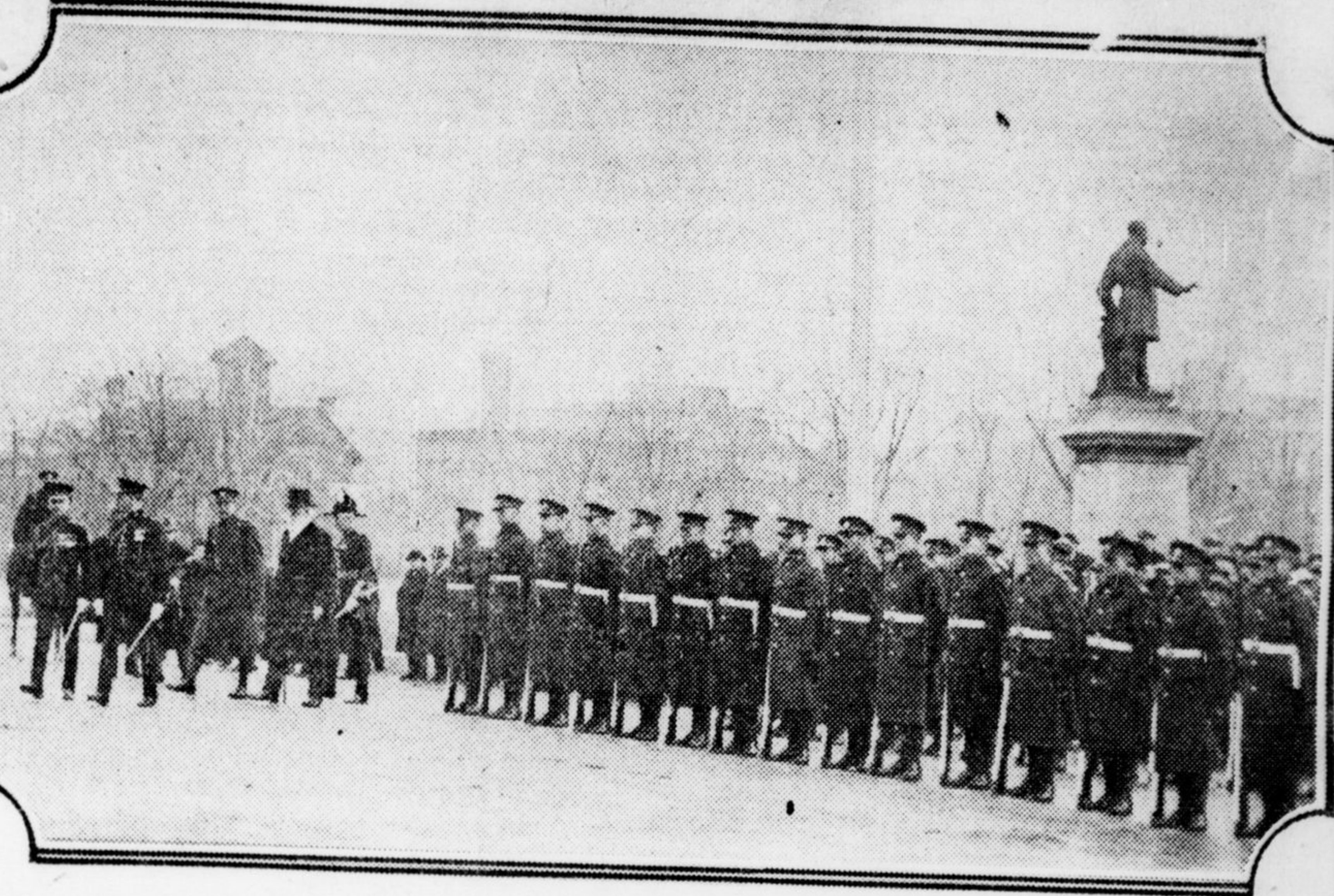


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Sir William Mulock Formally Opens Ontario Legislature



Acting as Administrator of the Province of Ontario, Sir William Mulock yesterday officially opened the third session of the Eighteenth Provincial Legislature, amid all the pomp and ceremony that characterizes annually the formal commencement of law-making activities in Queen's Park.

