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Provincial Legislature Opened This Afternoon

Time Honored Ceremony Attracted Large Crowd of Spectators—Officers' Training Corps of the U. N. B. Furnished the Guard of Honor—Assembly Chamber the Scene of a Parliament Gathering.

With a display of pomp and splendour quite the equal of that of former years, with favorable weather conditions and in the presence of a large gathering of spectators the third session of the ninth Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick was formally opened this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant Governor William Frederic Todd. The house is meeting two weeks earlier this year than has been the case for a lengthy period, but that did not seem to lessen public interest or detract from the great importance of the event. Although one hundred and forty years have elapsed since the Legislature first met in this city for the dispatch of business, and the opening ceremony has become an old story, it is always full of interest, and people of all ages turn out to witness it with as much eagerness as they ever did. There is something in a military parade, the strains of martial music and the roar of artillery which goes with a legislative opening, and which has always appealed to the average mortal and probably always will.

What it Means.

The opening of the session of the Legislature is full of significance to the citizens of Fredericton. It means a large influx of visitors and crowded hotels; it means five or six weeks of social activity, and it also heralds the early approach of spring and the breaking of the shackles which have held the St. John River in their grip since in the month of December, and the resumption of steam-boat traffic. The session of the Legislature which began today will last six weeks and when it is over the Easter holidays will be here and the snows of the winter will have given away to spring.

The Military Turnout.

The military guard of honor which faced His Honor the Lieutenant Governor as he entered and left the Parliament building this afternoon, was composed of members of the Officers' Training Corps of the University of New Brunswick, with Major Adam Cameron, professor of chemistry, in command. The subaltern officers were Lieuts. W. W. Foster of Saint John and W. L. Seeley of this city. The total strength was 106 rank and file. The guard mustered at the armory at 2.30 o'clock and after forming column of route were led by the band of the York Regiment out Carleton street and down Queen to Parliament Square. Decked out in khaki uniforms the guard, composed as it was of snappy young men, made a very smart appearance, and no doubt "the ladies eyes were on the boys" as with glad and gallant tread they swung through the streets. For the first time in a good many years it was not found necessary to employ a brigade of snow shovellers to make a pathway for the guard of honor on Parliament Square, as the crop of snow barely covered the ground. The guard moved in without difficulty and on being halted formed two ranks facing the main entrance.

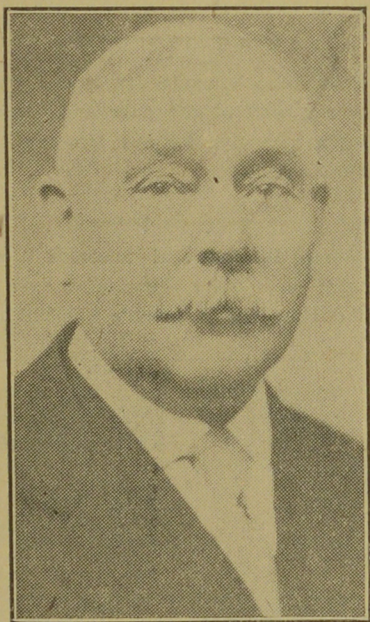
The Governor's Arrival.

Shortly before two o'clock a barouche containing His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, his official secretary, Mr. Robert S. Barker and his A. D. C., Col. Keefe, whirled into the driveway. As the party alighted and started to ascend the steps they were greeted with a Royal salute, the guard presenting arms and the band from a position in the rear, rendering several bars of the National Anthem. At the same moment a detachment from the 89th and 90th Field Batteries, from a position on the river bank nearby began a salute of fifteen guns at intervals of one minute. Parliament Square and

the adjoining streets were thronged with visitors, who watched the ceremony with the greatest interest. His Honor and party on entering the Parliament building proceeded to the clerk's room where they were joined by officers of the militia who had consented to act as an escort during the opening ceremony.

In the House.

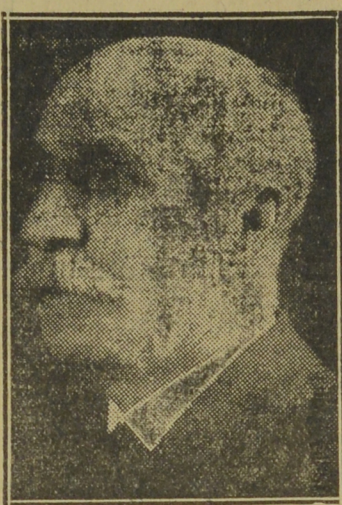
The Legislature met at three o'clock with His Honor the Speaker, Hon. J. Leonard O'Brien of Northumberland, in the chair and nearly all of the



MR. H. COLBY SMITH.

