the Cabinet when Laurier attained power. Finance Minister Fielding hasn't a seat. Sir Oliver Mowat then Minister of Justice has long since passed away. The same is true of Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. Tarte Minister of Public Works. All the rest are also out of it and Laurier alone remains.

Take the members who remain and who occupied seats in 1896. This is the list: Fisher, Sproule, McLean, Oliver, Lemieux, Borden, Osler. Broder. Roche and Hughes. Not many out of over two hundred of eighteen years back.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

London, Ontario, has a "Canine Association." No doubt it is composed of a gay lot of dogs.

Black Rod having done his best to fracture his backbone, let the work of the House of Commons now proceed.

At last accounts the stock of New Year's resolutions had been reduced about two-thirds and still on the slump.

After that way-under-zero dose this weather makes the average man feel like putting on canvas shoes and a straw hat.

A Fort William millionaire has married his stenographer. In other words, she took him down with Cupid's dart.

A late bulletin issued by the Statistics Department at Ottawa shows the total value of field crops in Canada during 1913 to have been \$552,771,500. Farm products continue to be some pumpkins.

A rev. gentleman of the name of Assister is about to take up church duties in a neighboring burgh. If he's a bachelor and the girl of his choice says that she can only be a sister to him, he'll know he's accepted.

In Galt it has been found necessary to discontinue the household science classes at the Collegiate, owing to the fumes from the Tilbury gas. It makes most people take notice when that article swings its scents.

The Toronto Star (Liberal) says that the mercury never went so low when Laurier was Premier. Don't know about that. On the night in 1911 when the Grits were listening to

the election returns most of them looked as if they had been landed at the North Pole with nothing on but their nightgowns.

"The fruit men report that the peach trees did not suffer from the cold snap."—St. Catharines despatch. Let people shout! Let bells ring out! Get joy on every breath, Because, 'tis said, The peach crop red Is safe right now from death.

By the Vancouver Supreme Court a man whose wife was lost when the steamer Cheslake went down was awarded \$1, and a woman whose husband was lost in the same disaster got \$6,000. Now, you members of the fair sex, when you figure out that ratio, don't be surprised if once in a while hubby puts on a little extra chest pressure.

## The Winter Fly

Oh, now and then a languid fly is seen upon the ceiling, or on the cake or pumpkin pie, in drowsy fashion reeling. We missed it in the autumn haze we missed it or forgot it, but now in view of future days, we ought to rise and swat it. We're apt to say: "One fly, gadzooks, won't hurt, if we don't hit it, besides, we have a hot-stuff book, and do not wish to quit it." And so we sit in slothful ease, with volume by Miss Bonner, when we should take our snickers and make that fly a goner. For that one fly, through winter days will linger, if not swatted; and in the springtime it will raise a family dotted. A stitch in time, the poet said, will save nineteen or twenty, and every winter fly knocked dead cuts down the summer's plenty. So let us as one man arise, and share the pests and blood 'em, still shouting, as we swat the flies, the battle cry of freedom.

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## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

(Continued from Page 1)

The weather for the opening of parliament was lacking in brilliant sunshine, but its mildness in comparison with the extremely low temperature of the last few days came as a welcome relief to officials and visitors.

## Speech From Throne

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons—I take this public opportunity of expressing to you all my deep sense of gratitude for the comfort and support that were afforded us at the time of the serious illness of the Duchess of Connaught, by the numerous messages of sympathy that were received from Canada, and by the knowledge that the hearts of so many Canadians were with us during those dark days. I can only regret that my enforced absence made it impossible for me to fully exercise the duties of my high office during a considerable portion of last year.

## Canada's Trade

It gives me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you upon the remarkable expansion of Canada's trade with other countries in the past fiscal year, during which our total trade far exceeded that of any preceding year.

## Bountiful Crops

The bountiful crops with which the Dominion has fortunately been blessed during the past season, have been harvested under unusually favorable conditions, which have enabled the transportation companies to make full use of all the facilities at their disposal. Thus the difficulties which sometimes arose in former years have not been manifest, and an unusually large proportion of the crops have been conveyed to the seaboard before the close of the season of inland navigation.

## Temporary Condition

Canada has been favored by a long series of prosperous years and, although at the present moment business is slightly restricted by the financial stringency, which prevails throughout the world, I feel convinced that this condition will be merely temporary, and that the boundless resources of this Dominion, which are so fully and universally known and recognized, give us the fullest assurance of continued material prosperity and progress.

## Redistribution

As a result of the recent decennial census, the representation of the different Provinces must be readjusted, as required by the British North American Act, and a bill will be introduced for that purpose.

## Bills to be Presented

A bill consolidating the Railway Act and its various amendments, as well as bills relating to the civil service and to trust and loan companies will be submitted for your consideration. Several other bills will be submitted, including measures providing for increased representation of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia in the Senate.