Illustrations show, at the left, Sir William as he took the general salute upon his arrival at the Buildings. At the right, the official party inspecting the escort and guard of honor for the Administrator in front of the Buildings.

Assembly Session Formally Opened By Administrator

Speech From Throne Enumerates Legislative Program, Much of Which Already Was Forecast—Brilliant Scene at Inauguration of 1932 Session

TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE INTRODUCED

Opened yesterday afternoon by the venerable Administrator of the Province, Sir William Mulock, the third session of the Eighteenth Legislature of Ontario had its formal inauguration amid an unusually striking panoply of pomp and splendor.

For two hours and more before the salute of fifteen guns outside heralded the arrival of the Administrator and his guard from the General Staff, the galleries and seats on the floor of the House rapidly filled with the fairest of Ontario's womanhood, gaily arrayed in formal evening gowns of every hue. A few minutes before the hour appointed for Sir William's arrival, the wives of the Cabinet Ministers were escorted to their seats by their husbands, and, just before his arrival, Premier George S. Henry went to the doorway to escort Mrs. A. E. Kirkpatrick, the Administrator's daughter, to her place of honor nearest the dais.

For the first time in many a long year the formal bows were made and the Speech from the Throne handed to the Prime Minister by one other than Colonel Alexander Fraser, A.D.C. This ceremonial was carried out this year by Colonel William Rhoades, who, with Colonel W. Pate Mulock, acted as A.D.C., preceding the Administrator and the officers of the General Staff into the Chamber.

Sir William had been escorted to the Parliament Buildings by a detachment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, headed by Lieutenant Churchill Mann, and, on his arrival, the salute was fired by four guns of the 53rd Battery, under Major D. H. Mackay. The guard of honor, stationed outside the entrance to the great building, was from the Royal Canadian Regiment, and was under Lieutenant A. C. McAgy.

Received by Speaker.

The arrival of the Administrator was the signal for all in the great Chamber to rise, and for the buzz of conversation between the guests to come to a sudden halt. Sir William was received at the dais by Hon. T. Ashmore Kidd, the Speaker of the House, and on taking his seat he bade the assembled company be seated.

A feature of the opening proceedings was the introduction, to take their seats—which were, perforce, such merely in name, owing to the huge concourse in the Chamber—of the two new members of the Legislature: Arthur C. Burt (Conservative, Norfolk) and D. Paul Munro (Liberal, South Wellington).

The Speech from the Throne proved to be rather an innocuous document, with no legislation heralded which had not already been forecast. Bills to provide for a modified moratorium, to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, to amalgamate the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board with the Bureau of Municipal Affairs, and to make the Dominion Industrial Disputes Act operative in Ontario, were the chief legislative items of interest.

Speech From the Throne.

In part, the Speech read:

"In view of the negotiations for the proposed seaway treaty, the Federal and the Provincial authorities have conferred upon the appropriate division of the cost, as between navigation and power development, of the international section of the St. Lawrence River.

"Through the co-operation of the Federal and Provincial Governments with the municipal authorities, a considerable measure of relief has been

extended to persons experiencing hardship on account of the prevailing unemployment. This relief has taken in the main the form of opportunities for work, but it has been necessary also to provide funds for direct relief. Owing to the favorable conditions, much progress was made in the construction of the trans-Canada highway, and other road improvements.

"While agricultural production was maintained at a high level, the financial return was much below normal. New fields of usefulness are being developed by the Department of Agriculture. The Ontario Marketing Board, recently created, has organized the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Markets Council, and is giving special attention to the grading and marketing of a number of important farm products. It is gratifying to note that cold storage and central packing plants are being increased.

"By utilizing the flow of the Ottawa River at Chats Falls, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission has secured an important addition to its generating facilities, second only in extent to the great Niagara development. Special interest attaches to this work by reason of its interprovincial character, which necessitated co-operation between the Governments of Ontario and Quebec, and probably will be the forerunner of further joint undertakings.

"Satisfactory results have attended