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SOCIETY PEOPLE THERE.

Brilliant Scenes Within the Senate Chamber.

THE OPENING OF CANADA'S PARLIAMENT.

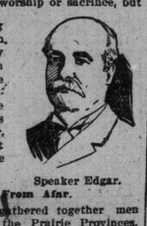
Visitors in Attendance From All the Provinces of This Great Dominion.

Ottawa Was Snow-Capped as Usual, but Winter Weather Only Added to the Gaiety Without, While Inside Youth and Beauty Had Assembled—Ministers in Glittering Windsor Uniforms—Uncle Oliver Was Also in Line—Rich Gowns and Costly Jewels Added to the Gay Scene—Receptions After the Formal Proceedings—Some of the Beautiful Gowns Described.

(By Katherine Leslie.)

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—"What went ye out for to see?" The ancient query might well have been on many lips as one crowded train after another brought its contingent of visitors from cities and towns all over the Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, to this fair town, the capital, to witness or take part in the opening ceremonies of the House which legislates for one of the most magnificent countries in the world. And as the Jews of old journeyed annually to their loved city of Jerusalem to worship the God of their fathers, so, annually, do we go up to Ottawa, not, alas, to worship or sacrifice, but "to see the opening of the House," which, being translated, may mean anything from the truth of the simple statement itself to the private motive which brings the visitor from afar, but which he is not proclaiming from the housetops.

Lord Aberdeen



Speaker Edgar.

People from Afar.

Here then were gathered together men and women from the Prairie Provinces, and from away beyond the Rockies, where the calm blue Pacific lies, from old Nova Scotia, washed by the great grey Atlantic, from little Cape Breton and broad New Brunswick, from Quebec—that storm centre of Canadian politics—and from Ontario, fairest of the Provinces. And Ottawa, a quaint, picturesque to the occasion, for did she not robe herself in spotless white and starry jewels, the like of which are not to be found on the earth and all to honor her sons and daughters on this great occasion, and was not every winding street and church and spire strewn with this heavenly covering, and every tree, to its tiniest twig, feathered in snowy white, till the whole town was fairer than the fabled palace of Khabala Khan; and was not Parliament Hill a place of beauty, its fine buildings resting softly grey through the snowy, misty veil which fell in dazzling stars through the long hours of the morning, its turrets and pinnacles dimly beautiful against the sky? A beautiful town indeed, with the exquisite blue lines of the Laurentians, afar off the river, and its many bridges arching the winding canal.

Premier Laurier.

Sir Charles Tupper.

Inside the Buildings.

Inside the Parliament Buildings all was warmth and color and light, and matrons and maids of high degree and low swept through the corridors like queens in gorgeous robes of rustling silk or shimmering satin on their way to the Senate chamber, with its marble arches and crimson furnishings. The galleries were taken possession of. The first one, set aside for the ladies of the official staff, was gay with bright frocks and flowers, while the others were filled with a motly crowd, some in evening dress, some in fustian; every profession or trade was represented, as is quite proper at such a time, when the people's representatives are assembled on a public occasion of this kind.

In the Inner Circle.

Below, the chairs were reserved and labelled with the fair occupants' name, and fortunate was she who had such a seat of honor, for the ground floor was the cynosure of all eyes. Well the ladies knew this, for never has there been seen such a display of silks and rare lace and jewels as on this afternoon, and so beautiful was the effect that these rows of ladies suggested at every glance beds of tulips in full bloom, or plots of hyacinths.

A Brilliant Scene.

The room was pure with the fragrance of the myriad flowers which the ladies carried in their hands, or wore on the breast or shoulder, and diamonds scintillated in the light at every turn of head or pretty neck, but when the Countess of Aberdeen entered in a magnificent yellow gown and violets and flashing coronet, with attendant page and ladies and the Governor-General, in richly embroidered coat and ribbon and orders, took his place on the throne, surrounded by Ministers and officers in beautiful uniforms and glittering swords—among whom were Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. R. W. Scott and Mr. Laurier in Windsor Court costume—nothing could have exceeded the brilliancy of the scene. The Judges of the Supreme Court were there in scarlet robes and ermine, among whom was Judge MacMahon, representing Ontario, and below these the usual officials of the House gathered about the Senate table, where lay the monster golden mace, the symbol of authority. Further down, on the floor, were keen-eyed church dignitaries in purple robes and gold chains, and representatives in uniform of the various foreign consulates, the French Consul-General in elaborately-braided jacket and many orders on his breast, the Japanese Consul with swarthy face and dark eyes, and men famous in their professions the country broad.

