

Provincial Legislature

House Prorogued Last Night—Many Bills Assented to.

Shops Regulation Workmen's Compensation and Other Acts Dropped.

Other Bills Were Also Shattered in Closing Hours—Days Proceedings.

Mr. Oliver objected to the closure being put upon the discussion of such an important measure. Mr. Henderson asked if further debate was stopped by this motion. The speaker replied that it was absolutely so.

The motion was then put and carried on a party vote, and the bill was read a third time and finally passed. In reply to questions by Mr. Henderson and the leader of the opposition, the commissioner of public works stated that he expected to bring down certain reports asked for during the present session.

Upon consideration of the supply bill, Mr. Henderson opened a criticism of the government's position with respect to the transportation question.

He challenged by the speaker as to what this had to do with the supply bill, he contended that he was showing that supply should not be granted for certain reasons. He claimed that the salaries of the government should not be granted for doing nothing.

Mr. Ross moved that the question be now put, but his motion was intercepted by an amendment from the leader of the opposition. Mr. Henderson is not now adopted, but that its consideration be deferred for two weeks.

He justified this motion on the ground that the government was seeking a hasty prorogation to escape criticism of the stand they had taken on the railway question. If his motion passed it would prevent the government from having to have a try at formulating a policy.

The amendment was defeated and the report adopted on a straight party vote. Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved that the bill be read a third time now, which carried on the same division.

The bill to amend the Counties Definition Act was adopted on report and finally passed. The bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, also the bill relating to the employment on works carried on under franchises granted by private acts.

The bill to amend the Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act was adopted on report and finally passed. The bill to amend the Supreme Court Act passed the committee stage; also the bill respecting provincial land surveys.

The bill respecting the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company and the New Westminster Southern Railway was committed. Mr. Shafroff in the chair.

Mr. Cameron observed that a dispute was pending between the companies named, and with a view to protecting the interests of the city, he moved an amendment to the effect that the rights and powers vested in the city of Victoria should be abrogated or interfered with by the act, and that if should not be passed.

The bill to amend the Victoria and Sidney Railway Company, the province of British Columbia and the city, dated July 7th, 1892, as amended by the act of 1893, was also adopted. The bill was reported complete and read a third time.

The bill to amend the Water Clauses Act passed second reading. The bill authorizing the Royal Trust Company to carry on business in the city of Victoria was also adopted.

The bill to amend the General Trusts Corporation, and the bill to incorporate the British Columbia Securities Company, were also adopted. The bill to incorporate the Royal Canadian Life Insurance Company, Mr. Patterson, objected.

Mr. Patterson, however, demanded careful consideration, the private bills committee not having had time to report on them. Mr. Haworththwaite moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Brown moved the previous question for the purpose of bringing the debate, and a vote was taken which resulted in the passage of the motion, 20 to 15, a straight party division. The report of the committee on the bill was also adopted.

Mr. Green, was objected to by Mr. Oliver on the ground that occasion was being found for amending the Bill before it reached its final stage in the ordinary course, and that this period of deliberation with respect to it should not be denied.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald suggested that the government was attempting to head off the opposition by the introduction of the bill. He intimated that he had placed a notice of an amendment which he intended to move at that stage, in the hands of the speaker.

The speaker intimated that a motion to recommend the bill would be in order. Mr. Macdonald remarked that it had become a public scandal that the public lands of the province were allowed to pass into the hands of favorites.

The advertisement for the session, during which the House was idle for over two-thirds of the time, which over ordinary circumstances, should have been fully occupied, he proved that the bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering an amendment providing for compulsory competition in the disposal of public lands.

Mr. Brown recalled a statement of the chief commissioner during discussion of this subject, in which he recognized the merits of the Ontario system of dealing with timber lands, and pointed out that this system was embodied in the amendment before the House. It was well understood, he said, that the province was not deriving that return which it should from this source.

