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LOCAL LEGISLATORS.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

A Large Attendance of Visitors—The Speech of the Lieut.-Governor—New Members Introduced—The Usual Formal Business—The Address to Be Debated To-Day.

Without pomp or pageantry, in the plain, democratic style consonant with the march of events, but with the dignity and order becoming a grave representative assembly the third session of the sixth Parliament of the Province of Ontario was opened yesterday by his Honor Sir Alex. Campbell, the Lieutenant-Governor. The usual interest was manifested in the proceedings, the visitors being larger in numbers than for many past sessions of the House, all showing that the people are not by any means retrograding from the respect in which they have always held their Provincial Parliament and their accredited representatives.

Shortly after two o'clock crowds of ladies and gentlemen wended their way to the House. The only evidence outwardly there presented to them of what was to take place were stalwart soldiers from "C" Company, who stood in line to receive his Honor. At half-past two o'clock the corridors and approaches of the old buildings resounded with voices of hundreds of Ontario's representatives of beauty, culture and manhood. As announced in THE GLOBE, a slight change was made from the former procedure of opening the session, this consisting of calling the House together before the delivery of the Viceregal address. The Speaker took the chair at 2.30 p.m., said prayers, and then the public, the press and the preachers without were admitted to the historic chamber. In twenty minutes standing room could not be found on the floor of the House, while the galleries presented a sea of faces two or three minutes after the order of general admission was given. Until his Honor arrived the scene bore all resemblance to a brilliant conversation; the Ministers of the Crown being especially attentive to their numerous visitors. Hon. Mr. Hardy entered the chamber clad as to his head with a plug which towered upwards, giving him the appearance of every inch a Cabinet Minister. He stood for a while taking in the situation, but known as he is for gallantry, as well as first-class administrative ability, the hat was laid aside, and he busied himself in extending a cordial welcome to many of the visitors, in all of which he was actively assisted by the Attorney-General. Hon. G. W. Ross divided his attention between the educationists and the preachers. Hon. A. M. Ross stood erect, with his hands behind his back, in close proximity to Mr. Speaker. This is Mr. Ross' favorite pose, when pleased with himself and the world, his chief pleasure at that time being that the moment was near when the Opposition would be told by the Governor that the receipts exceeded the expenditure. Where was the Commissioner of Public Works throughout these interesting minutes? He stood at a point where he could keep an eye on Mr. Creighton, who was across the floor of the House holding a rollicking conversation with Father Tooley and George Hess. Hon. Chas. Drury, of course, had the horny-handed sons of toil, their wives and daughters under his special charge. Hon. J. M. Gibson was also on hand, looking pleased and interested. The leader of the Opposition mixed among his friends and followers, exchanging hearty greetings with Liberal opponents, and apparently quite careless for the time about the size of the Liberal majority. The number of members of the House present was comparatively small, but they were there

in sufficient numbers to make things interesting.

Among those noticed in the dense throng were the following:—Mrs. O. Mowat, Mrs. W. R. Meredith, Mrs. J. M. Gibson, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Miss Ross; Mrs. Briggs, Kingston; Mrs. Monk, the Misses Monk, Miss Bouitbee, Mrs. Dack, Mrs. D. E. Cameron, Misses Larnard, Misses Hess, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. G. W. Allan, Mrs. Biggar, Miss Proudfoot, Mrs. McAndrew, Miss Sproule, Miss Milligan, Miss Emma Parsons; Mrs. McMahon, Miss McMahon, Simcoe; Miss McMillan, Guelph; Miss Gilmour, Mrs. Clendenan and Miss Edgar, West Toronto Junction; Mrs. Biggar, Arran; Miss Gooderham, Meadowville; Misses Douglass, Mrs. Fairclough, Misses Marter and Mr. Justice Proudfoot, Bishop of Toronto, Rev. Father Laurent, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Wild, Rev. Dr. Parker, Hon. E. Blake, Sheriff Mowat, H. H. Cook, M.P., H. H. Dewart, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Ald. Hallam, Rev. Mr. Barkwell, City Solicitor Biggar, Hamilton Cassels, Professor Ashley, Captain Douglass, Mr. D. E. Cameron, Hamilton McCarthy and many others.

Sharp at three o'clock his Honor, accompanied by his aides, Commander Law and Mr. Vernon Harcourt, entered the chamber, and after taking his seat on the throne delivered the following address:—

FROM THE THRONE.

THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY LIEUT.-GOVERNOR CAMPBELL.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have much pleasure in again welcoming you to your annual duties as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

I congratulate you on the recent decision of the Judicial Committee of her Majesty's Privy Council confirming the right of the Province to the Crown Lands, including timber and minerals, situate within the Provincial boundaries as declared in 1824 by the decision of their Lordships and the order of her Majesty in Council. The principal obstacles which have hitherto retarded the settlement and development of our Northern Territory have thus been removed.

I have the pleasure of informing you that there is a fair prospect of our northerly boundary as well as our westerly boundary being satisfactorily settled by Imperial statute at the next session of Parliament.

AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT.

I am glad to know that the agricultural industries of the country have been fairly prosperous during the past year; that though the early part of the season was unfavorable, and in some localities crops and pastures were badly affected by drouth, yet that, over the greater portion of the Province, cereals, roots and fruits have been abundant and of superior quality. The extensive areas of land brought under cultivation during the last decade in India, South America, the United States and our own Northwest; make economy in production more essential to the farmers of Ontario than ever before; and emphasize the importance of giving increased attention to the best means of promoting the agricultural interests of the country. Increased efficiency has been given by the legislation of last session to the Department of Agriculture throughout all its varied services; and experience is already justifying the policy of assigning to the department a Minister free to devote to it his whole energies.

MINING COMMISSION.

Acting upon a recommendation of the House, I appointed a commission last year to inquire into the mineral resources of the Province and the best means for their development. Much valuable information has been gathered by this commission, and I have reason to believe that already its

labors have resulted in drawing a large measure of attention to our mineral wealth. I also deemed it expedient to have the Province represented at the Centennial Exposition of the Ohio Valley and Central States, held at Cincinnati last summer; and, having in view the special importance of attracting foreign enterprise and capital to our mining industry, it was determined to confine the exhibit to minerals. There is reason to believe that the object of the exhibit will be to some extent realised in the near future. It is expected the official reports on both subjects will be completed and ready before the close of the session to be laid before you.

SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL.

With the growth of the Province, and the increasing competition in every department of industry, the necessity for increased skill in the various fields of labor is constantly becoming more urgent. The School of Practical Science, owing to its limited equipment and staff, has so far met the demand inadequately, although the school has been efficient within the field which it has occupied. Measures will be submitted to you for enlarging the staff, increasing the usefulness of the school in reference to mining matters, and extending the curriculum so as to include the study of applied mechanics, applied chemistry, and of architecture, according to the methods adopted by the best schools of a similar kind in Great Britain and the United States.

An agreement of the City of Toronto to permanently endow two additional chairs in the Provincial University in settlement of certain litigated questions between the city and the University, will be submitted for your approval and legislative sanction.

COMING MEASURES.

Amongst the other measures to be submitted for your consideration are:—A new Voters' List Act, embodying with the present law so far as it is applicable the provisions needed for carrying into full effect the legislation of last session in reference to manhood suffrage; and bills for increasing the efficiency of the Factory Act and the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act; and for further improving the laws respecting land titles and the registration of deeds.

A second report of the Municipal Commissioners collects in convenient form a considerable amount of interesting and valuable information regarding municipal matters, and will, I trust, be useful in dealing with the municipal legislation which may be proposed during the present session. This report, and all departmental and other usual reports, will be laid before you.

ASYLUM ENLARGEMENT.

During last summer the south wing of the new asylum at Hamilton was completed, and accommodation was thereby afforded for 150 additional patients. For the new cottages at Mimico in connection with the Toronto Asylum, a more eligible site than the Government property afforded was obtained in the vicinity, through an exchange of land; and a contract was let for building the cottages, for which an appropriation had been granted. Two of the cottages will be ready for occupation before midsummer, and it is confidently expected that the others will be ready before the end of the year.

DOMINION RELATIONS.

I regret to say that the accounts between the Dominion and the Province are still unsettled. Since the last session of the Legislature a conference in connection with the accounts took place between the Finance Minister and the Treasurers of Quebec and Ontario; the conference lasted several days, and considerable progress had been made when the work of the conference was interrupted by the representatives of the Dominion Government taking an entirely new and unexpected position with respect to the interest on the balances at the credit of the Provinces, the new contention involving a difference to this Province of a large sum. Representations have since been made to the Dominion Government by the Treasurers of the two Provinces which, I hope, may induce a reconsideration of the matter and the acquiescence of the Dominion Government in the just demands of the Provinces.

UNSETTLED QUESTIONS.

I regret also to say that the questions between this Province and the Province of