

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE OPENED

Brilliant Ceremony is Witnessed by Throng Who Taxed Capacity of Galleries and Assembly Chamber—The Imposing Military Display—First Government Legislation of Session is Amendment to Public Health Act.

In every way as brilliant a ceremonial as ever seen in this city was the opening of the second session of the fifth Legislature of New Brunswick.

Up to the time of writing everything had passed off smoothly and

was accompanied by Col. George Rolt White, D. O. C., Lieut. Col. J. D. B. F. McKenzie, A. D. C., and Mr. R. S. Barker, Private Secretary. In a private barouche following were Lieut. Col. Chhnic, R. C. R., Lieut. Col. Surgeon Bridges, P. A. M. C., A. D. C.,



LIUENTANANT GOVERNOR TWEEDIE.

without a hitch, and the excellent manner in which all details of the ceremony were carried out was a revelation to many of the spectators. The crowds interested in the ceremony were swelled by the large number of strangers in the city attending the two conventions which have been in progress this week.

New Member Sworn In.

The first ceremonies took place at 12 o'clock noon in the Assembly Chambers when Mr. George W. Upham, member-elect for Carleton, was sworn in. There were few spectators present at the time and the ceremony was only of a formal nature. The oath was administered by Mr. H. B. Rainsford, Clerk of the House, in the presence of Chief Justice Barker.

The Guard of Honor.

At 2:15 p. m. H. Company, R. C. R., assembled at the Military Depot and about 2:30 o'clock paraded to the Parliament buildings, headed by the 71st Regiment Band. The guard was about 70 strong and was commanded

Major Fiset, R. C. R., and other members of the military staff.

The booming of the salute of fifteen guns was the signal for those within the Legislature of the arrival of His Honor. The salute was fired by members of the 19th Field Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, of Moncton, who were in command of Major Anderson. They arrived in the city last evening and this morning put their three nine-pound guns in position on the promenade near the B. & B. Club House. Sergt. Major Duncan, P. A. M. C., was stationed with the battery, while the salute was fired as medical officer.

As His Honor stepped from his barouche the band played the National Anthem and the Guard of Honor stood at presented arms.

IN ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

Interesting Ceremony With Brilliant Surroundings.

In the Assembly Chamber the scene was one of dazzling brilliancy. The galleries were thronged with men and women to their utmost capacity, while on the floors of the House there was not sufficient room for the many guests who had been invited to have places there. The striking colors of the gowns and hats of the ladies were in noticeable contrast with the sombre hue of the black clothes of the men.

The Speech from the Throne.

The speech from the throne was then read by His Honor.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. J. A. Murray, M. P. P. for Kings, seconded by Dr. Bourque, M. P. P. for Kent. Both are fluent speakers and their remarks were greeted with applause from time to time.

At the conclusion of the speaking the first Government bill of the session was introduced by Premier Hazen, who brought in a bill amending the Public Health Act.

During the proceedings Mr. Upham, of Carleton, was introduced by Hon. Mr. Robinson and Hon. Mr. McKeown.

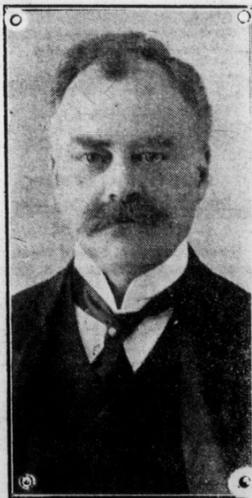
Some of Those Present.

Among the wives of members having seats upon the floors of the House were noticed Mrs. L. J. Tweedie, Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer, Mrs. H. F. McLeod, Mrs. J. A. Murray, Mrs. George W. Upham, Mrs. W. B. Dickson, Mrs. George Prescott, and others.

Other prominent guests having seats upon the floors of the House were Dr. J. W. Robertson, principal of MacDonald College; Mr. George Ham and Mr. H. P. Timmerman, of the C. P. R.; Chief Justice Barker; Judge McLeod; Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education; Mayor Chestnut; the Bishop of Fredericton, and many others.