Member for Saint John County, Who Moved the Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne.

members in their seats. Spectators, the majority of whom were members of the fair sex, occupied practically all of the seating space on the floor of the chamber. Under former governments it was customary to issue invitations to the opening ceremony without regard to the seating accommodation, but last year the plan of cutting the garment according to the cloth was adopted, and was found to work to advantage. The same plan was worked out this year and less than two hundred invitations were issued. The favored ones being the wives and daughters of members and those holding official positions. Still while the number of spectators was not as large as in former years it represented all sections of the province. While it is early for this display of spring finery there were many bright and pretty costumes in evidence.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TODD

After the Chaplain, Rev. Alban F. Bate had invoked God's blessing on the gathering, the Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. H. C. Rutter, who also does duty as gentleman usher of the black rod, entered the chamber and made a bow and informed Hon. Mr. Speaker that His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, had arrived. Instantly there was a buzz of excitement followed by a craning of necks, during which the Sergeant-at-arms disappeared. A moment later the door beneath the ladies' gallery swung open and he returned, followed by the Lieutenant-Governor, his official secretary, his A. D. C., and a brilliant entourage of militia officers, headed by Col. Anderson, the commandant of division No. 7.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, wearing the civil service uniform, was of course, the centre of attraction. His Honor is not a tall man, in fact his only counterpart in the gubernatorial chair in modern times, in regard to stature, was the late Hon. Lemuel J. Tweedie, who in 1907 succeeded the late Hon. Jabez B. Snowball, one of the most picturesque figures who ever performed the duties of chief executive of this province.

While men of larger physique have occupied the position, very few have discharged their important duties in a manner more acceptable to the general public than has the present incumbent. He has certainly proved himself a very worthy chief executive and his friends are hopeful that his terms of office which expires on the 28th inst., will be extended.

Read The Speech

His Honor, upon taking his seat upon the Throne as the representative of His Majesty, the King, proceeded to read the speech from the Throne, formally opening the session. He read the speech in distinct tones which could be easily heard in all parts of the chamber. The task completed, he withdrew from the chamber followed by his entourage.

His Honor, Mr. Speaker, on the departure of the Lieutenant-Governor, re-entered the chamber and on taking the chair, stated that for the sake of greater accuracy he had secured a copy of His Honor's speech, which he proceeded to read. "Dispense," came from the government benches, which caused His Honor to lay his copy aside.

Hon. Mr. Leger then arose and introduced a bill to provide for the redemption of debentures. His chief object in doing this was not to facilitate the passage of the bill in question but to demonstrate the right of the House to legislate on matters not laid down in the speech from the throne. In the Federal Parliament it is customary to introduce a bill relating to the oaths of office which is promptly shelved, but in the Legislature a measure which it is intended to enact into law is invariably introduced.

Mover and Second.

The address in reply to the Speech from the throne was moved by Mr. H. Colby Smith, the junior member for Saint John County. Mr. Smith is a

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THE POLICE OF CHICAGO AFTER THE BOMBERS

Three Hundred Men are Patrolling the Residential Districts

MAYOR'S HOME THREATENED

Bombers Have Been Very Active During Past Three Weeks

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Chicago, Feb. 23—Special police details number upwards of 300 men patrolled various residential districts today in an effort to prevent further bombing attacks.

Special patrols were in the vicinity of the homes of Mayor William Hale Thompson and States Attorney, Robert E. Crowe.

In the past few weeks, the homes of City Comptroller Charles Fitzmorris, Dr. William H. Reid, a Thompson worker, Judge John S. Barbo, political world leader, and Lawrence Cuner, brother-in-law of the States Attorney, have been bombed. Threats were also made that the fashionable apartment house in which Mayor Thompson lives would be bombed.

F. C. MURCHIE SUCCUMBS TO HIS ILLNESS

Highly Esteemed Citizen Passed Away This Morning—Was a Member of a Well Known Border Family

After an illness of about three weeks, brought on by an attack of blood poisoning, Mr. Frank C. Murchie, secretary of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board passed away at his home on Queen street at 6.30 o'clock this morning. While at times during his illness his friends were encouraged by reports of a slight improvement in his condition they all realized that he was waging an uphill fight. Their hopes that he would prove the victor were dashed to the ground yesterday by news that he had taken a turn for the worse and that the end was only a matter of hours. The announcement of his death this morning was received on all sides with expressions of sorrow mingled with regret.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the late home of the deceased on Queen street with service by Rev. A. F. Bate. The remains will be taken by train to Milltown and interred in the family lot on Saturday afternoon. The funeral service will be in the Congregational church at Milltown.

