

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Speech is of More Than Usual Length.

The Legislature met at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and the three new members were sworn in. All the members were present except Mr. Harrison, of Sunbury, who is so ill that he will not likely attend this session.

The Governor arrived at three o'clock, accompanied by his aides Col. Gordon and Col. Call; the coroner, sheriff, etc. A detachment of the R. R. C. I. was present and fired the usual salute. The galleries were crowded, many ladies being present. All the Supreme Court judges sat on the floor of the House.

The speech "from the throne" was as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

1. I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure of the past year to be laid before you, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the present current year up to the opening of this session.

2. Estimates of the probable income and expenditure of the current year will be laid before you, and I think you will find that they have been prepared with due regard to economy and the necessities of the public service.

3. Bills in amendment of the laws relating to agriculture, of the laws relating to evidence, of the game laws, and other bills of importance will be laid before you.

4. I commit these to your careful consideration, together with other measures which may come before you, and leave you to your deliberations, trusting to your zeal in the public interest, and confident that your desire to further the general welfare, will, under the guidance of Divine Providence, lead you to conclusions which will be in the best interests of the people generally.

It affords me great pleasure to meet you in parliament assembled for the discharge of your important legislative duties for the first time since I have entered upon the trust reposed in me as the representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this province.

The lamented death of my immediate predecessor in a foreign land, whither he had gone seeking the restoration of his health, was deeply felt by the whole people of his native province, to whose interests he had devoted so much of his life, and I am confident you will join with me in paying a just tribute of respect to his memory.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the fairly prosperous condition of the business of the province. Providence has given to our farmers average crops, and wherever farming has been pursued upon correct principles, results have been satisfactory. I am happy to be able to assure you that throughout the province generally there is a gradual improvement of methods in agriculture, and I trust the day is not far distant when our farmers will take their proper position among their brother workers in the rapid provinces of the Dominion. The rapid development of the dairy industry in the province within the past few years and many recent changes and improvements in agricultural methods with which it is of the utmost importance that our farmers should keep fully abreast in order to hold their proper position in the Dominion have led my government to consider carefully the state of the laws with regard to agriculture, with a view to bringing them up more fully to the requirements of the times. Measures will be submitted for your consideration which it is hoped will still further stimulate this most important industry.

Our lumbermen, who compose so large a class of our population, have also had a prosperous year, and are looking to the future more hopefully than for some time past. The policy of my government in conserving as far as possible the forest lands of the province has had an excellent effect upon the lumber business, and this will be felt more and more as years elapse and our timber lands become more valuable.

The reign of our most gracious sovereign Queen Victoria, has exceeded in length that of any of her predecessors who have occupied the throne of England, or of Great Britain and Ireland. Her reign represents an era in the history of the empire marked by great development in arts and manufactures, in political liberty, in the improved moral and social condition of the whole people, in Christian benevolence, and in the vast extension of the empire, and its increase in material wealth and power. In connection with these is the power for good which has always marked the public and private life of Her Majesty, and has made itself felt in every part of the empire. We may safely predict that her reign will be regarded as the brightest in the annals of our country, and I am confident that the loyal subjects of her most gracious majesty in New Brunswick will join during this long and glorious epoch in the history of the empire.

While our province has during the past year been blessed with an abundant harvest and a large measure of general prosperity, a serious calamity has befallen our fellow subjects in India where a famine of almost unprecedented severity has devastated a wide extent of territory and brought suffering and death to many thousands. The bond which unites all dependencies of the crown is, happily, such that disaster can befall no part of the empire, however remote, without exciting a responsive sympathy throughout the whole. Indeed a calamity so widespread and severe as that which has cast its devastating blight over so large a portion of India cannot fail to evoke an active sympathy from all Christian people, without distinction of race or nationality. As was expected, therefore, much has been done to alleviate the acute distresses arising from the famine, and the progress of this great disaster; but, unhappily, much yet remains to be done. I am satisfied that it is only necessary for me to point out to the people of this province how urgent is the call upon them from our suffering fellow subjects in India to ensure a ready and benevolent response.

The subject of cold storage has occupied much of the attention of my government during the past year, and they have tried to ar-

range for the construction of such depots as will meet the requirements of the various sections of the province. Thus far their efforts have not met with the desired success but it is hoped in the near future, as the great advantages of the system become better known and appreciated, parties will be found who, with fair encouragement, will undertake the work and carry it to completion.

At the last session of the Legislature an appropriation was made to provide for the importation of cattle, sheep and swine. My government, after giving the matter their careful consideration, did not, for various reasons, deem it expedient to make an importation of cattle during the then current year. A number of pure bred swine was imported and distributed in various sections of the province and I am pleased to inform you that this has met with general approval.

Public attention has been recently directed to the desirability of attracting the steady flow of tourist travel from our sister provinces and the neighboring republic towards our province. Aside from the unsurpassed natural scenery of our province and our inviting climate the opportunities afforded to sportsmen must always be an incentive to such travel, and my government will further invite your favorable consideration to the greater perfection of our game laws with a view to the preservation of so important a source of wealth to our people.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.