The Commoners Called in.

After a great deal of ceremony and periodic bowing on the part of Black Rod, the Commoners were called in, after precautions had been taken to keep them from the charmed circle of the Upper House by a brass railing. The Speaker, in robe and gown, took up a prominent position facing the throne, but outside the bar and behind him crowded all the members of the Commons to hear the Speech from the Throne. Capt. Sinclair, in official dress of green and gold, with scarlet sash and sword, with many bows, handed the beribboned speech to His Excellency, who read it clearly and distinctly in both tongues spoken in Canada. He outlined the policy of the Government for the present session, referring to familiar questions and taking a hopeful view of things in general. The document was then returned to the gallant captain, who, with the same periodic bows, which we thought peculiar to Black Rod, handed it in turn to the Speaker of the House of Commons. He received it with uncovered head, and this was practically the end of the affair.

After Receptions.

Presently the Governor-General retired, amid clanking swords and a kaleidoscope effect of moving color, which was simply bewildering. Her Excellency was attended by one of her boys as a little page in purple velvet and wig, which reminded one of a little Scotch terrier, who lifted the train of the Countess, and after her trooped the whole brilliant assemblage to the various other attractions going on in different parts of the building. These were receptions by Speaker Ross of the Senate and Mrs. Edgar on the Commons side. Mrs. Edgar is a genial, sociable woman, who promises to become quite a favorite. There was much jollity and handshaking and chaff, and after a cup of tea or an ice wafted to steal a nod or two in slumberland ere the next function, at 10 o'clock, the at home at Government House.

Some of the Gowns.

The Countess of Aberdeen wore a handsome yellow satin gown with large puffed sleeves of satin of violets. On her head she wore a diamond coronet and violets at the back.

Lady Gzowski was richly gowned in black and white.

Mme. Laurier wore a beautiful gown of mauve moire antique, with rich lace and large bouquet of white roses.

Miss Thompson wore a pretty cream lace frock with square corsage, trimmed with buttercups.

Mrs. Edgar wore a duchess satin gown, richly trimmed with real Irish point and mauve velvet diamond ornaments.

Lady Joly de Lothiniere wore a handsome heliotrope brocade with low corsage.

Mrs. Dobell was in black, with diamonds.

Miss Dobell, white satin and steel passementerie and black algrette in hair.

Mrs. Hendrie wore pearl grey, brocaded with old lace, and necklace of pearls and diamonds and sunburst of diamonds in her hair.

Miss Tiny Hendrie wore a beautiful white silk, richly brocaded in red roses and with stripes of cadet blue satin and gold. The corsage was trimmed with yellow spotted net frills edged with black. Her gloves were black and her bouquet of meteor roses. Her sister was in pale blue satin with white valenciennes lace and shoulder knot of pink roses, black gloves.

Mrs. Schreiber was magnificently gowned in orchid moire-antique with lace and splendid diamonds.

Mrs. Rutter wore a sort of black brocade, bodice in white with jet, round short sleeves and round the low bodice handsome pearl ornaments.

Miss Malloch was in pretty pink gown.

Mrs. Hetherington, formerly of Toronto, was in a handsome white satin gown with pearl trimming.

Mrs. Clemow was richly dressed in yellow silk with black and cream lace.

Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson of St. Thomas, who is the guest of Mme. Laurier, had a beautiful gown in sea green brocade, with pearl embroidery, Medici collar and sea green ostrich tips in her hair.

Mrs. Casgrain of Montreal wore a cadet blue brocade with cream lace on the bodice and huge rose bouquet.

Mrs. Strathy of Montreal was beautifully gowned in cream silk and purple flowers.

Ladies on the Floor.