## Immigration

The volume of immigration during the present fiscal year promises to be greater than that of any preceding year.

year. It has come in greatest measure from the British Isles and from the United States, but a large stream of desirable immigration has also reached our shores from other countries.

## Agriculture

You will be pleased to learn that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the various provinces under the agricultural instruction act passed at the last session. My advisers are convinced that the co-operation between the Dominion and the provinces which is thus afforded, will accomplish excellent results in assuring better agricultural instruction and needful improvement of existing methods of agriculture.

## Transcontinental

The work on the National Transcontinental Railway has been rapidly advanced during the past year, and notwithstanding the difficulties attending the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway, and the provision of terminals every possible progress has been made in bringing that important project nearer to completion.

In connection with the highly important subject of transportation of our products, the provision of adequate terminal facilities at our great national ports has resulted and is securing the attention of my advisers.

## Government Elevators

You have doubtless learned with satisfaction that the new government terminal elevator at Port Arthur is completed and that it has been in operation since October last. In conjunction with this, a system of interior terminal elevators has been begun which will provide largely increased facilities for the farmers of the great grain producing provinces.

## Safety of Life At Sea

The international conference on safety of life at sea, which has been in session in London for several weeks, has had under consideration questions of the highest importance and it is hoped that its deliberations may result in more effective measures for assuring the safety of the passengers and crews of ocean-going steamships. Representatives of Canada were appointed by order in council and have been in attendance at all sessions of the conference.

## In Conclusion

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to know that the revenue has been ample to cover both ordinary and capital expenditure.

The estimates for the next official year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with due regard to the necessary development of the resources of the Dominion coupled with careful attention to economical administration.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Inviting your careful consideration of the subjects to which I have called your attention, I pray that the blessing of divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

## AN EYE WITNESS

Is Said to Have Seen Foreigner's Death on the Track

Further light upon the death of the Ruthenian, who was found dead upon the G. E. R. tracks, shatters the suspicion that deceased had committed suicide. A man, who cannot at the moment be located, is said to have seen the accident and he alleges that Neponcorak was bending down as if he were doing something to the track when the engine came up behind him and carried him along, throwing deceased to the side of the line. It is further said that Neponcorak worked for the G. T. R. and had been sent to repair a tie on the line, but his inquiries of the company have failed to substantiate this story. They say, however, that the man might have been employed on a gang without their knowledge.

The man who is said to be an eye-witness, is being searched for and will possibly appear at the inquest. It has been definitely ascertained that deceased was 26 years of age and resided at 147 Pearl St.

## Intense Hardship Was Suffered

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 15.—Some idea of the hardship suffered by the passengers and crew of the stranded steamer Cobequid, ashore since Tuesday morning on the Trinity ledges, can be imagined from the appearance of the Furness Liner Rappahannock, which steamed into port this morning. From stem to stern the Rappahannock was covered with a thick coat of ice.

Unable to find any trace of the disabled vessel, the Rappahannock, under command of Captain Wm. Hanks, lay off the Trinity ledges for several hours last night, not more than a mile and a half from the Cobequid, yet the heavy mists prevailing shut out all sight both of the vessel and the shore. After receiving word that the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer were safe, and there was no need of his waiting further, Capt. Hanks proceeded with his ship to St. John, arriving here early this morning.

The world's first financial newspaper for women is soon to be issued in Germany.

## WILL BLOW UP THE GRAND TRUNK OFFICE

French Canadians Sore at Employment of So Many Englishmen.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—The general offices of the Grand Trunk on McGill street are to be blown up in 30 days, according to the terms of a notice served on the company. This notice was typewritten in French and signed by Anti-Blokie French-Canadian association of Canada. It has been observed by this association for some time past that the Grand Trunk has been employing large numbers of "blokies," to the exclusion of good French-Canadians, of whom there are large numbers available in the city, without having to go outside for others. This it deems an injury to the French-Canadians who are on the spot. Therefore if the Grand Trunk does not mend its ways by getting rid of the "blokies," both in the general offices and the shops, the former are to be blown up in 30 days.

"And do not think that this is mere badinage," adds the notice. "We mean business, and we have the power to carry out our resolves, from which we will not shrink. The matter is in the hands of the company. If it complies with our request, good and well; if not, then the threat of the association will be made good on the date mentioned. We have a duty to perform on behalf of our people. We have noticed the way the company has been employing 'blokies' for some time past, to our loss, while at the same time the company could have got all the men it wanted from among our own people. We have formed this association for mutual protection against the 'blokies,' and we have made our resolve in the premises."

## MIDLAND HAD VERY BAD FIRE

Several Business Houses Wiped Out—Loss Will Reach \$70,000.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

MIDLAND, Ont., Jan. 15.—Fire broke out at one o'clock this morning in the Ingram block at the corner of King street and Dominion Avenue, which threatened to wipe out a good portion of the business centre of Midland. The firemen were still playing streams on the smoking ruins at ten o'clock this morning. The Bank of British North America is a mass of ruins, but the vault is still intact. The loss will amount to about \$70,000, almost entirely covered by insurance.