There was a fair sized attendance of members the opening day, although not as large as last year, as it was then the first session of the new House. Some of the members will not arrive here until early next week.

The interested spectators on the floors of the House included Mrs. Chas. Morrissy and Miss M. Morrissy, of Newcastle.



HON. J. D. HAZEN,

Premier and Attorney General of New Brunswick.

by Lieut. E. L. duDomaine, with Lieut. Willis as subaltern, while the band was 24 strong and in charge of Bandmaster Sergt. James White.

H. Company made an excellent appearance as the Guard of Honor and were reviewed by Col. White, D. O. C., and other officers present.

Boom of Cannons on Governor's Arrival.

It was about 3 o'clock when His Honor the Lieutenant Governor arrived at the Parliament buildings. His Honor was preceded by Sheriff Sterling and Coroner Wainwright, and

SPEECH FROM THRONE

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you on again assembling for the discharge of your Legislative duties.

Our thanks are due to Divine Providence for the prosperity which the Province has enjoyed during the past year. The prices obtained for farm products have been good, there has been employment at remunerative wages for all who are willing to work, and while some of the sister Provinces and many of the States of the American Union suffered very severely from forest fires New Brunswick was exempt from great material disasters.

The celebration of the 300th anniversary of the landing of Champlain at Quebec was one of the principal events of the year. The presence of the Prince of Wales, the Vice-President of the United States and of representatives of the French Republic and the British possessions, made the gathering a notable one and served to emphasize the friendly feeling which exists between Great Britain and the other nations represented as well as between the different provinces of Canada and the two great races from which most of her population are descended.

During the summer New Brunswick was visited by a delegation of Scotch farmers and while it is to be regretted that their visit was a brief one it is pleasing to note that they expressed themselves as being greatly impressed with the agricultural possibilities of the Province and the advantages and attractions it possesses for settlers from the Motherland.

A fire occurred at the Provincial Hospital in St. John during the month of January last, but I am pleased to be able to say that largely in consequence of the good judgment and coolness displayed by the officials of the Institution and of the efforts of the Fire Departments of St. John and Fairville no lives were lost, none of the patients were in any way injured and the damage to the asylum building was confined largely to one of the ells of the Institution. A great calamity and disaster was averted for which the people of the Province have every reason to be thankful.

I regret deeply the fact that the McDonald Consolidated School at Kingston was recently destroyed by fire. This Institution was erected through the munificence and generosity of Sir William McDonald, who has done so much to promote technical and agricultural education in Canada and was an Institution of which the Province had every reason to be proud. It was the first Consolidated School erected in New Brunswick and its influence for good upon the Educational system of the country had been very marked.

The important question of the respective rights of the Federal and Provincial Governments in the fisheries of the Province and the regulation thereof still remains unsettled. In the month of February, 1908, my Government was informed that Mr. Samuel Tovel Bastedo had been appointed an agent on behalf of the Government of Canada to consider and discuss with the authorities of the Provinces all matters concerning the rights and jurisdiction of the Government of Canada and of the Provinces in respect to the fisheries under the British North America Act, which communication was laid before my Ministers and the Federal Government was informed that they were prepared to meet the agent of the Government at any time that might be arranged to discuss these matters with a view of having the same settled. Up to the present time however neither Mr. Bastedo nor anyone else acting on behalf of the Government of Canada has communicated with my Government in regard to this matter. My Government has called the attention of the Dominion Government to this question and has also pressed for a settlement of outstanding claims in connection with fisheries matters against the Dominion Government and will continue to do so.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the Act passed at the last Session, providing for auditing the Public Accounts, a new and modern system of book keeping has been introduced into all the Departments and a continuous audit now takes place. The new system is proving satisfactory and is admirably adapted for the purposes of the Province and for safeguarding the public revenue.

At the last Session legislation was enacted providing for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the Agricultural conditions of the Province. I am pleased to intimate that such a Commission was appointed soon after the close of the last Session, that it has diligently pursued its enquiries and has held meetings at more than one hundred places in the Province. It also visited the Agricultural Colleges at Truro and Saint Anne De Bellevue. A report of its labors will be presented to you at an early day.

