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#### Sir Oliver Arrives.

At 3.15 the long wait was broken by the sound of the band of the Royal Grenadiers at the southern entrance playing the national anthem. A guard of honor under Captain Craig and Lieutenants Carlan and McGill of the Royal Grenadiers formed up, and his Honor Sir Oliver Mowat entered the building, resplendent in his Windsor uniform. He made his way through the crush to the chamber, accompanied by the following officers:—Commander Law, Capt. Sutton, R.C.D., acting A.D.C.'s; Lieutenant-Colonel Peters, D.O.C.; Lieutenant-Colonel

Delamere, Q.O.R.; Lieutenant-Colonel Cosby, 48th Highlanders; Lieutenant-Colonel Clarence Denison, G.G.B.G.; Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Lieutenant-Colonel Graveley, Superintendent of Stores; Captain Burnham, R.C.R.I.; Chaplain A. H. Baldwin, 10th Royal Grenadiers.

Sir Oliver's entrance was the signal for the audience to rise. His Honor, with the assistance of Commander Law, ascended the throne and seated himself on the Speaker's chair. Commander Law, with a sweeping bow, handed his Honor the speech from the throne, which the latter read, retaining his seat. The speech was as follows:—

#### Speech From the Throne.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

Since the last meeting of the Legislature Great Britain has been under the necessity of resisting by force of arms the encroachment of the South African Republic upon her territorial rights and the liberties of British subjects in the Transvaal. The issues involved, affecting as they did the integrity of the empire, appealed very strongly to the loyalty of the Canadian people. As the representatives of the Province, I congratulate you on the enthusiasm manifested throughout the whole Province in the enrolment of her sons for Imperial service at the seat of war. No more striking proof could have been given of the loyalty and devotion of Canadians to their Sovereign and to the empire to which we belong, and I am confident that any proposal of my Government for contributing towards the support of the wives and families of our soldiers now serving at the front will receive favorable and generous consideration.

#### The Lumber Industry.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the lumbering industry of the Province is in a flourishing condition. The legislation of 1898 requiring all pine logs cut under license to be manufactured in Canada took effect first in the season of 1898-99. The practical operation of this legislation has proven beneficial and timely. While the quantity of pine timber cut last season showed little, if any, diminution, as compared with previous years, the sawmilling business of the Province, on the other hand, has received a powerful stimulus. Many existing mills have been enlarged, idle ones have resumed work, and a number of new mills have been built and equipped to meet the demand for sawn lumber, and as a result substantial benefits have been reaped from the action of the Legislature.

#### Development and Preservation.

In pursuance of the policy of encouraging the development of industries for which the circumstances of the Province are specially adapted, an order in Council has been passed that pulpwood cut on Crown lands should be manufactured in Canada. A measure confirming this order in Council will be laid before you.

The desirability of preserving the forests in districts not adapted for agriculture so as to constitute a permanent source of timber supply has been fully recognized in connection with the administration of the Crown domain; accordingly districts capable of being reforested are being set apart as forest reserves.

#### Mining Policy.

The healthy condition of the mining industry is shown by the growth of revenue from sales and rents of mining lands, the increase of investments in mining enterprises and a larger output from mines and mining works. It is the object and policy of my Government to utilize all the natural resources of our country so as to afford the largest scope for the profitable employment of capital and labor, and thus furnish the markets of the world with finished articles instead of raw materials.

#### Agricultural Prospect.

I am pleased to be able to state that the agricultural condition of the Province is much more favorable than it has been for many years. The great improvement in the quality of all dairy produce has increased the popularity of our butter and cheese in the British market, and has consequently stimulated this branch of industry. Our fruit interests are also increasing in importance and value, as the exports of our orchards for the last year make manifest. The attendance at the Agricultural Collège has reached the highest limit yet attained since the establishment of the college; it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation if the attendance continues to increase as it has during the last few years.

It is to be noted with regret that the increasing numbers of insane tax the accommodation of our asylums beyond their capacity. Notwithstanding the liberal provision already made and the large expenditure incurred in carrying on these services, it becomes impera-