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Legislature Opened Today With Great Pomp and Ceremony

The Fifth Session of the Present House Starts Off in a Blaze of Glory—Lieutenant Governor Bruce of British Columbia a Visitor—The Military Feature Display One of the Best Ever.

Ideal winter weather graced the occasion of the opening of the ninth Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick at three o'clock this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Major General Hugh Havelock McLean, K. C., V. D., LL. D. The presence of His Honor Lieutenant Governor Robert Randolph Bruce of British Columbia as a visitor added interest to the occasion and gave it an historical touch. The opening ceremony was in every way as brilliant as ever marked the beginning of a session of the Legislature since Fredericton became the capital of the province. The two Lieutenant Governors wore their civil service uniforms and the presence of a large number of officers of the active militia lent color to the scene. For the first time the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honor was not taken into consideration, a postponement having been arranged until tomorrow, in order to permit of more time to prepare the Assembly Chamber for tonight's state ball. The session which opened today will be the last of the present Assembly, as an election is due before the month of October.

A Brilliant Affair
The opening of a session of the Legislature, with its attendant pomp and splendor, means among other things that nature is soon to lay aside her shining coverlet and that spring is just in the offing. It is the most gorgeous event of the year in New Brunswick and is always looked forward to with keen interest even by those who have witnessed the ceremony over and over again. As the immortal Charles Dickens said in describing the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature which he witnessed in 1842, "it was like looking at Westminster through the big end of a telescope." This means that the time honored traditions of the mother of parliaments are well maintained in all the colonies and provinces of the British Empire.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor McLean was sworn into office in December, 1928, which means that this is the second session of the Legislature at which he has played the leading roll. His Honor is no longer a young man, but he is just as alert mentally as he ever was, and takes a keen interest in his official duties. He is a most capable chief executive and as an entertainer is in a class by himself.

The Military Display.

The military display in connection with the House opening this afternoon was the most spectacular on record. His Honor was attended by a guard of honor composed of members of the Officer's Training Corps of the U. N. B., in command of Lieut. Col. Adam Cameron, and for the first time there was a cavalry escort from the New Brunswick Dragoons, consisting of eight mounted men under the command of Lieut. Charles M. Scott. A salute of fifteen guns, was fired by a detachment of the 90th Howitzer Battery of this city, under the command of Lieut. Gordon Neill, from the river bank opposite the lower side of Parliament Square.

Precisely at 2.30 o'clock the guard of honor mustered at the armory, Carleton Street, and at the word of command by Lieut. Col. Cameron and headed by the York Regiment

Band, moved off in fours in the direction of Parliament Square. The side-walks on both sides of Queen Street were thronged with people, and many admiring glances were directed at the boys in khaki as they moved along with glad and gallant tread to the inspiring music of the band. On reaching their destination the troops were halted and drawn up in two ranks facing the main entrance of the building. The subaltern officers were F. G. O. Pearson and P. W. Oland, and H. B. Lingley discharged the duties of sergeant major.

Inside the House.

Long before the appointed hour for the opening ceremony the seating space in the galleries of the House was fully taken up. Lady students of the University and Normal School thronged the ladies' gallery and the speakers' and public galleries were also crowded to capacity.

Following the custom adopted a few years ago invitations to seats on the floor of the House were limited to members of the gubernatorial party, wives of Ministers, members and deputy ministers, bishops, consuls and vice consuls, clergymen and their wives, and officials of the Government and Legislature. All available seats had interested occupants. The interior of the assembly was brightened by a floral display from local nurseries.

The Governor Arrives.

Shortly before three o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant Governor accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Bruce of British Columbia, Major E. J. Lounsbury A. D. C. and Capt. Theodore Barker, official secretary, left the Barker House in a Packard limousine and drove slowly to Parliament Square. As the party alighted and made their way up the steps leading to the main entrance the detachment of artillery from a position on the river bank began firing the customary salute of fifteen guns, while the guard gave the royal salute with the band playing the National Anthem.

