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His Honor Opens Legislative Session Likely to Be Momentous

THRONE SPEECH IS TAME Government Talks Platitudes and Forecasts Little of Legislative Program

Guns boomed outside at intervals—and then ceased firing. His Honor the new Lieutenant-Governor of this Province entered the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, thronged with men and women—or women and men, for the fair sex predominated—and in a clear, steady voice read the Speech from the Throne which formally launched the third session of the fifteenth Legislature of Ontario.

As early as 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the crowd began to arrive. Chairs were placed between the regular rows of desks and seats, and by 3 o'clock there was no room for more. Dignitaries of the Church, the Bench and the Bar, and leaders in business life, were sprinkled among the vast crowd. The galleries were filled to capacity.

Sharp on the hour Mr. Cocksbutt appeared, and the assemblage stood in respectful attention as the Premier escorted him to the Speaker's chair.

Newly Elected Not There.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the Speech from the Throne, Hon. Nelson Parliament took the chair, and read the customary prayers. A copy of the Speech from the Throne, "to prevent mistakes," was given to him, and the warrant of the election of D. M. Ross, North Oxford, was put in his hands. Mr. Ross was not present, nor was W. F. Nickle, K.C., recently elected in Kingston.

Premier Drury then moved for leave to introduce a bill respecting "the oaths of office," an annual motion that shows the right of the Legislature to consider other matters prior to the Speech from the Throne. Following two other motions of a formal character, the House adjourned until today.

The Lieutenant-Governor arrived by motor car, accompanied by an escort on horse. A detachment of the Royal Canadian Regiment received him in front of the Buildings, which he inspected briefly. He then proceeded to the Legislative Chamber.

Mr. Cocksbutt was accompanied by Major-Gen. Victor Williams, Brig.-Gen. C. H. Mitchell and Col. Alexander Fraser, A.D.C. After the House adjourned a reception was held in the Speaker's Chamber.

Many Members Absent.

Members of the Legislature, with the exception of the Premier and one or two of his Cabinet, were conspicuous by their absence. Several private members took up vantage points in the Press Gallery from which to view the proceedings.

Among those seated directly in front of the Speaker's chair on the floor of the House were: Sir Robert Falconer, Chancellor R. P. Bowles of Victoria University, the Bishop of Toronto, Mr. Justice Ferguson, Mr. Justice Maclaren, Sir William Mullock, Mr. Justice Hodgins and Sir William Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario.

Outstanding in an unusually non-informative Speech from the Throne was the terse reference to pending Hydro legislation. "My Ministers," read his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, "have found it advisable to

avoid further commitments for radial railways until this House shall have had an opportunity to decide as to the policy to be pursued in the future."

His Honor's address read as follows:

Text of Speech From the Throne.

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"In welcoming you to your legislative labors, I desire to join with you in an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings we have enjoyed during the past year, both in material respects, and in those influences which make for the moral and social welfare of the community.

"It is my privilege today to address the members of this Assembly for the first time in my official capacity, and to express the pleasure it affords me to greet you as representatives of the people of this Province in Parliament assembled. I desire to take advantage of this occasion to refer to the passing of my distinguished predecessor, the late Mr. Lionel Herbert Clarke, and to pay a tribute to his personal worth and to his valuable public services. For years his time and energies were freely devoted to the advancement of useful public undertakings, and his administration of the office of Lieutenant-Governor contributed in many ways to the promotion of worthy objects, which endeared him to all classes and sections of the community.

Praise for Lord Byng.

"Since last session the Dominion of Canada has extended a hearty welcome to Baron Byng of Vimy, as Governor-General, and to Lady Byng. In this welcome the Province of Ontario has cordially participated. It is a matter of pride to our people that a citizen who has served the so well in war represents the reign in this Dominion in times peace and security.

"The special claims of agriculture, our basic industry and source of prosperity, have not been lost sight of by the Government. Adverse climatic conditions and the deflation of the prices of farm products made the past year a trying one for this industry. I am glad to know, however, that the prospect for the coming year is much more satisfactory. My Ministers feel that the future of agriculture requires the development of further plans for the marketing of farm products. The organizations for the selling of fruit are meeting with success, and other plans along similar lines will be developed during the present session. The rural credit system created by the legislation of last session gives promise of beneficial results. Good service has been rendered through extended local classes for agricultural instruction, and the results justify the application of the principle in a more comprehensive way in the future.

Help for Unemployed.

"Much consideration has been given to the unemployment question by my Ministers, and by an Advisory Committee appointed some months ago. As a result of these deliberations the Government has undertaken to encourage employment by a plan whereby the Province will contribute to the extra cost of works initiated by the municipalities for relief purposes, the Dominion and local authorities also sharing the expense. In addition, the Province has agreed to contribute to the cost of supplying food and materials urgently required to relieve distress and privation. Realizing that a speedy return to normal conditions could best be brought about by such voluntary action as would lower the cost of living and bring prices of commodities within the reach of consumers, the Advisory Committee undertook certain appeals to the public from which it is believed results are being obtained. The signs of reviving business activity encourage the hope that the necessity for relief measures will disappear in the near future.