Individual sufferers are: Ingram Block, \$15,000; B. McLeod, \$6,000; Bank of British North America, \$30,000; Dr. Harvie, dentist, \$2,000; W. A. Finlayson, barrister, \$5,000; Long Packing Association, \$1,000; Simcoe Packer Company, \$5,000; Town Clerk's Office, \$3,000; Water and Light Co., \$2,000; Singer Sewing Machine Store, Arthur W. Bell, \$2,000; Electricians and Plumbers, Armstrong Bros. and Frank, \$2,000; Angus C. McNabb, \$2,000; D. A. Fowle, jeweler; Miss C. M. McLeod, \$500.

## ALL TAKEN OFF

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 15.—The agents of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company received word today that Captain Hawson and the eleven men who remained on the Cobequid through the night, had been taken on board the steamer Aberdeen and were on their way here. A wireless message said that the third officer, R. F. Powell, had been injured during the night and was in need of medical attention.

## "CASCARETS" ALWAYS STRAIGHTEN YOU UP

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## THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS IN THE SERVICE NEXT AUGUST

Mr. James Montgomery of Brantford Post Office on Job a Long Time

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

In the civil service list just recently issued at Ottawa for 1913, the names of Brantford officers, date of appointment and salaries are given. Mr. J. C. Montgomery will next August have served 38 years in the post office department, which he entered August 15, 1876. Mr. W. F. Tisdale entered in 1880 and Mr. E. G. Trammier in 1882. The list of officers are as follows:

William Raymond	2,400
James Montgomery	1,800
Edwin George Trammier	1,250
William Falconer Tisdale	1,250
George Joseph Taylor	1,250
Herbert James Hartley	1,050
Gordon Ernest Nightingale	950
John Reginald Beattie	850
Edgar William Howey	850
Allan Davies Robertson	850
Charles Edward Carlin	850
William Gladstone Raymond	800
Thos. Renfrew Snodgrass	800
Roy T. Sloan	725
John A. McRobb	725
John W. Ness	725

Letter carriers now receive a maximum of \$3.00 per day, commencing with \$2.25.

Wendlin Schuler	per day
William Lake	\$3.00
Alexander Aitken	3.00
George Broath	3.00
John A. Cox	3.00
James Alexander Adams	3.00
Charles Lutes	3.00
Alfred James Stevens	3.00
Frank E. Ion	3.00
Charles Stone	3.00
Lloyd Ellwood Smith	3.00
Thomas Edward Kelly	2.50
William W. Bell	2.50
Augustus L. Cutmore	2.50
A. G. Bowtle	2.25
A. T. Stuart	2.25
W. B. Snider	2.25
A. F. C. Dowling	2.25
W. A. O'Heron	2.25

## Customs Officers

Albert E. Harley, Collector	\$2,000
Jno. W. Blakney, Prev. Officer	1,000
Wm. A. Buechner	800
Fred Corey	900
John Abdul Eddy	1,100
Edwin Lee Heath	1,000
William McIntosh	1,400
John Ryan, Clerk	1,000
W. F. Young, Prev. Officer	1,000

The Inland Revenue Officers are as follows:

M. J. O'Donohue	\$2,000
Wm. Sloan	1,500
Fred Schuler	1,120
Also Mr. Frank Carson.	

## TORTURED WITH RHEUMATISM

Could Not Walk, Until "Fruit-a-tives" Completely Cured Him

CHATHAM, ONT., April 3rd, 1913.

"I am a veteran of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, volunteering from the Royal Artillery into the Royal Engineers, and served under Lord Roberts during the Indian Mutiny, and am a pensioner of the British Government. Pierce hand-to-hand fighting and continual exposure, left me a great sufferer from Rheumatism, so much so that my legs swelled up, making it impossible for me to walk. My bowels were so constipated that I only had one passage a week until I got to using 'Fruit-a-tives'. They cured me of both the Rheumatism and Constipation. In my regular employment, I walk thirty miles a day and enjoy perfect health. No more Rheumatism or Constipation. You are at perfect liberty to publish this letter if it will be advantageous to 'Fruit-a-tives'."

## GEORGE WALKER

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## WORK BEING PROVIDED FOR GUELPH CITIZENS

The Authorities Start Stone Crushing and Storm Drain Laying

GUELPH, Jan. 14.—The civic authorities of Guelph are looking after their citizens who are out of work, and to provide employment for them, have put a stone crushing plant in operation and have started to lay storm drains for the permanent pavement to be constructed on Waterloo avenue next spring. Already six hundred feet have been laid. Eighteen inch tile is being used, and the drain is being laid through solid rock. The job is providing work for a number of men. Those in charge state that rock can be excavated during the winter just as easily and as cheaply as in the summer time.

Count Ito, the father of the modern Japanese fleet, died yesterday at Tokyo.

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