Among the Toronto ladies on the floor were Lady Gzowski, Mrs Edgar and daughters, Mrs George A Cox, Mrs W F Maclean, Miss Hodgins, Miss Dryman, Mrs Judge MacMahon, Mrs A P Rutter, Mrs E H Herbert Mason, and Miss Mason, Miss Thompson (daughter of Lady Thompson), Mrs Hetherington, Mrs Clemow.

From Hamilton were noticed Mrs. William Hendrie and two daughters, Mrs. A. T. Wood and Miss Wood and Miss Malloch.

One of the features of the opening display was the number of young women in attendance. They were given the upper bank on each side and were all handsomely dressed, with fresh and pleasant faces.

The Liberals and their wives were everywhere and triumphant in that they were having their turn after a long wait.

HONOR TO SIR CHARLES

Congratulations to the Leader and Lady Tupper

ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Voiced the Sentiments of the Delegation.

Members of the Senate and House of Commons Felicitate the Veteran War Horse in Words of Eulogy, and Tender Therewith the Beautiful Epergne, Which Was Fully Described on the Date of the Anniversary—Sir Charles Reviews the Years Since Confederation, and Returns Thanks in Eloquent Language.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—There was a pleasing function at the residence of Sir Charles Tupper this afternoon after the adjournment of both Houses. A deputation of Senators and members, headed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, waited upon the Opposition leader and presented him with a magnificent gift to commemorate the recent golden wedding anniversary of Sir Charles and Lady Tupper. Those present included Senators Clemow, Dickey, Wood, Reid, McDonald (P.E.I.), McDonald (C.B.), Sir William Hingston, Bernier, Primrose, Baird, Owens, McDonald (B.C.), O'Brien, and the following M.P.'s: Hon John Costigan, Hon D Tisdale, Mr Corby, Mr Ganong, Mr Carscallen, Mr Bennett, Mr Taylor, Mr Reid, Mr H F McDougall, Mr Ingram, Mr McCleary, Mr Clancy, Mr Macdiarmid, Dr Bethune, Mr Hale, Mr. Mills, Mr. Bergeron, Mr Quinn, Mr Cargill, Mr McDonald (P. E.I.).

Sir M. Bowell's Address.

Sir M. Bowell, in making the presentation, said:

On behalf of the Senators of Canada, I have very great pleasure in presenting to you and Lady Tupper, on the auspicious occasion of your golden wedding, this mark of their esteem for you, Lady Tupper and your family, not only personally, but in consideration of your long and faithful service, and the good that you have done, I will not say to the party alone, but to the country, and the various positions, responsible as they have been, that you have occupied. It would be useless for me to attempt to enlarge upon those services or to indulge in eulogy or flattery. This present is the best possible evidence that we can give to you that we appreciate your services. I regard it as a very great honor that I have been selected as the instrument to present this to you. The album, which is to accompany this, will be signed by all of the donors. When I say that I include nearly every Senator—certainly those of our party, and some of the others. I hope for myself, and I think I speak for every man in the Senate, that you may long be spared to look upon this as a memento presented by a class of men in whom I think you have full confidence.

Sir Charles' Reply.

Sir Charles Tupper replied as follows:

Sir Mackenzie Bowell and gentlemen: Any poor words that I can say will not adequately express my feelings and those of my wife, who, I regret to say, is not able to be down stairs yet, having been suffering from an attack of la grippe, but who very warmly sympathizes with and appreciates the kindness that has been extended to her and myself by our friends in the Senate. I need not say to you, as one of the fathers of Confederation, I attached then, and have continued to attach, the very greatest and gravest importance to the Senate as one of the great institutions of Canada. I think I have said on former occasions that at the time of Confederation delegates representing both parties in the various Provinces met at Quebec and laid the foundation, broad and deep, of our great Confederation. One of the subjects that demanded the most careful consideration at our hands was the construction of the Senate, or the upper branch of the Legislature. It was a very curious and striking fact, and one of no small historical importance, that although both the Liberal party, represented by the late Hon. Geo. Brown, Mr. Macdonald and Sir Oliver Mowat, and the Conservative party, represented by Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George Cartier and other leading members of the Conservative party in the various Provinces in Canada, came, after considering that question in the light of the fact that Canada had experienced an elective legislative council for many years, to the almost unanimous decision that the Senate should be nominative, and that each member should be chosen by the Government of the day, and for life. That decision was adopted with scarcely a dissenting voice. I can only say that I have watched the operation of the constitution of our country in the nomination of Senators for life with great care, and with great regard to the best interests of the country, from the time of its formation to the present, and I am more and more convinced of the wisdom that was exhibited by those who were charged with laying the foundation on that occasion in adopting the present system as the best in the interests of Canada.