Mr. Macdonald's motion to recommend the bill was then put and lost on a party vote. Mr. Oliver pointed out that, under the bill, the revenues derivable from timber lands held under existing licenses were fixed for sixteen years, whereas timber areas taken up after the passage of the bill were subject to government royalties. He pointed out that a great change in timber values was probable within the next ten years, and that the most royalty collectable under the act was sixty cents per thousand feet.

Thus it was easily conceivable that timber paying a royalty of six cents per thousand feet would come into competition with timber taken up after the passage of the bill, which would pay one dollar and a half or two dollars and a half per thousand feet. These considerations should be taken into account, he thought, in delaying the hasty passage of this bill.

Russians Fool The Japanese

Rojestvensky Misted Togo and Passed Singapore Un-suspected.

Sacrificed Several Collars in Order to Create False Scant.

The Greatest Naval Battle Since Nelson's Time Due in Ten Days.

PETERSBURG, April 9.—(245 a.m.)—There was great rejoicing here at the Admiralty today. The Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, so far as known.

The credit for the strategem by which the feat was accomplished, the Association of Press learns, belongs solely to Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, who accurately judged that as the Malacca straits was the most practicable route, the Japanese would calculate that he would not dare to try to force a passage through.

Besides this, Rojestvensky planned a strategem to deceive the Japanese with the secret with which only two men in St. Petersburg were entrusted, by directing the Russian admiralty to order the collars which were to follow him to rendezvous in Sunda straits, five hundred miles southward of Singapore, feeling sure that the Japanese intelligence department would be equal to it.

It was, to the task of ascertaining the destination of Rojestvensky, and thereby to deceive the Japanese of the secret of his movements, that he had to try to force a passage through.

Several collars were actually sacrificed to the rendezvous and many already had fallen into the hands of the Japanese, but Rojestvensky deliberately sacrificed them as pawns in a higher game.

That the ruse worked is apparent from the fact that the Japanese did not meet a single Japanese ship in the passage of the Straits of Malacca, while the Japanese fleet, which included the battleships, cruisers, and torpedo boats, were waiting for the Russian fleet in the Sunda straits.

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The Week At Ottawa

Autonomy Bills Overshadowed by the Sbarretti Incident.

Interesting Reminiscences Concerning Appointment of Pappal Delegate.

Solid Seven Receive Scant Attention From the Powers That Be.

OTTAWA, April 8.—(245 a.m.)—The week's political life in Ottawa has been overshadowed by the Sbarretti incident. The bill for the Dominion of the Interior, which was intended to give it a system of land management, concentrate all the energies of the government to secure his re-election.

Mr. Borden's insistence that the port bill be passed immediately led to the Premier dropping Mr. Sbarretti and to select a man sure of re-election, and therefore Frank Oliver, member for British Columbia, was appointed in the general election was over \$3,000, so that there is little prospect of defeating him.

Mr. Oliver was sworn in at noon before the Governor-General, and left an hour later for Edmonton to arrange for his re-election. The writ of election went out by same train and nominations were made place on the 25th inst. the polling, if any, on May 2.

Considerable sympathy is expressed for Senator Templeman, who it is felt is deserving of promotion, and it is hoped, however, that the government has little use for a province which sends a solid seven to Ottawa.

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OPEN DOOR IN MOROCCO.

French Foreign Minister States Case for France.

Paris, April 7.—Foreign Minister Delcasse, answering questions in the chamber of deputies relative to the status of Morocco, said the policy which the national interests of France required her to pursue had long been fully known.

When that policy was consecrated by certain international agreements, public opinion here and abroad approved of the accord as further guarantees of bringing order and security to Morocco, while the satisfaction of the interests of the entire world, and giving no cause for resentment from any quarter.

Continuing, the foreign minister said: "In dealing with Morocco, France invoked her lengthy frontier along Morocco and also sacrifices and damages resulting from the Moroccan agreement, which she has not forgotten." He stated that the Moroccan government and its appeal to our consciences for support.

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LABOR DISPUTE SETTLED.