Mr. Osman moved the address in reply, making an excellent address. He was perhaps a trifle nervous, but spoke well, showing that with a little experience he will be able to take a fair position as a debater. His matter was all good, and was presented in a very happy way. He referred briefly to nearly all the matters touched on in the address, making feeling reference to the death of the late Governor Fraser, and speaking warmly of his successor. His reference to the celebrations in connection with the Queen's long reign were particularly pleasing. Mr. Osman is an Englishman and he made very appropriate references to the events of the reign. He bespoke substantial aid for the sufferers in India, and spoke of the necessities of cold storage and stock importations.

Mr. Carpenter, in seconding the address, showed that he had profited by his terms in the Municipal Council of Queens. He is a very ready speaker, one of the best among the country members. He went over much the same ground as Mr. Osman, touching on the different points of the address in a very pleasant way. He spoke particularly as a farmer and expressed satisfaction that the province has many prosperous farmers. He said, however, that our farmers are behind those of the other provinces in the use of modern appliances, and commended the educational work the government is doing among farmers. He wanted the timber lands conserved and hoped cold storage would be introduced.

The speech of Dr. A. A. Stockton was one of the best he has ever delivered in the Legislature. It was scholarly, as all his speeches are, and at times quite brilliant, and held the closest attention of the House. It was not aggressive enough for some of his supporters, in fact it might almost have been delivered by a government supporter instead of by the leader of the opposition, but then the occasion was one that did not call for an aggressive speech. Mr. Stockton warmly congratulated the mover and seconder of the address on their efforts and then, referring to the death of Governor Fraser, approved of the government having his portrait hung in the Assembly room. He advised them to get those of all previous governors since Confederation, also the portraits of Messrs. L. A. Wilmot and Charles Fisher, who were the pioneers in the fight for responsible government, and of the late Hon. George F. Hill, who ably seconded their efforts. Referring to the death of Sir Leonard Tilley, he said Mr. James Hannay had put the people of the province under a great obligation to him for his excellent history of that statesman. In flights of genuine oratory he told of the great strides the world had made during the sixty years of Her Majesty's reign and then in sarcastic strains, referring to the government's solicitude for the farmers, asked why they had not given one a cabinet position. Mr. Emmerson interrupting declared they were all farmers and Mr. Stockton replied, "Yes, farmers of the revenues, but not of the acres of the province." He next declared the French population was not properly represented in the cabinet. He expressed approval of properly directed cold storage legislation, and said there was great difference of opinion as to whether or not the government should import stock and compete with the local owners of thoroughbred cattle. He pointed out that the speech omitted reference to the recent decision of the Privy Council regarding temperance legislation and regarding the provincial fisheries, and then dwelt for a time upon the necessity of encouraging tourist travel. He spoke of the difference between our game and fishery laws and those of Maine, and said ours should be so amended that tourists for a small fee would get the right to fish and shoot. He next made a humorous reference to the changes in the cabinet, and to the unpleasantness existing, and concluded with a few well-chosen words of congratulation to Hon. Mr. Tweedie on his promotion to the position of Premier and Attorney-General.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie replied in a short speech that was a disappointment to the government supporters. He said Mr. Stockton was getting in line with the government and declared the recent by-elections showed they were as strong in the affections of the people as ever. The fact that provincial bonds were selling higher than ever before he argued was an evidence they were governing the province wisely. He defended the game laws pointing out that Mr. Stockton had supported them when they were introduced and that even now he had not suggested any method of making a change. He declared the people would be unwilling of a tax of \$30,000 to \$40,000 to make up for the loss in revenue derived from the fisheries if they were made free, and thought it would be impossible to properly guard the streams from net fishermen. He said the stock importation was not made last year because it was feared it might interfere with the success of the St. John exhibition and because it was thought desirable to consult with the farmers and dairymen, who are to meet here this month. He referred in feeling terms to the late Governor Fraser and concluded by emphatically declaring no dissensions existed in the cabinet.

Dr. Alward followed in a brief speech, going over much the same ground as previous speakers. He and Mr. Hill, who came next, made touching references to the death of the deputy clerk, Mr. John Richards, declaring he was always kind and attentive. They regretted not seeing his smiling face. Mr. Hill, speaking regarding tourist travel, said the government should spend all its spare money making good roads. He favored changing the game laws, but did not know how the money would be raised. Tourists, he said, left \$10,000,000 annually in the State of Maine, and he believed the travel to this province, particularly to the North Shore, would increase as the years go by.

Mr. Pitts followed Mr. Hill and had the floor at 6 o'clock. He made the only aggressive speech and assailed the government right and left. The speech, he said, was remarkable for what it did not contain. It is wrong to say the country is prosperous when everybody knows it is suffering from the general depression, said Mr. Pitts, and he followed this up by an attack on the policy of the government in granting long leases for timber lands. He favored an increased cold storage grant and opposed the policy of importing thoroughbred stock, laughingly declaring we already had enough swine.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 7.—Mr. Killam presented a petition from the Moncton Y. M. C. A. asking for the passage of certain amendments to their act of incorporation.