Established a Record.

I can say that, having watched closely the manner in which that body has discharged its duty to the country from its formation down to the present hour, I am convinced that they have established a record that will bear most close and careful scrutiny. They have vindicated the adoption of that step by the manner in which they have discharged their duties in Parliament and in the country. I take this opportunity of mentioning that, because it is a question of some importance, and while occasionally wild proposals are agitated for reformation of the Senate they have been promulgated by persons who were not responsible at that time. The closer we come to examine the question, the more general is the consensus of opinion that it would be an unhappy hour for Canada if we did not possess the Senate, or that the Senate was not constituted as it is at present. I believe there has not been a time in the history of our country when the Senate has failed to discharge its duty, and I believe also that the present is an occasion in which they will have an opportunity of proving from time to time their value as a deliberative assembly, one which is in a position to review more carefully than those who are more immediately connected with heated electoral contests can have.

Deeply Appreciated.

Having thus expressed my high regard for the Senate of Canada as a body, I need not tell you how deeply I appreciate such a magnificent and magnanimous token of esteem. I can only say that, having devoted many years of my life to public affairs, it will be an additional incentive. If anything were required to stimulate one in his declining years, it would be found in this magnificent testimonial which the gentlemen connected with the Senate have given me as an appreciation of my public services. I feel also that I must take this opportunity of saying that there could have been no channel of communication between the Senators and myself that could render this present more valuable than to receive it from the hands of a gentleman who occupied the position of leader of the Conservative party in the Senate, and whose friendship it has always been my privilege and pleasure to enjoy from the first hour we met on the floor of the House of Commons. I wish to express again my infinite pleasure that this magnificent testimonial from the Senate should have been received from the hands of my old, trusted, personal friend, Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

It Is All Canadian.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell: "I may add that this present is made from Nova Scotia gold. Everything about it is Canadian except the glass, which could not be obtained here. The gold, onyx and wood are all from Nova Scotia. Being strong National Policy men, we gave instructions that it be made from our native products as far as possible."

The present, as explained at the time of the golden wedding, is a very handsome golden epergne, with five cut glass dishes, on an ebony stand.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Of an Ex-Conductor of the Street Railway—Turned on the Gas—A Narrow Escape.

Yesterday afternoon R. McNelliedge, who is living at 31 Marlborough-avenue, made a desperate attempt to leave town and the earth by the consumers' Gas Company's route. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was missed. The other inmates of the house, in looking for him upstairs, discovered a strong smell of gas. They burst open the door of his room and found him lying unconscious on the bed. The gas bracket had been unscrewed from the wall, showing that McNelliedge was determined to end his life. Dr. Foster was summoned. He worked with him for nearly two hours, and kept him alive. He was then removed to the General Hospital in the ambulance, where he is recovering from his rash deed.

McNelliedge is a married man, about 50 years of age, with a family of four, one son 20 years of age, two daughters and a son younger. He was a conductor on the street railway for three years. He resigned his position two months ago. Since then he has done little or nothing. He is a man who has seen better days. Those who know him attribute his rash act to despondency and domestic troubles.

Small Blaze on York-Street.

At 8.30 last night there was a $150 fire at 88 York-street, occupied by the Toronto Brass Supply Company. Cause supposed to be spontaneous combustion. Insured.

Terrible Depravity.

The two brothers of the Britton girls, the case in the West End, were arrested late last night and locked up in No. 7 Station, charged with a most serious offence.

Antique Furniture by Auction.

Messrs. C. J. Townsend & Co. will continue the sale of the collection of antique furniture to-day at 2.30 p.m.

Easy to order—"Salada" Ceylon Tea.

A FINAL WORD OF ADVICE.

CANADA (to youthful fisherman, who has been getting no bites): Don't throw away your bait there. Preserve it and try the pond, where the fishing is really better than here.

DINEENS' SPRING HATS.