Native of St. Stephen.

The late Mr. Murchie was a native of St. Stephen and a son of the late Mr. James Murchie, a former member of the Legislature and head of the firm of James Murchie & Sons, lumbermen and mill owners. The deceased was engaged in the pulp and wood business on the border prior to his removal to Fredericton a little over two years ago to accept the Chairmanship of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission in succession to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale. Since the establishment of the Liquor Control Board last year he has discharged the duties of secretary to that body. His genial, off hand manner won for him many friends here and he was very popular in social circles. For years he had been prominent in the Masonic order and was a

Russia Warned to Make Preparations For the Next War

Tenth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Army as a Communist Institution to Be Observed on Sunday—War Commissar Says the Army Must be Strengthened.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Moscow, Feb. 23—Warnings that Russia must prepare for the next war were sounded today, the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the army as a communist institution.

It was only two days ago that Russia submitted to the League of Nations a proposal for complete world disarmament within four years.

Formal celebrations of the anniversary, including parades, will occur on Sunday, but cities already are splashed with red bunting and newspapers are filled with enthusiastic greetings to and praises of the red army.

War Commissar Voroshilov, in a statement, declared that capitalist nations were preparing feverishly for war, making it necessary to strengthen the army.

"The next war", he said, "will require not alone the army but the whole soviet union to exert its entire strength. The government is conducting an obstinate fight for peace, but so long as we are surrounded by capitalist nations the danger of war will hang over us always. The army is ready to answer any attack."

MAN WILL OFFER HIMSELF AS BAIT TO STUDY SHARKS

New York, Feb. 22—Van Campen Heilner, wealthy big game hunter and scientist, has left for the Bahamas to serve as shark bait in the interest of science.

Heilner wants to know if a shark will attack a man without being molested. So he plans to find out by serving as bait in the shark-infested waters.

"I'm going to swim around," he explained. "There'll be a camera man in a glass bottomed boat. He'll grind off the true story of what the shark thinks of a man as a hors d'oeuvre."

Only a white shark will attack a white man, Heilner believes. Blue sharks and tiger sharks he considers harmless.

Heilner, who lives at Spring Lake, N. J., is a field representative of the American Museum of Natural History.

He sailed on the Mungaro of the Munson Line.

STAGE CONTRACT FOR DEMPSEY

New York, Feb. 22—If Leo P. Flynn has it right Jack Dempsey has an opportunity to earn in one year on the stage one half of what Tunney earned in one night at Chicago; he is considering an offer of \$500,000 for 52 weeks in vaudeville.

member of Luxor Temple of St. John. He was a keen sportsman and a recognized authority on matters pertaining to fisheries. The deceased is survived by a sorrowing widow who will have the heart-felt sympathy of the community in the great bereavement which has come upon her. He leaves three brothers, Charles F. of New York, Horace B. and Henry S. of Calais and three sisters Mrs. Fred H. Hall of Cottage Grove Oregon, Mrs. Henry B. Eaton and Mrs. Charles F. Eaton of Calais, Maine.

LEGISLATION ON STORAGE OF LIQUOR

Ottawa, Feb. 22—An order issued recently by the Department of National Revenue prohibiting the storage of liquor by private warehouses will, it is understood be the subject of legislation to be introduced at a later date by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice. This legislation it is expected will stop the importation of liquor into Canada by any parties other than the local liquor commissions of the various provincial governments.

Some leniency will be shown by the Minister of National Revenue in the enforcement of the order recently issued, toward shipments of liquor destined for Canada which left Britain or other points of export before the order was made.

FIVE PUPILS IN FOUR CLASSES IN FRANCE DEAD

Lochgair, Scotland, This little Highland village claims that the school here is attended by fewer pupils than any other in Scotland, if not in Great Britain. There are only five names on the register, but as the children are of different ages the teacher has to teach them separately and make four classes.

EARTHQUAKE IN HOLY LAND

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Jerusalem Feb. 23—A heavy earthquake was felt in Jerusalem, Thursday in which houses were cracked and other damage reported.

Police said there were no casualties. Houses in the vicinity of Jericho were cracked. The Allenby bridge was slightly damaged.