In pursuance of an Act passed at the last Session a Commission was appointed to enquire into certain matters connected with the Central Railway Company and The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. The report of this Commission will be submitted during the Session.

During recess arrangements were made by my Government by which the readers, reographies and certain other books used in the Common Schools were supplied at a reduced price of about forty per cent. It will, I am sure, be gratifying to you to know that commencing with the next school year a similar reduction will be made in the price of nearly all the other books that are necessary in the Common School curriculum.

As announced at the last Session my Government invited the Municipal Councils of the Province to consider the provisions of the Highway Act and to make suggestions for its improvement. This request was met by most of the Councils in a fair spirit, and while the principle of the Act was approved of in most cases, some valuable suggestions were made with regard to its details. These suggestions have been carefully considered and a bill amending the Act and incorporating some of them will be introduced at the present Session.

The Territorial Revenue of the Province during the past year was the largest in its history and it is estimated that the returns for the present year will be in excess of those of any previous year.

My Government took advantage of large sales of thoroughbred horses in Kentucky, under unusually favorable circumstances, to make an importation for the purpose of improving the stock of general purpose horses. Unfortunately an embargo declared the admission of any stock from the United States into Canada was declared immediately after the horses were purchased and in consequence large additional expense was incurred before the embargo was removed and the horses could be brought to the Province. The demand for these horses however was so great and they created such a favourable impression that they sold for prices that were sufficient to cover all expenses in connection with the importation.

During the recess a Committee of the Executive Council visited the iron mines on the Nepisiguit River in the County of Gloucester and were greatly impressed by the quantity and quality of the iron deposits. An eminent mining authority has reported that he considers these mines the most valuable in Canada and that they contain the largest body of iron ore known to him to exist in the Dominion. A Bill to encourage the development of these ore deposits will be introduced at this Session.

A Bill will also be introduced to encourage the development of the antimony mines in the Parish of Prince William in the County of York where there is a large and valuable deposit of this metal and where a smelter is now being erected.

During recess my Government appointed a Superintendent of Immigration with headquarters at the City of Saint John and you will be asked to make provision for the organization of an Immigration Service in Great Britain and New Brunswick by means of which it is hoped to attract to the Province persons with capital who will purchase farms that are now for sale, and farm laborers and others. It will also be the duty of the officials in Great Britain to place before capitalists the advantages which the Province possesses as a manufacturing and industrial centre.

You will be invited to consider bills to amend the Liquor License Act, The Game Act, The Judicature Act, and a Bill to aid in the prevention and suppression of Tuberculosis.

Other measures will also be submitted for your consideration.

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the past year as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will also be submitted to you and I think you will find that they have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I assure you of my full confidence in your patriotism and zeal for the public interest.

Election of Hon. George J. Clarke, M. P. P., as Speaker Did Not Occasion a Division of House—Leader of Opposition Seconded Nomination by Premier Hazen and Proceedings Were According to Old Custom.

Commencing at 2:30 o'clock with prayers by Rev. J. W. McConnell, the chaplain, the ceremony in the Legislature was well in progress before the Lieutenant Governor and his staff arrived. The Clerk of the House read the certificates of the resignation of

and privileges; especially freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in debate, access to Your Honor when they think the public service requires it; and that the most favorable construction be put upon all their proceedings. And on my behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly." The Clerk of the House replied as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, His Honor hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and he doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

"With respect to yourself, Mr. Speaker, though His Honor is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, His Honor will ever put the most favorable construction on your words and actions."

THE STATE DINNER.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will give the usual state dinner at the Queen Hotel this evening.

Covers will be laid for thirty-four and during the progress of the dinner music will be furnished by Hanley's orchestra.

Lieutenant Governor Tweedie will have Bishop Richardson on his right and Chief Justice Barker on his left. Opposite His Honor will be Premier Hazen with Judge McLeod on his right and Col. G. Rolt White, D. O. C., on his left.

The others present will be: Provincial Secretary Flemming, Hon. George J. Clarke, Speaker, Hon. John Morrissy, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Hon. R. Maxwell, Hon. Dr. Landry, Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition.

