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PARLIAMENT OF CANADA OPENS A WAR SESSION

Speech from the Throne Speaks of the Loyalty of the Dominion and Proposes to Pay the Canadian Contingents While Away.

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Ottawa, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The gentleman usher of the Black Rod has made his duplicated three bows, His Excellency the Governor-General has read the speech from the throne, and the members of the Senate and the Commons have broken silence; and the fifth and probably last session of the eighth Parliament of Canada is begun.

The formal opening was begun at 2 in the afternoon, when the Senators gathered in their chamber, and after reading prayers swore in the new clerk, S. R. O. Chaptain.

New Senators Greeted. This was followed by the introduction of two new Senators, Hon. Mr. Falford and Hon. M. Burpee, by Senators Mills and Scott. It was 3.30 before the Senate adjourned, "during pleasure," to await the arrival of His Excellency.

The Governor-General Arrives. As the vice-regal party entered the Parliament grounds the guns of Nepean Point battery boomed out their salute. The Princess Louise Dragoons, and the Governor-General's Foot Guards in gorgeous uniform, made up the escort. The Governor-General was given the royal salute, and the band played a few bars of the National Anthem as the entourage drew up to the main entrance.

Great Social Display. His Excellency entered the Senate Chamber, where had gathered hundreds of beautifully gowned women and their escorts, while the galleries above were thronged with interested spectators. The Senate Chamber presented a brilliant sight. The magnificent gowns of the women, the resplendent attire of dignitaries of church and state, and the scarlet and gold of the military officers, created a magnificent and pleasing and majestic. The pomp and circumstance were present in as great a measure as ever, while the expected reference in the speech by Canada's share in the Transvaal war made every one wear a look of enthusiastic interest.

The Commons called in. In the meantime the Commons had gathered in the House to the number of about 100. The gentleman usher of the Black Rod knocked in a traditional way, making one hark back in thought to early English history. He was admitted, bowed in an electric manner, and proclaimed in two languages. His Excellency, the Governor-General, desired the immediate attention of the honorable House in the Chamber of the Senate.

Bowing, he looked out of sight, amid the hearty applause of the members, who had marked his perfect precision. The members, headed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who bore the bauble, made famous by Cromwell, then filed away to the Senate.

The Speech from the Throne. His Excellency, seated, read the speech from the throne in a voice remarkable for its cultured modulation, rather than for its distinctness. It was a long effort, and being read in both French and English, called a rustic of uneasiness among the auditors before it was finished. The speech was worded as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: It is my solemn duty to congratulate you on the combined prosperity of the Dominion and on the remarkable increase in the general volume of the revenue and of the exports and imports of the country.

Hostilities having unfortunately broken out during the recess between Great Britain and the South African Republic, it appeared to my Ministers expedient to anticipate the action of Parliament by equipping and forwarding two contingents of volunteers to the seat of war as a practical evidence of the profound devotion and loyalty of the entire people of this Dominion to the sovereign and institutions of the British Empire.

Lord Strathcona's Patriotism. In this connection it is a matter of pride and gratification to the people of this Dominion that, in addition to the contingents sent by the Government, another Canadian force is being organized and despatched at the personal expense of the High Commissioner of Canada. This generous and patriotic action upon the part of Lord Strathcona reflects high honor on him and on the Dominion he represents.

Her Majesty's appreciation. I have been instructed to convey to you Her Majesty's high appreciation of the loyalty and patriotism thus displayed, which, following the preference shown to the present contingents of British manufacture, has had the happiest effect in cementing and increasing the cordial relations subsisting between Canada and the Mother Country.

Provision for the Cost. A bill will be submitted for your approval making provision for the equipping and paying the Canadian contingents.

Inspection of Exports. The measures which have been taken from time to time to facilitate the safe transportation of foodstuffs to European markets have resulted in a large increase in the production of these important articles of produce, and it has become necessary in the interest of this important branch of industry to require a more careful inspection than the present regulations permit of the quality of the produce, and to increase the number of inspectors to be appointed by the people of Canada to increase

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THE CLOKE KNOCKED OUT

Montreal City Council This Year Will Be Almost Entirely of New Blood.

PREFONTAINE RE-ELECTED MAYOR.

But the Old Aldermen Have Been Routed—Not One Left to Tell the Tale.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Montreal has passed through a very exciting election, and this evening it can be said, the clique that has ruled at one City Hall for years has been routed, horse, foot and artillery. Not one man has been left, in fact, to tell the tale.

Mayor Prefontaine, as every one expects, has been re-elected by a large majority. The figures stand as reported, 11,555 for Prefontaine and 8650 for Doyon, although other reports give the Mayor's majority at 2040.

Reform Wave Was Violent. The reform wave swept with great violence over both the business and residential wards, among the English and French alike. Alderman Stevenson, the veteran chairman of the Finance Committee, has been defeated in the West Ward by Mr. Charles F. Smith, by a vote of 322 to 248.

The greatest victory, however, for reform was in the Centre Ward, where Alderman McInnes, chairman of the Finance Committee, was defeated by Mr. Callie Ledebour by a majority of 15.

In St. Ann's, Alderman Almsella was defeated by Mr. D. Tansley by 327; and in Hochelaga, Alderman Dupree, M. P., went down before Mr. Lariviere, by a vote of 900 to 822.

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THE ENEMY NOT TO BE SEEN.

Dundonald's Reconnaissance in the Direction of Hogser's Spruit Found Boer Clear.

Spearman's Camp, Tuesday, Jan. 30.—Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance in the direction of Hogser's Spruit found the road clear. The enemy was not to be seen.

215 MEN ARE MISSING. After the Fight at Spion Kop, and This Completes the List of British Casualties.

London, Feb. 1.—The War Office completes this evening the list of the British casualties at Spion Kop by announcing the names of 215 missing men of various regiments, including 137 members of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

CHURCHILL SIZES IT UP. Buller's Difficulties Presented in Concise Form to the People of Great Britain.

London, Feb. 2.—Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, in the Morning Post to-day, discusses a long despatch from Mr. Winston Churchill, dated at Pretoria, Natal, and describing the situation in Natal. He says: "This despatch deserves to be closely read. It is an appeal to the public at home, and, as it has been passed by the censor, may be taken to represent the feeling of General Buller's army."

Very Little News. Cable scraps received during the last 24 hours do not furnish illuminating military operations. Various independent correspondents confirm the report that Gen. Buller told his troops on Jan. 28 that he hoped to relieve Ladysmith within a week. It is believed in some quarters that the Boer army is in contact with the Boer army.

Losses Total 1985. A further list of casualties published by the War Office brings the total from the crossing of the Tugela to the abandonment of Spion Kop to 1985 officers and men.

IS BULLER ADVANCING AGAIN? St. James Gazette Prints a Story That He Has Again Crossed the Tugela River.

London, Feb. 1.—(4.30 p.m.)—The St. James Gazette to-day reported on good authority that Gen. Buller has crossed the Tugela River at three places, and that fighting has been proceeding all day long.

War Office Has No News. London, Feb. 1.—(4.30 p.m.)—The War Office has no news of Gen. Buller's alleged movements as reported by the St. James' Gazette. The paper says it has no reason to doubt the correctness of its information, although it has not yet returned the exact positions Gen. Buller sent.

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