The New Styles for This Year Are Neat and Nice.

The rather wintry weather of the past couple of days does not say that spring is at all backward. The winter has gone and now spring is here. With spring weather comes a demand for spring hats, and Dineens' store at King and Yonge-streets is the place to get the newest and best goods. Dineens have all the newest goods from the famous English and American makers, and can show you such an assortment that you are bound to be suited. Ask to see the Dineen Special.

Dineens are sole agents in Canada for Dunlap hats. They get the newest right along. Dunlap's silk hats cost $8, Dunlap's felt hats $5. Many of the English makers are following Dunlap's fashions, and the new shapes this spring are natty and becoming.

Dineens have some fine bargains in furs that they don't want to take into their temporary premises when they move next week. Call and see the snaps.

THE STATE DINNER.

Rideau Hall Was Wide Open Last Night—A Brilliant Reception by Her Excellency.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—The annual State dinner took place at Government House to-night. It lasted from 10 o'clock until midnight. Her Excellency was at home, and several hundred guests visited Government House. The gathering was a most brilliant one.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Mery del Val's Visit.

The London Universe, a prominent Catholic paper, is authority for the statement that Mery Del Val will represent the Pope at the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. This would imply that the stay of the Papal delegate in Canada is to be very short, as he will have to get back to London in good time for the great celebration.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W, evenings, 50c.

Special Values.

1000-page letter books, fine white paper, leather back and corners, $1.25 each. The Varsity Fountain Pen sells rapidly at $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

Walkden's blue black inks, perfectly fluid; an intense and lasting black; quarts 60c, pints 40c, 1-2 pints 25c. Use these inks and save time and worry. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street. Free samples on application.

"Bert" from 19 Leader-lane, having purchased 67½ Yonge-street, will be pleased to see his friends at the latter address.

Pember's Turkish baths, 129 Yonge.

Cheap Typewriters.

Remingtons, $15 up; Smith's, $40 to $50; first-class Yosts, $35 up; second-hand Bickensderfers, $25 up. Creelman Bros.' Typewriter Company, 19 Adelaide street east.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

Grand & Toy's List of Cable Codes.

Need a bath, eh? Well, try the Simplicity Cloth Bath, for imparting the exact amount of moisture for copying sheets. No flooded districts and arid wastes in your letter book; simply perfect. If it is a good thing, we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Baths, steam heated, 127 and 129 Yonge.

Good and cheap expresses the kind of open back white laundered shirts that Treble, 53 King west, sells for 50 cents—they were 75c.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is soothing.

KINGSTON-ROAD CINDER PATH.

The hotels along the Kingston-road that are interested in the construction of the proposed cinder path ought to get a move on and show that they appreciate the efforts that are being made to raise the funds for this purpose. There are four hotels at least that will be benefited by the cinder path, and these should respond in the same liberal way that the hotels along the Lake Shore-road did when the cinder path was laid on that highway. It is to be hoped the members of the Hunt Club will take an immediate interest in the project, as the path will be of great convenience to themselves and their friends. The East Toronto Bicycle Club ought to bestir itself and enter into communication with the city clubs to help the scheme along. The cinder path will be a much-needed convenience to a large number of wheelmen. Contributions to the fund ought to come in thick and fast. Let each one who thinks the path will be of benefit to him send along his subscription. Let the wheelmen in the banks, offices and business houses pass round the hat for a silver collection in aid of the fund. Yesterday only $3 was received. We ought to get at least $10 every day for the next 50 days. Previously acknowledged $34.50, J. P. Shaw $1, Robt. Burns $1, J. B. Rittenhouse $1.

Aids digestion and improves the complexion—Adams' Tutti Frutti. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5 cent package.

New patterns—hair-line blue stripe shirts—open back or front—two collars—a grand value—fine fitting—were one-twenty-five—selling for 90 cents.

Big Rush of Passengers to the Old Country This Coming Summer.

Berths for June and July are already being applied for; so passengers who wish to travel in comfort will please reserve accommodation at once at S. J. Sharp's ticket office, 78 Yonge-street.

The leading bicyclists use Adams' Tutti Frutti. It gives staying power. Allow no imitations to be palmed off on you.