Mr. J. A. Murray, M. P. P., mover of the address.

Dr. Bourque, M. P. P., seconder of the address.

Rev. J. W. McConnell, Chaplain.

Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education.

Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of University.

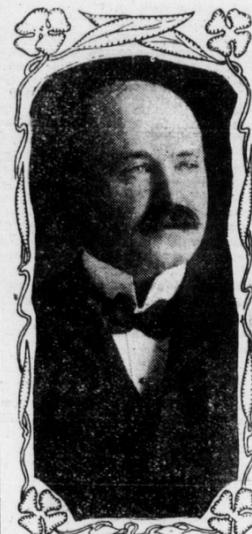
Mr. C. A. Duff Miller, Agent General at London.

Dr. J. W. Robertson, Principal of MacDonald College.

Lt. Col. Surgeon MacLaren, P.O.M.O.

Major Fiset, R. C. R.

Major Anderson, Commander of Battery.



HON. GEORGE J. CLARKE,

Member for Charlotte county, elected Speaker of the Legislature To-day.

Hon. Donald Morrison as Speaker of the Legislature and member for Northumberland, and of the election of Hon. J. P. Burchill at the bye-election, also of the resignation of Mr. B. Frank Smith as member for Carleton county and the election of Mr. George W. Upham in his place.

Then the Clerk of the House announced the permission of the Lieutenant Governor for the election of a Speaker.

The Premier, addressing the Clerk of the House, who pointed to him and then sat down, proposed to the House for their Speaker Mr. George J. Clarke, M. P. P. for Charlotte, and moved that Mr. Clarke take the chair.

The motion was seconded by Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition, who complimented Mr. Clarke upon his elevation to the position of Speaker.

The Clerk put the motion, which was carried without division.

The Clerk of the House then declared Mr. Clarke duly elected and he was taken out of his place by Premier Hazen and Hon. Mr. Robinson and escorted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he addressed the House, thanking them for the honor that they had conferred upon him and stating that he relied upon the courtesy and forbearance of both sides of the House, which had always been shown to his predecessors.

The Governor's Arrival.

The Speaker then sat down in the chair and a few moments later the Lieutenant Governor entered the House, after being announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms, accompanied by his staff. The added brilliancy of the military uniforms of the officers made the scene one which will not soon be forgotten, while the galleries were filled with others fighting for admission, but with poor success.

The Speaker then addressed His Honor as follows:

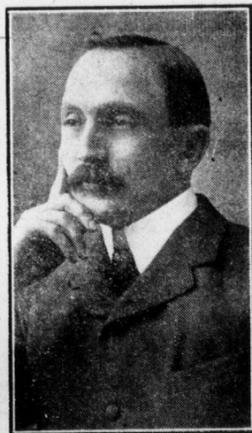
"May it please Your Honor: Your Honor having communicated your pleasure to the Legislative Assembly they proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honorable position, and I am now presented for Your Honor's approval."

The Clerk of the House then said: "Mr. Clarke, I am commanded by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the Legislative Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

Usual Privileges Granted to House.

The Speaker then addressed His Honor as follows:

"May it please Your Honor: Your Honor having been pleased to approve of the choice of the Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name and on behalf of the Assembly to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights



DR. BOURQUE, M. P. P.,

Member for Kent county, who seconded the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Lt. duDomaine, Commander of the Guard of Honor.

Mayor Chestnut, of Fredericton.

Mr. W. A. Londoun, Auditor General.

Mr. J. Howe Dickson, Clerk of the Executive Council.

Mr. H. B. Rainsford, Clerk of the House.

Sheriff Sterling.

Dr. Wainwright, Coroner.

Lt. Col. J. D. B. F. McKenzie, A.D.C.

Lt. Col. J. W. Bridges, A. D. C.

Mr. R. S. Barker, Private Secretary.

Notes on Legislature.

The changes made in the seating arrangements for the members are that Mr. Murray of Kings takes the place vacated by Speaker Clarke, Mr. Jones of Kings takes the place vacated by Mr. Smith, while Mr. Upham takes Mr. Murray's place and Mr. Burchill will take Mr. Jones' seat.