Cleveland, April 7.—The Great Lakes Lumber Co. today announced that the dispute with the firm and the men employed on the company's boats.

A JAPANESE REPULSE.

General Livinitch Reports Scoring a Small Victory Over His Enemy.

PETERSBURG, April 8.—A despatch from Gen. Livinitch, the Emperor's chief of staff, today's date says: "The battle at Tsintsinan, April 7, lasted twelve hours. The enemy's losses were heavy from our artillery and rifles. Our casualties were: Killed, Capt. Prince Massassky and four Cossacks; wounded, two officers and 400 men." "On April 5, our outposts, after a fusillade, pushed back the Japanese outposts to Tsintsinan."

"Our infantry on the same day occupied the village of Koukousei, after dislodging the enemy." "The Japanese retreated repeatedly." "The detachment of the Emperor's Russian cavalry are actively reconnoitering the village of Berdzhik, where it is thought a stop by Japanese outposts." "Before retreating, however, it is said to have succeeded in cutting the railway and burning the depot and stores." "The detachment brought back news that a fortnight ago a mixed Japanese division of ten thousand men with artillery left the Japanese coast and disappeared into Mongolia, and was followed a few days ago by another detachment of five thousand men."

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Want of Confidence Motion Defeated Yesterday by Majority of Nine.

Bill to Amend the Coal Mines Regulations Act Finally Passed.

Land Act Amendment and Other Important Bills Considered.

THE House assembled at 2 o'clock and after the customary exercises the following was the order of business:

Mr. Ross, as chairman of the private bill committee, recommended a bill to incorporate the Royal Canadian Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Taylor asked: Is the provincial government responsible for the maintenance of the lepers' station, Darcy Island? If so, since when?

Mr. Cameron replied: It is the responsibility of the provincial government, since its maintenance has been the hands of the government? If so, what sum or sums have been paid Mr. Cameron for said supplies? Was Mr. Cameron at the time of above transaction an alderman for Victoria city?

Hon. Mr. Taylor replied: 1. Yes, 2. Since Oct. 1, 1903, 3. Yes, \$3 and \$40, 5. I have no official knowledge on the subject.

Mr. Oliver moved: Whereas, it is in the public interest that there should be reserved a portion of every coal area in the province of British Columbia as protection for the people of British Columbia against any combination of mine owners to control the prices for their coal, and to establish a reserve from which future supplies may be obtained in case of need; and Whereas, the platform of the Conservative party adopted at Revelstoke on Sept. 13, 1902, contained this statement: "The reserve of coal which we hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease, so that state-owned mines would be available to the government in case of emergency; and Whereas, the present Conservative government appealed to the electorate of British Columbia at the last general election on the basis of the policy outlined in the platform before mentioned; and Whereas, on the 13th day of February, 1905, Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Has the government reserved any areas of coal lands? 2. If so, what areas of coal lands have been reserved? 3. What was the area so reserved? 4. Where are the lands reserved located? 5. For what purpose was the reservation made? 6. What was the date of reservation? And the Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

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rect some representations which he said the member for Nanaimo had made, but having already spoken on the amendment was not allowed to proceed. He remarked, however, that the deputation had already spoken on the amendment and one or two other prominent citizens of the city. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that the Liberal candidate in Comox, Mr. Young, was also there. Mr. Young replied that Mr. Young had no connection with the deputation, having come to Victoria on other business on the day in question.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald thought that as the principle of the eight hour law had been assented to last year, it would not be wise to interfere with it. Mr. Davidson opposed the amendment. The amendment was defeated on the following vote: Ayes, 15; Noes, 15.

Years: Messieurs McInnes, Drury, Murphy, Evans, Tanner, Munro, Patterson, H. H. Cameron, Talbot, Colman, Ellison, Gardner, Grant, 15. Nays: Messieurs King, Brown, McInnes, Davidson, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Williams, McBride, Wilson, Bower, Fraser, Ross, Green, Fulton, Taylor, Wright, Young, Gifford, 20.

