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## HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE :

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It gives me much pleasure to welcome you to this the first session of the hundred and third Parliament of Canada for the consideration of public business.

I am gratified to note that the able administration of the present Government has effected an enormous increase in the price of hogs and eggs and has been instrumental in bringing about the total abolition of hydrophobia, thus saving the population of our fair Dominion from the danger of complete extermination.

One thing alone gives us cause for regret on this most auspicious occasion of the opening of His Majesty's Parliament. Since the last meeting of this august body of Commoners the nation has been called to suffer a loss unparalleled in the annals of ancient or modern history. The calamity resulting from the failure of the potato crop in Ireland or the devastation caused by the grass hoppers of two summers ago, sinks into insignificance when compared with the loss which the nation experienced this year in the decease of her most beloved, illustrious and gracious sovereign, King Edward VII. Even after the lapse of five months the subject is so painful that we will forbear from discussing it further, but the obsequies for our deceased monarch having been solemnized what more can this august body of men do than let his bones repose in peace. The bitterness of our sorrow is only mitigated by the accession to the throne of his illustrious son whose executive ability and diplomatic power promises to even surpass that of his distinguished Pa. Even at this early period in his administration he has shown his wisdom by sending his representative, the Hon. George Johnson, K.C.M.G.X.Y.Z., to the Premier of this House with promises of an immediate decrease in the duty on figs and prunes which are shipped into this country. By this measure, these dainty morsels may be bought at such a reduced price that even the internal cravings of the carnivorous bipeds at the coonables, may be supplied without exhausting the funds of the House.

Wide and extensive plans have been made for the extending and improving of our Athletic Fields. Already vast stretches of waste land have been stumped, stoned and sticked, and that plot of ground that once resembled the back yard of a Jew's junk shop, has been converted into two spacious commodious, supermagnephoneous, tennis courts. No longer will the players be interrupted in their games by the unceremonious entering of grocery waggons, milk carts or wheelbarrows; no longer shall the knights of the tennis ball suffer nervous prostration from the coy glances cast at them from the upper windows of the ladies' departments; all is changed and the tennis "Deuce" and "Love", in place of

being used as in former times in referring to wheelbarrows and ladies, have now been solely restricted in their use to tennis. Much as has been done for the young gentlemen, infinitely more will be done for the fair "Daughters of Eve." Through the inefficiency of former Governments, the ladies were obliged to play on ground so rough, that their physical strength was completely exhausted in climbing the hills and jumping the ditches on the tennis court, while to this was added the increased danger experienced in climbing the trees in search of tennis balls that had lodged in the over-hanging branches. With that thoroughness that has characterized every action of the Government, we are determined to provide enough tennis courts on the bay of Quinte for each lady and her aspiring "opposite."

Again, there is no member present who has not noticed the miserable, indescribable, lamentable, contemptible, calamitable, deplorable, despicable condition of the Athletic Fields. Numberless petitions have been made to former Governments to remedy this standing evil. None had the courage to face the task. It was not until after years of ominous silence broken only by the despairing cries of disappointed petitioners and the groans of unfortunate athletes who had dislocated their bones on the rough field, that this Government determined to save further doctors' bills by the remodelling of the Athletic Field after the fashion of the Coliseum at Rome. In spite of the enormous amount of work that this will entail, it is the present Government's purpose to engage an army of skilled workmen to cut down the mountains and fill up the gorges. A magnificent, architectural "dream of stone" will also be erected where the excited fans may in the words of Cæsar cry "æra deripere," which being translated is, "paw the air." A single instance of the Government's foresighted policy in connection with her department of athletics will suffice. Realizing that the emaciated, hump-backed, pigeon-chested frames of the students must be developed, expanded and enlarged; realizing that their success as students alone rested on the fact that their massive brain was carried about on a powerfully built body, the Government determined to explore the country from pole to pole in search of the most capable man whose duty would be to see that the Freshmen did not hang themselves in the gymnasium, nor scald themselves to death in the shower bath. Our search has been rewarded and this evening, gentlemen, we are proud to say that we have in the Hon. Mr. Strongman, the only STRONG MAN that could be found. Not content with levelling the field and building the extensive amphitheatre, the Government will provide a treadmill for runners to practice upon. This mill will be attached to a straw cutter, so that the athlete when running will also cut the corn for the Doctor's horse and by so doing will make the machine pay for itself, thereby keeping down the Government's expense, and also his own superfluous flesh.

For years the country has suffered from the inefficiency of the mail system. Letters were so long on the way that some were actually

mouldy, while others through the absent-mindedness of heart-stricken probationers were never addressed, with the result that the post offices were soon flooded with a large number of dead-letters. In despair his Majesty called upon the present Government to save the situation from irretrievable ruin. Messages were sent throughout the realm in search of a man of the highest reputation. Their labors have been rewarded and tonight we have at the head of the mail department the Hon. Mr. Hie. In one thing only is he deficient. As the official carrier of His Majesty's mail he has been found to be too high while not sufficiently lengthy, so that a bill will be brought down for your consideration requiring this occupant of the Opposition's Bench to forthwith exchange his pedal extremities for a more suitable pair now in possession of a clerk in Don Bleeker's Pharmacy.

Never in the history of the present country have the various lines of public works been carried out on such an extensive scale as at the present. At an immense cost a large gang of two men has been engaged during the summer in excavating a tunnel of great size in order to drain the land now occupied by the tennis courts. The water thus carried off will be used in irrigating the 1000's of acres about the college, so that on the following year there may be a sufficient number of squash and pumpkins grown to fill the yawning chasms at the coon table with one feed of pie.

