



PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 8, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. J. H. Sweet.

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THE WHEEL.

VICTORIA MAY READ A LESSON.

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THE RING.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT. We do not think there is anything in the point suggested by Mr. Speaker yesterday as to the invalidity of the legislation assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor on Thursday last.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. Under this bill it will require a Philadelphia in the exercise of its civil rights. No one for a single instant denies that the Roman Catholics of Canada of whatever race have the fullest right to take what view they please of the Manitoba school question, and to agitate for any solution of it that commends itself to them.

THE POPE AND CANADA. The announcement that the Pope has dispatched or is about to dispatch his private secretary as his representative to inquire into the condition of things in the Province of Quebec, arising out of the school question, will be received with much difference of opinion.

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WASHINGTON, March 12.—The new Canadian administration reciprocal relations. The mission has proved fruitless because they desired to open the ports of this country to the farm products of Canada. In their interview with Mr. Laurier's leadership has made closer commercial relations with the United States. One of its planks of policy and one of the of its administration was to Richard Cartwright and Ho Davies to Washington for conference.

GERMAN NAVAL CREW. BERLIN, March 13.—If the as is expected, endorses the de the budget committee in refusal the naval credits for the new is understood that the sea the navy, Vice-Admiral von will resign. In the voting credit for the first cruiser will be by the committee by a vote of and the credit for the second also credited by a vote of 17 to place the Falks was rejected by 15 to 1, but the credit for two battleships was adopted by a vote of 17 to 1. The credit for an ironclad to Koenig Wilhelm was adopted by the vote standing 22 to 6.

OUTSIDE CAPITAL FOR. Toronto, March 13.—All distillers in the country are siding an offer made by the distillers of Canada. Well parties claim that the deal is successfully consummated. Montreal, March 13.—It the General Agent, Pezzeney's Secretary of War, Sir W. Home and R. E. Angus have large interests in the Laurier Company at Grandmère, and capacity and output of the m greatly increased.