Dr. Young's bill to amend the Medical Act passed second reading. As already explained it provides that doctors conducting in connection with railway construction work shall be registered in the province.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald's bill to amend the Coal Mines Act passed second reading. Its object is to enable locators to acquire title to lands in Southeast Kootenay by providing that the locators judge shall have power to bring all the applicants before him and render decisions on the merits.

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be considered and classed as "assisted schools," but in all other particulars shall be treated as ordinary schools of this act. He claimed that there were conditions obtaining in this district which justified special consideration. For instance, the lands and buildings and settlers possessed surface rights only. They did not own the timber even as Mr. Oliver extended a map to the observation of the member for Newcastle which was delineated certain tracts of railway lands in Southern British Columbia, which he claimed, were in the same position as the E. & N. railway lands.

Mr. Brown considered the amendment a dangerous one in principle. It meant discrimination in railway lands in certain districts, and no sufficient ground existed for such discrimination, as there were lands similarly situated in various parts of the province.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said he could not see that the settlers within the E. & N. railway lands were in any better position than the proposed amendment than under the act as it stood. At the same time he saw nothing to be gained by the amendment and did not think the treasury would suffer. The people would still have to provide the schools.

Mr. Fulton objected to having such a provision in the act as an obligation. The matter of meeting special cases with respect to railway lands is a matter for the Superintendent of Education, and this was already provided for in the act. Mr. Fulton also pointed out that the proposed amendment would be a violation of the principle of equality of treatment for all.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald proposed that the province should supply school books to scholars at cost.

Mr. Fulton pointed out that such an undertaking would occasion a large financial outlay. The printing bureau had already been reorganized for one thing, and financial machinery had to be introduced to enable them to turn any plant they were installed in was doubtfully profitable.

Mr. Macdonald consented in view of the objection taken to withdraw the amendment, suggesting at the same time that the debate was adjourned on condition of the objection taken to the amendment, suggesting at the same time that the debate was adjourned on condition of the objection taken to the amendment.

The resolutions giving effect to the passage of the various items passed in committee of supply were formally read by the clerk and adopted, in committee of the whole, and were finally passed.

The bill to regulate immigration into British Columbia passed third reading. The bill to amend the dyking assessments was adopted on report. The bill to amend the Investment and Loan Societies Act passed its final stage.

The bill to amend the Trustees and Executors Act was considered in committee of the whole, and was finally passed without amendment; also the bill to amend the Companies Act.

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Those Kitimaat Crown Grants

House Committee Continues Its Investigation of the Land Department.

Curious Discrepancies Between the Surveys and Lots Applied for.

The committee of investigation in regard to the Kitimaat Crown grants continued its sessions yesterday morning...

Police Magistrate Hall of Victoria, and J. H. Gray, C. E. were examined, the latter testifying that the location of a certain lot which he had surveyed was different from the one for which he had applied.

Mr. Hall explained that on one occasion he had allowed his name to be used in an application for a Crown grant, on behalf of George Robinson, to whom he afterwards transferred the land.

Mr. Gray testified that he surveyed a number of lots, one for Mr. Raley, one for Mr. A. W. Hunter, for C. Magnessen, one for Mr. Oliver and one for Mr. Kirk.

Asked by Mr. John Oliver if he could explain how it was that a certain lot was not in the location indicated in the description, witness said he could not, but to Mr. Bowser he explained that there might have been some error in various lots which would cause the confusion.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that there were several applications in the British Columbia Gazette for lots adjoining each other, and that if all of these were properly staked out it would have two persons in the same lot.

Mr. Johns, chief clerk of the lands and works department, said that would be a matter that had never been before the chief commissioner.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that between certain lots the surveys seemed to be a mile out, and Mr. Johns said that such a state of things did not suggest fraud.

Mr. Johns said he thought not. Mr. Gray said that all the staking was short and all the posts had been moved south.

Mr. Clifford, M. P., also gave evidence. He stated that he had made applications in 1898 for land that was subsequently included in the Kitimaat reserve, and he applied to have this land reserved to him.

