

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1885.

The Provincial Legislature.

This afternoon at three o'clock, His Honor the Honorable Andrew Archibald Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor, opened the third session of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly.

Upon His Honor's arrival at the Provincial Building he was received by a Guard of Honor under the command of Capt. McLeod, of Hunter River, in the Council Chamber.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

It is with much pleasure that I meet you at this time for the transaction of the public business.

As you will be confident, with me in the expression of deep thankfulness to Almighty God that it is my duty to acknowledge with feelings of the most sincere gratitude.

The Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1885, recently submitted to Parliament, contain the following appropriations for this Province:

For the year ending 31st March, 1885, the total amount of the Province's debt is \$1,000,000, and the amount of the Province's assets is \$1,000,000.

It is with great regret that we chronicle today the death of Lawrence Kirkham, Esquire, which occurred at his residence, St. Ann's West, on the 10th inst.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The annual meeting of the Merchants Bank of the Island was held on Monday last.

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Parliamentary Notes.

Sir Leonard Tilley in rising to deliver the Budget Speech was received with prolonged cheering.

The following will be found to contain a fair summary of the speech which occupied some four hours in delivery.

He directed attention to the financial condition of the country and to the progress of the Government's necessary expenditure.

He proposed to show that, while the aggregate expenditure had increased, the tax revenue had not advanced proportionately.

From 1874 to 1879 the average yearly expenditure was \$23,900,000. The difference between this and the present annual expenditure was about seven and a half millions, but there had been no extraordinary items.

These are the chief increases and the reason for them. In 1884 the expenditure for railways and other public works was \$1,000,000 more than in 1879.

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The War in the Sudan.

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