

OUR MERCHANTS
Patronize our local merchants
and leave your money in your
city with the men who are try-
ing to make it go.

The Daily Mail

WEATHER
Strong winds cold with some
snow; Saturday, fresh north-
west winds, fair and decidedly
cold.

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Present Parliament Promises Producer and Consumer Relief

Unemployment, Health Insurance and Work- ing Laws Reform, Tax Changes and Enlarged Credit Facilities; Over- haul Civil Service, All Promised in the Speech From the Throne.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—With the promise of reform legislation to be introduced later, the sixth and final session of Canada's 17th Parliament was opened late yesterday as a bitter blizzard whipped its force against the stone surfaces of the buildings on Parliament Hill.

As a prelude to the colorful opening ceremonies in the red-walled Senate, James L. Bowman of Dauphin, Man., was elected Speaker of the House, succeeding Captain George Black who resigned earlier in the week.

Lord Bessborough, flanked by military and naval aides in gold braid and multi-colored uniforms read the Throne Speech forecasting introduction of bills implementing the reform policies advocated by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett in his recent broadcast series. It promised legislation designed to work important changes in the social and economic life of the nation.

Measures to be submitted to Parliament include unemployment and health insurance, revised old age pensions, taxation adjustments, amendments to the Civil Service Act, agricultural legislation providing greater credit facilities, creation of an economic council, company act changes, new wage and working laws, penitentiary reform and laws to safeguard consumer and primary producer against unfair business practices.

In addition the members were told they would be asked to consider policies designed to consolidate and expand the Empire trade agreements, and increase world trade generally.

The policy of the government, the speech stated, would be to work toward arms reduction and stabilized international economic relations.

In front of the throne while the Speech was read sat the judges of the supreme court in their brilliant scarlet robes. Dignitaries of the Church and diplomatic corps ranked in front of scores of women whose gowns produced a rainbow background, receding into the dull tints of the high, wainscotted walls.

Five new members were introduced four Liberals, W. P. Mulock, North York; Colin Campbell, Frontenac-Aldington; H. B. McKinnon, Kenora-Rainy River and W. H. Mills, Elgin West. The new Conservative member is T. L. Church, Toronto East a colorful veteran of many parliamentary fights. Each man was returned at a by-election in the recess, the Liberals picking up two gains over the Conservatives. There still remain four vacancies, Halifax, Long Lake, St. Denis-Montreal and East Algoma.

Two New Ministers.

Two new cabinet ministers, Hon. R. B. Hanson, K. C., and Hon. Grote Sterling, took their seats on the treasury benches for the first time today. Two former cabinet members, Hon. H. H. Stevens, who resigned some weeks ago, and Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, were shifted to front row seats along the Conservative side of the chamber.

The first major debate of the session, arising from the Throne Speech will open Monday when the formal motion in reply will be moved by Earl Rowe (Dufferin-Simcoe) and C. N. Dorian (Quebec Montmorency), English and French-speaking Conservatives. The Liberal leader will lead off the attack in a speech which is expected to disclose the attitude of his party toward the reform platform enunciated by the prime minister.

Captain George Black was the first Speaker in Canada's history to resign and the vacancy resulted in delays in the opening ceremonies.

CHAIN STORES

The Daily Mail has for several months put up a pretty strenuous fight against the chain stores. We have watched with interest the reports of the Parliamentary Committee and the Royal Commission regarding chain store combinations and their attendant sweatshop conditions, underpaid labor, and short-weights and measures. We have pointed out that the dollar going out of town to these people never comes back. We have shown how the farmer is cutting the ground from under his feet by killing the good markets at his own door when he caters to the chain store people to the exclusion of our own merchant. HE WILL WAKE UP WHEN IT IS TOO LATE! Our local merchant is slowly but surely being driven out of town by these foreign combinations.

We think that the remarks of President W. W. Hubbard of the Fredericton Board of Trade, made in the course of an excellent address at the Board's annual meeting on Wednesday, should receive even more publicity than is contained in an ordinary newspaper column mixed up with other news of a long meeting. If all buyers in Fredericton and the surrounding districts would ponder over Mr. Hubbard's remarks and think on the result of neglecting Our Home Owned Stores perhaps they would wake up. Here is what President W. W. Hubbard of the Board of Trade says:

"At the last meeting regret was expressed that citizens by their patronage were encouraging the chain store units established here to the serious embarrassment of our Home Town merchants, and injuring the city and province by sending their money outside the province never to return. A comparison of our business streets ten years ago and today shows a regrettable change which has deprived the city of useful citizens and making increasingly difficult the upkeep of community enterprise.

"Your Board has suffered greatly in membership by the absence of many locally owned stores. The chains do not in any way co-operate in the upbuilding of the city, but are a continuous drag on its resources to the enrichment of often foreign families and individuals. Our farmers by supporting these chain stores are encouraging foreign competition for what they have to sell and gradually but surely robbing themselves of the good market here which they once enjoyed.