Mr. Clifford said he had had a survey made in his own cost and found that the land had been Crown granted to Mr. Singlehurst.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, he said he was the first applicant for these lands. Mr. Clifford admitted that he had endorsed the letters applying for the F. W. N. Raley for a Crown grant.

Mr. Raley was a missionary known to him, and his endorsement was an interference in the department's business. He said he had had a great deal of business with the lands and works department and never saw anything wrong.

Mr. Brown asked if witness thought it right that an application should be granted which was not made until six years after the date of advertisement.

Mr. Johns was recalled by Mr. Bowser. In reply to questions he said that Mr. Wells had decided in 1902 to issue these Crown grants. The money accompanying the applications of A. K. Munro and G. Hunter had not been returned.

The following letter relative to the application of Mr. Hunter was submitted: Victoria, July 30th, 1903. Sir—Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo touching your application...

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The Czar and his family, as they appear in the illustrations of the 'Czar and his Family'.

Steam Haler From Norway

Orion Completes Long Voyage From Christians - News of Seized Sealers.

Wreckage Found on the Island Coast - Record for Loading Shlps.

Germany Hits Back. Tariff trickerers in a way to open the old gentleman's eyes.

Uguguayans Unable to Justify Seizure of Agnes G. Donahue.

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that the plaintiff could not succeed here unless the court could be made to believe that the defendant's witnesses were perjurers.

Counsel explained that his argument would be divided into two phases—first, the condition of Alex. Dunsmuir's mind, and secondly, the question of the execution of the will, together with American authorities on the matter.

An adjournment was taken for luncheon. Resuming his argument at the afternoon session, Mr. Davis called attention to a conversation between Mr. Agnew and the testator during which the latter had said he had "done enough for the Wallace children."

Mr. Agnew, who was one of the best witnesses he (Mr. Davis) had ever encountered. But there was a tremendous difference between the two statements in the case predicated by Edna Wallace Hopper, that in 1897, 1898 and 1899, Alex. Dunsmuir was unable to articulate.

Counsel next referred to the evidence given by Gompertz. He had been in the employ of the concern fifteen years as treasurer, with power to sign checks, and evidently a very trusted man; in fact, one of the directors. He was the second man in the business.

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Invalided Men Tell Of Battle

Russian Soldiers Returned From Front Describe Situation in Manchuria.

Signs of Japanese Advance and Another Retreat Is Now Imminent.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—(12:45 a. m.)—Invalided Russians who left Mukden on March 26, report that the Hun river bridge had not then been restored. The Japanese, in removing Russian wounded from Mukden, carried them as far as the river in bamboo litters and entrained them on the farther side.

The returned soldiers describe the confusion in the evacuation of Mukden and the fighting on narrow streets and at the gates, where Japanese and Chinese ambushed the last detachments, and where General Gromofield was wounded and captured.

The total losses of the Japanese, according to the foreigners accompanying them, was nearly 100,000, the eighth division, for instance, losing over 7,000, it not being considered one of the heaviest sufferers. The greatest losses were in the troops operating against General Linvitch, where the struggle was much longer and more intense than elsewhere.

The Japanese placed the number of guns captured during the retreat at 26 and also captured thousands of rifles and immense quantities of boxed rifle ammunition. According to Chinese reports, the Japanese are now rearming their reserves with Russian rifles. The Japanese are now rearming their reserves with Russian rifles.

London, April 7.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times telegraphs: "The latest official information leads to the belief that the Japanese are advancing in crescent formation, Oku on the left, Noku on the center, and Kuroki and Kamuro on the right, with a total strength of 475,000. It is feared Linvitch will be compelled to withdraw."

IN THE DRUG STORE.

Harper's Weekly. The following dialogue was overheard in a drug store: "Draggite to little girl customer—Did you get your pills, miss?" "Little Girl—Yes, sir, please." "Draggite—Anti-billions?" "Little Girl—No, sir, but Uncle Is."