Again the students of this institution have experienced the greatest difficulty in getting to the railway station in time, by the present circuitous route that they are obliged to take. After considerable time had been spent in negotiating with the tribes of Thorold, our honorable representative by his diplomacy at length succeeded in getting the people of that borough to co-operate with the present Government in the building of a second bridge. Already the piers have been built and soon a structure that will rival the mighty Quebec Bridge will be spanning the turbulent Moira River.

Realizing that the key of a nation's power lies in her sturdy class of yeomen, the Government has made many notable changes and valuable improvements in the Department of Agriculture. Tonight we have only to look northward for an example of the present Government's enterprise. The barn at Guelph Agricultural College, yea, even Dryden's massive straw shed can only be likened to chicken coops in comparison with the model barn which we have just erected to the north of the present buildings. Nothing that the genius of man could devise was overlooked in the construction of that spacious building. From cellar to garret, every nail is guaranteed to be rat proof while the thick walls will prevent the cold from escaping in the most rigorous weather. For years the work of raising chickens was seriously hampered by the repeated attacks of midnight marauders. Whole flocks of chickens and ducks have been known to

mysteriously vanish in one night, the feathers alone remaining as a relic of their former greatness. However with the present barn that the Government has built with its chicken quarters, the life of a chicken is assured and he can now live to a ripe old age without fear of losing his identity. This has encouraged the drooping spirits of the farmer to once more engage in the poultry business on an extensive scale. At the last chicken census that was taken, 3 chickens and an old hen answered to the roll call.

By reason of the great increase in the last few years in the number of students desirous of having their thirst for knowledge quenched at this fountain head of learning, the Government has seen fit to make some radical yet necessary alterations in its plan of work. Recognizing the fact that two opposites can never meet, much less can two unlike quantities be added together, it has been found impossible to unite the sheep and the goats in the one fold under the care of one shepherd, or in other words to unite theologs and non-theologs in the one class. In view of this the Government has deemed it wise to separate one from the other. Such a division called for an increase in the staff. Many capable and illustrious scholars sought admittance to a seat on the faculty, but all to no avail. At length after a most careful investigation and many weighty deliberations we secured the proper man, the only man in fact who has the reputation of getting at the ROOT of matters. Thus with the College so divided and under the direction of such wise and careful leaders there can only be one result, the total abolition of spring stars and plugologists.

Owing to the preferential treatment afforded under our present tariff system, to British products imported into this country, we are enabled to supply the subjects of our Dominion with the necessities of life at such a low price that even the most ferocious coon at the coon table can be inflated without seriously draining the nation's treasury. Never in the history of any Government have the finances of the country been in such a favorable condition. No longer are we financed by a few widow's mites but our wealth today is counted by millions. Even Croesus would consider himself a poor man in comparing his lot with that of the fabulous income of our treasury. Nor can we be said to hoard our wealth, but any student unable to pay his laundry bill or supply himself with tooth-picks need only apply to the Government's wood-pile to have his measurements taken.

In order to combat with Higher Criticism so prevalent in our day, it has been found necessary that every student entering the college for theological work, shall submit a sample of his creed which will be immediately forwarded to the Higher Criticism Dept., Ottawa, where it

shall be thoroughly analyzed in order to detect any heretical germs that may be present. Reports will be published monthly.

For the purpose of uniting our vast empire more closely together, the present Government deemed it advisable to send our esteemed head Dr. Dyer, with his servant Sir Wilfred Laurier, on an extensive tour through the Canadian West to attend the assembly of the saints and sages at the Gentile synagogue, Hallelujah Ave., Victoria. Who can estimate the importance of such a congress; "What must it have been to be there"! The atmosphere throbbed with the patriotism roused in the hearts of Canada's sons, at the sight of these two great men of our age. Already the results of this visit are apparent. Students flock to Albert as the sparks fly upward, all available room has been taken and extensive alterations are being made in the cellar to provide room for the bugoloists. Like a great wheel, Albert College, through the wise administration of the present Govt. is drawing from all points of Canada's domains and the uttermost parts of the earth, black, white, yellow and green students to this the hub and centre of intellectual gravitation.

Truly our present state can be best described in the words of Shakespeare's poem entitled, "The Pet Lamb."

"Men may come, and men may go,  
But I go on forever."

The American Govt. having assigned a portion of its immense fleet to the great lakes, our frontier defences will be strengthened by the purchase of popguns and ten inch pea-shooters.



## Honorary Degrees :

- 1 Victor Butts, W.M.C.---Water Melon Coon.
- 2 House, S.M.T.C.---Strong Man with Tin Chest.
- 3 Sully, H.W.C.P.---Heavy Weight Cake Preserver.
- 4 Jim Lovelace, D.L.L.M.---Don't Love Less, Love More.
- 5 B. Green, M.W.S.A.S.---Middle Weight Sufferer After Supper.
- 6 Herb Archibald, M.P.S.F.---Milk Preserver on Second Flat.
- 7 M. Campbell, B.Q.T.C.---Bay of Quinte Town Crier.
- 8 Charlie Jay, F.B.E.P.B.---Fellow of the Black Eye Punching  
Brigade.
- 9 W. Rickaby, A.C.C.E.---Albert College Crust Eater.
- 10 Sidney Tichbourne, S.A.L.---Systematic Apple Lifter.
- 11 Bill Earngey, M.R.H.R.---Moira River Hat Rescuer.
- 12 Fred Moore, G.A.M.W.---Gentle Astrologer of the Milky Way.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



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## COLLEGE YELL :

Brekekekex, coax, coax  
Choka, chalunx, chalunx, chelax  
Hoorah, hoorah  
Hulla baluff and hulla balong  
We're Albert College, baluff, balong  
Razzle, dazzle, hobble, gobble  
Sis, boom, bah  
Albert College, Albert College  
Rah! rah! rah!  
Who are we, we are the  
A-L-B-E-R-T.