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Colorful Ceremony Enacted at Opening Of Ontario House

Sparkling Jewels and Exquisite Gowns Blend With Military Accoutrements — Distinguished Assembly Hears His Honor Dr. H. A. Bruce Open Fourth Session of Eighteenth Legislature

ACCORDED SALVO OF FIFTEEN GUNS

The fourth session of the Eighteenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario was opened yesterday afternoon by his Honor Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor.

Such was the bare fact of the colorful ceremonial enacted yesterday at Queen's Park. In actual fact, the opening this year was one of the most spectacular within memory. The House was filled to capacity, the sun was shining, and the Speech from the Throne was read by the new incumbent of the Lieutenant-Governorship.

Patient Ticket-Holders.

When the doors into the east and west galleries were opened, soon after 1 o'clock, the patient ticket-holders, many of whom had been in line since before noon, filed into their seats. Then there gradually came the occupants of the Speaker's Gallery and of the members' benches, and additional seats on the floor of the House.

At ten minutes to three his Honor drove up to the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings; with him was his aide, Colonel H. M. Hilchie. His car was escorted from Avenue Road by a contingent of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, commanded by Lieutenant Ardagh. Outside the buildings he inspected the foot guard of the Royal Canadian Regiment, there stationed under Major Neilson, and was accorded the salvo of fifteen guns due his high office, which was fired from a position north of the buildings by the 21st Field Battery, under Major Medland's command.

Meanwhile, Ontario's gracious first lady had been escorted to her seat, nearest the throne, in the ranks of the Cabinet Ministers and their wives, by Premier George S. Henry. Next her was seated Mrs. Henry.

Splendid Setting.

The gowns and hoods of university dignitaries and clerics, the scarlet and blue and gold uniforms of the corps of twenty military aides, the flashing accoutrements of the Legation representatives, the kaleidoscope of the dresses and fans and flowers and sparkling jewels of Ontario's ladies—all were finely set off in the sombre, dignified, high-ceilinged chamber in which the legislative business of the Province is enacted.

Into this splendid setting stepped

his Honor—surgeon, soldier and Lieutenant-Governor—in the full panoply of Windsor uniform. He walked through the lines of his aides, he ascended the Throne, he sat—and with him, the standing seven hundred and more took their seats once again.

Premier Is Likely To Present Budget

Premier Henry will very likely take on the duty of presenting the Budget address when that financial item rolls around in the present session of the Ontario Legislature, The Globe learned yesterday. Provincial Treasurer Hon. Edward A. Dunlop, who has been ill for some time, is reported much better, but unable to leave his bed as yet. Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, Minister of Public Works and Labor, is Acting Treasurer, but his heavy office duties, coupling his portfolios with his Chairmanship of the Relief Committee, forbid his presenting the Budget. Colonel Price has also been unwell, and it is considered that his office of Attorney-General will be sufficiently busy to preclude the task falling upon him. Mr. Henry will begin at once to sit in with the Budget Committee to round out that body's report.

The Speech from the Throne was handed by Colonel T. Ashmore Kidd, the Speaker, to his Honor, who read it clearly, slowly, with dignity. Fifteen minutes later his Honor left the Throne, left the House, and the Legislature was open for another session.

Then the Speaker took his place, and the first time-honored formal bill was introduced by Provincial Secretary George Challies.

Only one new member was sworn in; he was Harry I. Price, Conservative victor in the recent West York by-election. Mr. Price will move the adoption of the Speech from the Throne, and the seconder is to be A. C. Burt, the member for Norfolk.

After adjournment until today a reception was held in the Speaker's chambers by Mrs. T. Ashmore Kidd, at which Ministers and members and their ladies were interesting guests.

HOPE IS EXPRESSED FOR BETTER OUTLOOK

Note of Optimism Sounded
by New Lieutenant-
Governor

SPEECH FROM THRONE

An expressed hope that economies recommended by the Budget Committee, coupled with the announced retrenchment policy of the Ontario Government, would materially improve the financial outlook of the Province, was voiced by his Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dr. Herbert A. Bruce in the Legislative Speech from the Throne yesterday. The work of the Government during the past year was scanned, and, while the tenor of stressful times predominated, a note of optimism was heard in this Governmental announcement.

The public-spiritedness of Hon. W. D. Ross, former Lieutenant-Governor, and of Sir William Mulock, who was Administrator of the Province for some time, was commended in the speech.

Co-ordinate Services.

The work done by Governments, Federal and Provincial, at two conferences, was referred to. Of the conference between the Provinces and the Dominion, his Honor's remarks dwelt upon the consideration given to unemployment insurance, and the desire to co-ordinate where public services overlapped. The Imperial Conference was stressed as a means of relieving "extremely low prices hampering the agricultural industry."

Ontario's Northlands were told of the "deep interest in the progress and development of Northern Ontario," and reference made to the completion of the T. & N. O. Railway to James Bay. It was observed that Ontario gold had placed the Province in an enviable position and had been a factor in sustaining the credit of Canada. A further expansion of gold production was forecast.

The Campbell Committee on Direct Relief was praised for its work in assisting the Government, and public recognition was given to their report, which has formed a basis of administering relief funds.

Brief reference was made to the radium-emanation plant, now in operation; the redistribution bill, and Hydro.