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HON. MR. SIFTON'S SUCCESSOR.

The accession of Mr. Frank Oliver, M. P. for Edmonton, to the seat in the Dominion cabinet vacated by Hon. Clifford Sifton's resignation, comes in the nature of a great surprise to the name of Mr. Oliver having been among those absolutely overlooked in speculative gossip at the Capital, and the Premier himself having authorized the belief that no appointment would be made in connection with the portfolio for some weeks to come.

Being forced, as one may conclude they were, to fill the ministry without delay, it is doubtful if the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier could have made a more politic choice. Mr. Oliver is not only an able parliamentary tactician and an excellent executive chief, but he is an energetic and an effective campaigner—a very popular man with his constituents, and under normal circumstances a safe candidate.

THE QUADRA STREET CEMETERY.

With each successive spring comes the revival of natural protest against the callous indifference and neglect evinced by the civic authorities of the day with respect to the old cemetery on Quadra street, in which are buried so many of Victoria's earliest pioneers. This year the popular protest would seem destined to end in accomplishment of some kind, which has not been the case in the past.

UNWISE LEGISLATION.

Yesterday the Legislature defeated the very reasonable amendment to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" Amendment Act, introduced by Mr. Hall, which provided that "bank for the purpose of this Act shall mean the surface entrance to a mine, except in the case of a vertical shaft, when it shall mean the foot of the shaft."

DRAINING THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

One of the drawbacks, from a Canadian point of view, of the rush of settlers to the Northwest is the fact that the western movement is drawing heavily from the older settled portions of the Dominion.

sonance with due respect to the honored dead thus to transform their last abiding place, falls in demonstration. The memory of the pioneers is preserved and their enduring monuments exist in great works by them accomplished.

A PROPHET OF THE PRACTICAL.

The influence of one man of sound, practical commonsense and absolute fearlessness and simplicity in discussing public issues as he views them, be that man black or white, is admirably illustrated in his own personality by Booker T. Washington, an uneducated slave, but a responsible leader of his color that America has ever produced, and the one man who has done most toward effectually solving the incendiary race question of the southern states.

THE NEGRO RACE.

"We are not here of our own accord. The negro race is not preparing to go to Africa. We shall remain here. The negro race is the only one which ever had a pressing or special invitation to come to America. My race was sent to America only when we were sent for, but we had our passages prepaid."

THE POWERS OF NEW PROVINCES.

Perhaps the most ingenious argument that has been raised in connection with the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which separates schools in the Northwest, considered as an invasion of Provincial rights, is that there is no right to be created. As the Territories have now no Provincial status they could have no powers of their own.

PEOPLE'S BANKS.

In support of what was argued in the columns on the subject of co-operative banks, the following article appears in the Labor Gazette for March 1905, an article respecting co-operative savings and credit societies.

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A TIMELY PROTEST.

The officers of the Victoria Board of Trade and the business men of the city are to be congratulated on having acted with such promptitude in lodging a protest with the Government, in respect to the amendment to the "Shops Regulation Act" proposed by the member for Victoria.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

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entitled to a portion of the profits at the time of the taking up of the shares of the company. Naturally there are risks in connection with such an institution and there is danger of its becoming a one-man bank, so far as its management is concerned, its success depending altogether upon the honesty of the management and the way the assets of the business are handled.

MANITOBA'S BOUNDARIES.

Manitoba and Ontario, two Provinces now governed by Conservative administrations, are rivals for unalloyed territory around Hudson Bay. We think that Manitoba's claim is much the stronger. Ontario and Quebec are in a similar position.

A DISAPPOINTING SESSION.

It is the general expectation that with today's sitting, the 1905 session of the Provincial Legislature will close with an unusual suddenness, and with results and accomplishments in the way of legislation in respect to which the Premier is timely. Frank Rogers, in his speech in the debate upon the autonomy bill, went so far as to say that the Province had a clean-cut and progressive program to be enacted and developed.

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