The House Meets.

Shortly before three o'clock the members of the assembly took their



LIEUT. GOVERNOR McLEAN
Who Officiated At the Opening of the Legislature This Afternoon.

seats and were called to order by Speaker O'Brien. The chaplain, Rev. A. F. Bate, invoked God's blessing upon the gathering and prayed for divine guidance for the lawmakers.

Punctually at three o'clock, H. C. Rutter, the veteran Sergeant at Arms carrying his staff, entered the Chamber and announced that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor had arrived. "Admit His Honor," said the Speaker, as he arose and left the Chamber, followed by the Clerk and Clerk Assistant. A moment later the door opened and His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Bruce of British Columbia, his A. D. C. and official secretary, and a retinue of military officers in uniform headed by Brig. Gen. Constantine, P. C., filed into the Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor took his seat upon the throne and Lieutenant Governor Bruce was assigned a seat near the Speaker's dais, while the militia officers remained standing. The members and officers of the House arose as the gubernatorial party entered the Chamber but resumed their seat at the request of the chief executive.

The Speech from the Throne, opening the session was read by His Honor in clear, distinct tones, and at its conclusion the party filed out of the Chamber. Their Honors and Col. Constantine afterwards made an inspection of the Guard of Honor.

It having been decided to postpone consideration of the Address in reply to the Speech until tomorrow, the proceedings today were rather brief. Hon. Mr. Leger introduced a bill to provide for an issue of provincial debentures which was read a first time. A memorandum of agreement with W. W. Hubbard, the official reporter, was read and approved.

MORE TROOPS SUPPORT THE REVOLUTIONISTS

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Feb. 27—Revolutionary forces in control of Santo Domingo were strengthened during the night by the arrival of additional troops, which took up positions either within the capital or striking distance of the city.

Thus approximately 1,000 insurgents, occupy the strategic points of Santo Domingo, literally waiting on their arms while the question of president Horacio Vazquez political fate is being decided.

H. D. Miller of Sussex is in the city today.

COMMUNISTS ROUNDED UP BY U. S. POLICE

Street Battles Are Reported in Several American Cities.

**PARADES ARE
BROKEN UP
Disturbances Reported
in New York, Chicago
and Los Angeles.**

(Undated Communists by British United Press.)

Communists, radicals and malcontents were in jails in four major American cities today after street and meeting half riots that led in several instances to battles with police.

Breaking up of parades and meetings in protest against Un-Employment, low wages the capitalistic system or in celebration of release of government prisoners led to the disturbances. They occurred in New York, Chicago, Seattle and Los Angeles.

COL. J.W. BRIDGES PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

**Well Known Citizen and
Retired Military Officer
Succumbed After
an Illness of Ten
Days—Was Native of
Sheffield and Practiced
Here for Many
Years.**

After an illness of ten days following a stroke of paralysis, Col. James W. Bridges for many years a practitioner here and a veteran of the great war passed peacefully away at his home in Northumberland street this morning. The news of the fatal termination of his illness spread quickly about the city and was received



COL. J. W. BRIDGES
Well Known Physician Who Died
Here Today.

on all sides with expressions of deep regret. His two sons and daughter were at his bedside when the end came.

Native of Sheffield

The late Col. Bridges was a native of Sheffield, Sunbury County, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bridges of that place. He completed a course at the Sheffield Academy and afterwards entered the U. N. B. from which he graduated in 1884 with the degree of B. A. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, from which he graduated in 1888 with the degree of M. D. C. M. He began to practice in Ormococt, but shortly afterwards removed to Moncton where he remained for several years. In 1892 he purchased the practice of Dr. J. Z. Currie, and

Jewish Rabbis Protest Against Soviet Crusade

Ask Jews Throughout the World to Refuse Their Support to it—Declare That Attacks on the Soviet Government Are Unjustifiable — A Manifesto Issued.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

MINSK, RUSSIA, February 27—Jewish rabbis of Minsk, under the leadership of Chief Rabbi Menacham Gluskin, appealed today to Jews throughout the world to refuse their support to the foreign "crusade" against the Soviet regime.

