

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

RECALLING THE SESSION--THE BRILLIANT FUNCTION AT ITS CLOSE.

Ottawa, April 27.—The third session of the tenth parliament of Canada closed at three o'clock this afternoon, with the usual ceremonies.

The declining days of the past session were marked by a great deal of their interest and spiritiveness through the absence of the premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and two of his principal ministers, Sir Frederick Borden, the minister of militia, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries.

In their places, however, were proved and experienced leaders who might be depended upon to rise to the occasion should circumstances call for evidence of their ability to prove their merit in that respect.

It had been pretty well arranged, however, before the departure of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that all contentious subjects had been either settled or wiped off the political slate for the time being, and that only such matters as might be disposed of without party strife or combat should come up in the final days of the session.

This it was that the interest incidental to the closing proceedings was lacking when compared with previous sessions. Several bills which might have created somewhat of a fight were dropped from the list and simplified matters a great deal.

The circumstances leading up to that event constituted a situation of unparalleled dramatic tension and will place the past session within the category of special interest in the history of the Canadian house.

Contentious legislation there has been in plenty since the liberal party came into power in 1896. That is true of every parliament. During the old conservative regime they had their scandalous sessions which will be ripe in the minds of many readers.

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The selection of the lands purchased and their transferable value was considerably advanced, so it was said, by the information given to the parties to the transaction by an official of a railway traversing the Canadian North-West. In this way it was alleged by liberal members that a number of their political opponents had prostituted their places in parliament by placing themselves under obligations to interests which might at any time be seeking their support for the advancement of legislation of interest to their property or on the other hand desirous of having them offer opposition to measures not for their benefit.

This situation led to taunts and insinuations of disclosures by members on the liberal side, and it was in response to one of these that Mr. Fowler made his famous "wine, women, and graft" disclosure threat.

Here was a situation which contained all kinds of possibilities. The insinuation was levelled at the heads of the ministry and there was at once a clamour, led principally by Mr. Borden, for more definite charges or else their complete withdrawal.

When the representatives of the people were all in for the ceremony, his excellency read the address from the throne. In the course of the document the legislators were thanked for the careful attention they had given to the public business of the country throughout the long winter session.

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is an attending reflection of old world pomp and pageantry which appeals to the masses. The love of the public for this sort of "hass and feathers" is proverbial.

To the jaded members of parliament or of the senate this sort of thing has fewer attractions. After a long session they are usually anxious to get off to their homes. In fact many of them do not wait for the closing ceremonies, but take themselves off on the first train after the practical work of the session is at an end.

There are always enough left to fill the requirements of the state and the familiar scenes are re-enacted in the common and senate chambers.

Prorogation was set for three o'clock. At that hour his excellency, Earl Grey, attended by a mounted body guard, drove up in state to the main entrance of the parliament buildings, where a guard of honor was drawn up for the occasion.

On this occasion Ottawa society turns out in full force. Officialdom and their wives are all there in full regalia. Those of the civilian class who can squeeze in like to attend and watch the proceedings.

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WHERE CANADIAN LAWS ARE MADE. THIS VIEW SHOWS THE ENTIRE BUILDING FROM FRONT.

PHONOGRAPH SCARES THIEF

It Howls For Police When Flat is Cracked. The wave of crime which has been passing over Paris lately and which the police seem quite powerless to prevent has caused the citizens to adopt various devices to protect their homes from invasion by the Apaches.

Then the ceremony of summoning the commoners was gone through with in which the usher of the Black Rod played his little part with dignity and grace.

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MARRIAGE MEDALS.

Which May Be Given in Lieu of a Gift. New York, April 27.—Easter weddings have this year an element of novelty so far as the presents are concerned, which the talent of a French metallist now in this country has made possible.

These marriage medals are made of silver, and are about two inches in diameter. On one side is a pair of figures in classical fashion, and on the other is a wreath of laurel bearing the words "Sous le Vent de Mars."

There was the pleasant of luncheon parties at the Country yesterday, with Mrs. J. C. C. A. and Miss Adelaide Ritchie as guests of honor.

There was a gentleman's understanding between Sir Wilfrid and Hon. Mr. Borden, the leader of the opposition, that political poena would mark the concluding proceedings.

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PRODUCE PRICES.

What is Paid at the City Stores. Kingston, April 27.—The following prices prevailed in the city to-day: Flour and Feed—Flour, bakers, strong, \$2 to \$2.10; farmers, \$2.10 to \$2.30; Hungarian rye, \$2.30 to \$2.50; oatmeal and rolled oats, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cornmeal, \$1.50 to \$1.65; bran, \$1.50 to \$2.00 a ton; shorts, \$2.20 to \$2.3 a ton; straw, \$6 to \$8; hay, loose \$9 to \$10, pressed, \$12 to \$14.

Eggs—New laid, 17c per dozen. Grains—Oats, 37c; wheat, 70c and 75c (different grades); buckwheat, 50c; barley, 48c to 55c; rye, 50c; peas, 75c.

Butter—Choice, creamery, 28c a lb.; inferior, butter in prints, 26c a lb.; packed, 24c; rolls, 24c.

Meat—Beef, carcass, \$7.50 to \$8.50 a cwt; choice cuts, 12c to 15c per lb.; pork, \$10 to \$11 a cwt.; veal, by the quarter, 5c to 8c per lb.; cuts, 6c to 10c; by the carcass, 5c to 7c per lb.; cutlets, 12c; hogs, live weight, \$7 per cwt.; carcass, \$9 to \$10 per cwt.; cuts, 12c to 15c a lb.; lamb, by carcass, \$7.

Stocks that will wear for children 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c and 25c. New York Dress Reform.



EARL GREY.



COUNTESS GRAY.

Told in the Twilight

Miss Etta Kirkpatrick caught Charles Abbott's bouquet when she threw it among the girls for luck Wednesday, and afterwards the beautiful array of white roses and lilacs the valley was taken to brighten its fragrance, the home of Miss Le...

The Badminton club will soon play for the season, and the majority of the members will devote themselves to golf for the summer. The Country Club, with its capital arrangements for tea every afternoon, promises to be a very popular spot.

Mrs. Frederic Mahood, Brock street, gave a little tea, on Thursday, in honor of Mrs. George Eade, Sr., the Misses Eade.

Mrs. Arthur Evans was present to remain over till to-day, when she left for Montreal. Her old friends have enjoyed her visit very much.

Mrs. Herbert Horsey is expected home from her trip to the States shortly, and will be with Canon Mrs. Cooke, at "Hazeldean."

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VIEWS OF THE CHAMBER



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