See Prof. Chamberlain, Eye Specialist, about your eyes, 79 King-street east.

DEATHS.

DENNING—On March 25, 1897, at her late residence, 168 Bay-street, Florence F. Denning, beloved wife of F. J. Denning, aged 29 years.

Funeral from the above address Saturday, March 27, to St. James' Cemetery, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

DOBSON—On Tuesday, March 23, 1897, at his late residence, Winnipeg, Manitoba, James H. Dobson, son of the late James Dobson, Postmaster Yorkville, in the 45th year of his age.

Interment will take place at Winnipeg on Friday, March 26.

HAMILTON—On Wednesday, March 24, 1897, at his late residence, 71 Terauley-street, Toronto, William Hamilton, aged 77 years and 3 months.

Funeral from the above address on Saturday morning, the 27th, at 9 o'clock, to St. Michael's Cathedral, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Chicago, New York and Rochester papers please copy.

THOMPSON—At 124 Rose-avenue, March 25, Alice Snowdon, beloved wife of Joseph L. Thompson, sr., in her seventy-fifth year.

Funeral private, at 3 p.m., Saturday. Mount Pleasant No flowers, please.

TOWNSON—On Thursday, March 25, 1897, Henry Townson, sen., in the 78th year of his age.

Funeral private, from No. 4 McGill-street, to-day (Friday.)

Carlisle, England, papers please copy.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Premier Laurier Presents His Bill of Fare

WHICH WILL KEEP THE COMMONERS BUSY.

Several Newly-Made Senators Step on the Red Carpet and Sign the Roll.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Asks That the Terms of the Manitoba School Settlement Be Laid on the Table Before the Debate on the Address—Parliament May Adjourn at the End of May to Permit the Premier to Visit England—The Crow's Nest Pass and the C.P.R. Will Be Discussed—General Ottawa Topics.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—It is generally conceded that the opening ceremonies of Parliament to-day were the most brilliant seen in Ottawa for many a long year. The scene in the Senate Chamber when the Governor-General entered shortly after 3 was a striking one. There were more ladies in decolette costume than has ever been previously known, and there was not sufficient accommodation, many having to stand. Lord Aberdeen was accompanied by a brilliant suite, noticeable amongst whom were Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, Mr. Laurier, Gen. Gascoigne and our own dear Sir Oliver. The latter, for the first time, donned his official uniform as a Canadian Privy Councillor and possibly felt that all eyes were centered upon him. It was a subject of universal comment how well Sir Oliver looked. His early military training in the militia of Canada stood him in good stead to-day, as he bore himself like an old soldier.

Speech From the Throne.

The Governor having entered, the Commons were sent for and the speech from the throne was read, as follows:

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

In welcoming you on your attendance at the second session of the present Parliament I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidences which prevail throughout the Dominion of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen, and on the desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in a manner worthy of the joyous event, and I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial Government arrangements are being made for an effective presentation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the Capital of the Empire.

Immediately after the last session the Government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my Ministers on the subject of the grievances arising out of the act of that Province relating to education, passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation three members of the Manitoba Government came to Ottawa, and after many and protracted discussions, a settlement was reached between the two Governments, which was the best arrangement obtainable under the existing conditions of this disturbing question. I confidently hope that this settlement will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment of one another, mutual concessions and reciprocal good will.

A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff, which it is believed will provide the necessary revenue, and, while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our fiscal system more satisfactory to the masses of the people.

You will be asked to give your support to a bill abolishing the present expensive and unsatisfactory Franchise Act and adopting, for the election of members of the House of Commons, the franchises of the several Provinces.

My Government has determined that the advantages to accrue, both to our Western producers and the business interests of the whole Dominion, from the completion of the works for the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals, should no longer be deferred, and has, subject to the approval of Parliament, taken the initial steps for a vigorous prosecution of those works, and for the perfecting of the canal system by the close of the year 1898.

I have much satisfaction in informing you that arrangements have been completed which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial Railway system to reach Montreal, and thus share in the large traffic centreing in that city. The many advantages which will flow from this extension of that railway are apparent, and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal.

