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Manitoba Legislature.

The provincial legislature of Manitoba was opened on Feb. 2. The governor's address refers to the necessity of a more stringent measure respecting san tation, in view of the cholera epidemic in Europe last year, and its possible revival. Railway extension and immigration is referred to as having made good progress the past year. The following paragraphs also occur in the address: in the address

The increasing fluancial responsibilities of my government make it imperative that the province should avail itself of every possible source of revenue, and to that end you will be asked to consider a, measure for the imposition of duties upon properties passing by succession. with the object of raising revenue for provincial purpeses.

You will also be asked to provide a further sum to make provision for the proper representation of the products of the province at Chica-go, during the progress of the World's Colum-bian exposition, so that people from all parts of the world may have an opportunity of securing the fullest information regarding Manitoba as an agricultural country.

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You will be asked to consider an set to amend the public schools act, the lunacy act, the county courts act, the liquor license act, the surrogate courts act, the municipal boundaries act, the bills of sale act, and an act respecting the registration of lien notes, hire receipts and orders for chattels in registry and land titles offices.

Taxing Stocks.

At a meeting of the legislative committee of the Winnipeg city council, held last week, Aiderman Bole moved the following resolutions: tions:

"This committee recommended to the council that the legislature be petitioned to amend the municipal act, or pass a special act appli-cable to this city, abolishing the tay on per-sonal property and establishing in licu thereof a tax on rental values of not more than ten a tax on rental values of not more than ten per cent, but when the rental value exceeds \$1 per square foot per anuum of floor occupied, the tax shall not exceed ten per cent of said limit of \$1 per square foot; and when the rental value falls below twenty cents per square foot of floor occupied the tax levied shall not be less then ten per cent of said limit of twenty cents per square foot; preparely defined have cents per square foot; properly defined base-ments and garrets not to be considered when assessments are made on maximum or mimimum limits, properly defined outside or storage warehouses not to be subject to maximum or minumin limits, but to be taxed ten per cent. on actual rental value. All properly defined places of amusement or entertainment to be exempt from rental value tax but to pay a license in lieu thereof."

A deputation of jobbers were present and were heard. Strong speeches were made by Messrs. Ashdown, Bethume, Galt, Riley and Whitla, showing the great injustice of the present system of taxation, which threatens to drive the jobbers out of the city.

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