Denying the reported persecution and execution of rabbis here the religious leaders strongly defends the Moscow Government for its protection of the Jewish people and vigorously protested against the "unjustifiable" attacks being made upon the Soviets.

The manifesto was signed by Chief Rabbi Gluskin and Rabbis Gertz Mazel, Osher Kerstin, Mendel Yorkho and Gabriel.

HON. W.H. TAFT'S CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Washington, Feb. 27—Death is expected soon at the home of William Howard Taft.

The career which spanned 72 years of active life and carried Taft to the Presidency and later the Chief Justiceship of the United States is drawing slowly to a close attending physicians have indicated. The end is only a matter of time.

At midnight, when the last official bulletin was issued, Dr. Thomas Clayton and Francis Hagner said Mr. Taft was growing weaker and that hope for his recovery was abandoned.

"Mr. Taft is growing weaker" the bulletin said. "It is only a question of time."

Growing Weaker

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27—William Howard Taft is growing steadily weaker and his death may come at any time, according to a noon bulletin issued by his physician today.

Hon. A. A. Dysart, leader of the Opposition is a guest at the Queen.

removed to this city where he remained until shortly before the beginning of the great war when his military duties called him to Ottawa and eventually overseas. For a time while here he served as medical officer of the 71st Battalion, and was transferred to the Canadian Army Medical service. He served with distinction in France during the war and was created a commander of the order of the British Empire in 1919.

On Retired List

In 1925, Col. Bridges retired on a pension and returned to Fredericton where he has since resided. It was his custom to spend part of the year at the old home in Sheffield. He was a great lover of the great outdoors and took keen delight from hunting and fishing. During his residence here before removing to Ottawa he was an active member of the Fredericton Curling Club.

Col. Bridges was sixty-six years of age and is survived by a family of one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Allen of Toronto and two sons Dr. Harold M. of this city and Alfred of Montreal. His wife who was an Ontario lady predeceased him by a number of years. There are five brothers, Wallace of this city, Harry of St. Stephen, John and F. B. of Sheffield and George of Lakeville Corner. The hour of the funeral has not yet been announced.

NINE PERISH IN A FIRE AT LA PAS, MAN.

**Indian School House
Was Destroyed — A
Sister Superior and
Eight Pupils Perish.**

The Pas, Man., Feb. 26—Nine lives were claimed by flames sweeping through the little Indian schoolhouse at Cross Lake, in Northern Superior and eight Indian pupils perished in the fire which destroyed the schoolhouse in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The scene of the tragedy is 125 miles north east of The Pas.

Indian runners brought the story of the fire to The Pas today. How the fire originated is a mystery only the barest details being known.

All the Indian children who perished were under nine years of age.

The Rev. Sister Superior, Margaret Mary, perished with her proteges, as she vainly attempted to lead them to safety through the smoke and flames which spread rapidly through the three storey stone structure. The Sister Superior formed the children in line when the outbreak was first noticed. She then attempted to lead them to safety through a corridor on the third storey.

AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS TO MOBILIZE

(Special Cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Moscow, Feb. 27—A severe test for the Soviet's collectivization was initiated today by an order for all agronomists and other agricultural specialists, including students, to be mobilized within five days for work in the villages.

They will continue the work until May 1, in accordance with the order, which was intended to assist in spring plantings. The government hopes that the result will be an 11 percent increase in the general acreage under civilization and a 20 percent increase in wheat acreage.

NOTED PUBLISHER DEAD

(Special Cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

New York, N. Y., Feb. 27—Major George Haven Putnam, civil war veteran and Dean of American publishers, died at his home here today.