Appreciating the difficulties encountered by our farmers in placing their perishable food products on the English market in good condition, my Government has arranged a complete system of cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports and on steamers, by which these products can be preserved at the desired temperature during the whole journey from the point of production to Great Britain. The contracts made for this purpose will be laid before the House.

It is desirable that the mind of the people of Canada should be clearly ascertained on the subject of prohibition, and a measure enabling the electors to vote upon the question will be submitted for your approval.

The Behring Sea Claims Convention constituted during the past year to adjust the damages payable to the owners of the British sealing vessels seized by the cruisers of the United States on the high seas has completed taking the evidence submitted to it by the respective Governments of Her Majesty and the United States, and has adjourned for time to hear the arguments thereon on behalf of both Governments. I indulge the hope that a final and satisfactory adjudication of those long-delayed claims will now speedily be reached.

The calamity which has befallen our fellow-subjects in India has evoked a widespread sympathy in this country. The generous manner in which the appeal for practical tokens of this feeling has been responded to has elicited warm assurances of grateful acknowledgment from the Government of India, which have also been specially and heartily endorsed by the Imperial authorities.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be before you. The estimates of the coming year will be presented at an early day. They have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts from the ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the consolidated revenue. The proposed revision of the tariff and the application of strict economy in the administration of the Government will, I trust, restore the equilibrium between the income and expenditure.

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

Among the bills which have been prepared and will be submitted for your approval are bills amending the Superannuation Act and the Civil Service Act. These and other measures I commend to your earnest consideration, and express the hope that your deliberations under the Divine guidance will tend to increase the happiness and prosperity of every class in the Dominion.

The speech was of more than ordinary length, and as His Excellency had to wade through it twice, once in English and once in French, people got very tired of the French version. However, the more formal proceedings soon came to an end, and after the retirement of Their Excellencies there was a delightful and informal half hour, when the Senators and members mingled with the richly-dressed ladies and exchanged greetings.

The Senate Meets.

The Senate met this afternoon at 2.30 for a few minutes, when the new Senators appointed since last session were introduced and sworn in.

Hon. David Mills was first presented on the carpet by Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. R. W. Scott, and, after taking the oath, signed the roll. He was followed by Senator Cox, the new member from Toronto, and Senator King of New Brunswick, both of whom were also introduced by Sir Oliver and Hon. Mr. Scott.

The Senate then adjourned during pleasure, and resumed its session after the reading of the Speech from the Throne by His Excellency.

Senator Scott introduced a bill respecting railways, and proposed a motion, which was accepted, fixing Monday for the consideration of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The School Question.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell asked whether the terms of the settlement of the school question would be laid before the Senate before Saturday or prior to the discussion on the address. It would be difficult to deal with this important question without having the exact terms of the settlement.

Senator Scott said that the terms of the settlement would be laid before the House prior to the discussion of the address, but he might say now that there was no correspondence on the subject.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell: Neither before or after?

Senator Scott: No.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On the Commons Side.

Over on the Commons side the Liberals had their little jubilation, as five new members supporting Mr. Laurier were introduced to one on the Conservative side. Mr. Sifton came in between Mr. Laurier and Mr. Sutherland, as also did Mr. Snetsinger, the new member for Cornwall. Mr. Mulock and Patron Douglas introduced Duncan Graham of North Ontario. Mr. Heyd of Brant came in between Mr. Laurier and Hon. Billy Paterson, while Mr. Davis, the new member for Saskatchewan, was introduced by Mr. Laurier and Whip Sutherland.

Then the Commons asserted its right to legislate before considering the Speech from the Throne by introducing a formal bill.

Mr. Laurier's motion that the Speech be taken into consideration to-morrow was adopted and the House adjourned.

Debate on the Address.

The debate on the address in the Commons will not be concluded to-morrow, and may last the whole of next week. There will, however, be an amendment from the Conservative side, although there is talk tonight of a Quebec Conservative introducing an amendment on the school question. A change may be made in the mover and seconder, Mr. Russell is to move and Mr. Ethier to second the address.

The Famine Fund.

His Excellency the Governor-General has

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Fair Weather.

PROBS: Fair, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Steamship Movements.

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Pajatia	New York	Hamburg
H. H. Meier	New York	Bremen
Trave	New York	Bremen
Norwegian	Glasgow	New York