Mr. Hill, from the standing rules committee, submitted a first report and also a petition from the St. Stephen town council asking the passage of a bill to introduce on Thursday to legalize the late election in St. Stephen and to amend the election law as affecting that town.

Mr. Killam introduced a bill to make the Moncton assessors elective by the people instead of by the council.

Mr. Pitts gave notice of an inquiry into Asylum matters by moving for an answer on Thursday as to why Dr. Donovan was imported from New York to manage the Asylum during Dr. Hetherington's absence instead of Dr. Allison being utilized. He will also ask to know Mr. Quinton's position and duties and whether or not the government paid any of the expenses of Dr. Hetherington's trip to England and Europe.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the Auditor General's and school reports for 1896.

Sittings and Circuit Courts.

The following is the assignment of the Sittings and Circuit Courts for 1897, and January, 1898:

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.
Kent, Tuesday, 9th March, 1897.
Westmorland, " 4th May, "
Northumberland, " 14th Sept., "
Victoria, " 28th "
Madawaska, " 5th October, "
Saint John, " 4th Jan., 1898.

MR. JUSTICE HANINGTON
Gloucester, Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897.
Restigouche, " 9th "
Carleton, " 27th April, "
Queens, " 18th May, "
Saint John, " 15th June, "
Westmorland, " 7th Sept., "
Westmorland, " 11th Jan., 1898.

MR. JUSTICE LANDRY.
Victoria, Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897.
Madawaska, " 11th May, "
Charlotte, " 15th June, "
York Sittings, " 7th Sept., "
Saint John, " 21st "
Kings, " 4th January, 1898.

MR. JUSTICE VANWART.
Saint John, Tuesday, 9th March, 1897.
Restigouche, " 31st August, "
Gloucester, " 7th Sept., "
Charlotte, " 12th October, "
Carleton, " 19th "
Albert, " 18th January, 1898.

MR. JUSTICE McLEOD.
Northumberland, Tuesday, 23rd March, 1897.
Sunbury, " 11th May, "
Albert, " 22nd June, "
Kings, " 7th Sept., "
Queens, " 12th October, "
Sunbury, " 19th "
Saint John, " 23rd Nov., "
York Sittings, " 4th January, 1898.

By The Court.

Judges assigned for the trial of election petitions under the Dominion Controversial Elections Act, for the year ending Hilary term, 1898:

The Chief Justice and Judge McLeod for York, Westmorland, Queens, Gloucester and Restigouche.

Judges Hanington and Vanwart for St. John City and the counties of St. John,

Carleton, Kent and Victoria.

Judges Landry and Barker for Charlotte Kings, Albert and Northumberland.

Judges assigned to try election petitions in the undermentioned counties for the year ending Hilary term, 1898:

The Chief Justice—The counties of Westmorland and Charlotte.

Mr. Justice Hanington—The counties of York, Gloucester and Restigouche.

Mr. Justice Landry—The counties of St. John, Victoria and Madawaska.

Mr. Justice Barker—The counties of Carleton, Albert and Sunbury.

Mr. Justice Vanwart—The city of Saint John and the counties of Northumberland and Kings.

Mr. Justice McLeod—The counties of Queens and Kent.

A RADICAL CHANGE.

A Hamilton Lady Undergoes an Experience and Relates the History of a Severe Trial.

Mrs. James Graham, 280 James-street north, Hamilton, wife of the well-known grocer at that address, relates the following circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have resided in Hamilton for the past fourteen years, and are very well and favorably known.

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"For six months I have been constantly taking medicine, trusting that it would help me, and for a time was under the care of a physician, but all the efforts I made towards a cure were of no avail. My physician finally told my husband: 'You know there is no cure for heart disease,' which made me more despondent than ever.

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"I can recommend them without the slightest hesitation to all sufferers from similar complaints. (Signed) Mrs. Jas. Graham, Hamilton, Ont.

Pine Ridge Notes.

Feb. 6th.—I think "Topsy" must be a true lover of fiction, and in the case of her last Pine Ridge notes, she certainly has excelled herself. If she be not a lover of fiction, she cannot live anywhere in the vicinity of Pine Ridge, and must be the dupe of an impostor, or else she would most assuredly know that goose suppers, sleighing parties, hot suppers, etc., are frivolities which we seldom indulge in. This being the case, imagine our astonishment on seeing our names among those of guests at such suppers, etc., etc.

The case of the young man who is in the habit of muttering about his heart, seems sad; but let us hope that before long the heart will be returned without injury, or better still that the finder will make an exchange.

Regarding Topsy's last note about the attraction. Of course there was one, and the attractive young lady has since been known to exclaim "veni, vidi, vici."

PETE.

Fatal Accident.

Thomas Flaherty was killed in Fleming's Foundry St. John, about 5:30 o'clock on Monday evening. He got caught between a shaft and a beam and his head was instantly crushed. Another employe W. H. Stackhouse, was the first to go to his rescue, but Flaherty was then dead. The remains were moved to the residence of deceased's mother on Middle street. Flaherty was about fifty-three years old and leaves two children.

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