"Investigations carried on during the year by a Parliamentary Committee and Royal Commission have demonstrated that these chain combinations have encouraged the sweat shops and underpaid labor, and practised deceit in their offerings to the customers by undersized packages, skimmed textile and apparently premeditated and organized short weighing. It is hoped that the public conscience may be aroused so that ethical practices and fair dealing may be encouraged and the people generally awakened to the fact that not only are they not benefitting from this system of big business, but are actually destroying their individual opportunities for work and markets."

Meet Today

Speaker Bowman was elected unanimously and then came the official summons to the Senate with the Governor-General ready to read the Speech. A few minutes later the House adjourned until today when tributes will be paid to members who died in the recess.

To the accompaniment of cheers and handclapping the five new members were introduced to the Commons.

Two of the new Liberals succeed members of the new Ontario Liberal government Wilson H. Mills takes the place of Premier Mitchell Hepburn as member for Elgin West and H. R. McKinnon succeeds Hon. Peter Heenan as member for Kenora-Rainy River.

The two new ministers, Hon. R. B. Hanson, trade and commerce, and Hon. Grote Stirling, national defence, will have seats in the second row.

Mr. Hanson takes the seat formerly held by Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, who resigned as minister of Pensions and national health and Mr. Stirling will take the place vacated by Mr. Gordon when he moved to the front row. Dr. MacLaren will be placed further down the front row in the seat used last session by the late Hon. W. A. Black member for Halifax.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Following is the text of the Speech from the Throne: Honorable Members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons:

I welcome you at a time when our country stands upon the threshold of a new era of prosperity. It will be for you, by your labors, to throw wide the door.

During the past year the grip of hard times has been broken. Conditions show marked improvement. Employment is increasing. Our trade is expanding. The national revenues are higher. These evidences of recovery attest the wisdom and efficacy of the measures you have taken. In these improved conditions, there may now successfully be carried forward those great tasks of reform upon which the well-being of this country depends.

Reform Measures Planned

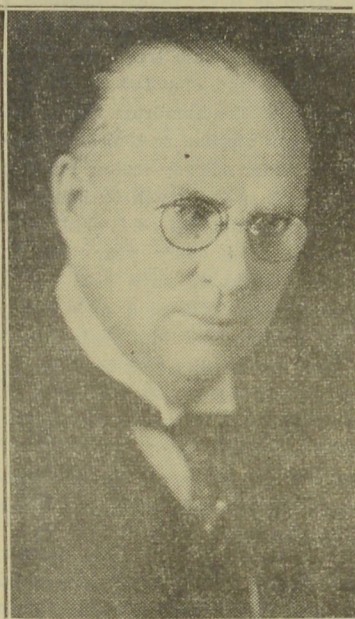
In the anxious years through which you have passed, you have been the witnesses of grave defects and abuses in the capitalist system. Unemployment and want are the proof of these.

Great changes are taking place about us. New conditions prevail. These require modifications in the capitalist system to enable that system more effectively to serve the people. Reform measures will therefore be submitted to you as part of a comprehensive plan designed to remedy the social and economic injustices now prevailing, and to ensure to all classes and to all parts of the country a greater degree of equality in the distribution of the benefits of the capitalist system.

Upon this plan you have made a beginning.

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Announces Reforms



RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT
Premier of Canada Announces Reforms in Important Matters

DENTISTS PROTEST HEPBURN'S ACTION

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 17.—Dr. W. G. Thompson's appointment as director of Ontario Dental Services without pay was termed an "affront and indignity" to the dental profession at a meeting of the Essex County Dental Association here. It was resolved to notify Dr. Thompson of the association's stand in the matter.

Dr. Thompson was appointed to succeed Dr. J. F. Conboy, who was dismissed under Premier Hepburn's economy measures.

"We feel that if the Department of Dental Services is necessary its director should be a dentist on a salary comparable to other officers of similar standing," declared Dr. C. E. Biehn, president of the association, "and that both these acts of the Government have been affronts to the medical profession."

ROYAL SCARLET CHAPTER HELD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Royal Scarlet Chapter, York County No. 1, had their annual meeting last evening at the Orange Hall, Queen street, with Worshipful Commander in Command J. Berry Allan in the chair. There was a good attendance of members present. Election of officers was carried out and installation of the new officers was under the direction of Past Worshipful Commander in Command J. Berry Allan. The new officers are as follows:

Worshipful Commander in Command—Richard Harvey.
Deputy Worshipful Commander in Command—W. H. Elliott.
Companion Chaplain—T. E. Griffiths.
Companion Scribe—W. S. Hall.
Companion Treasurer—Frederick Hanson.
Companion Herald-at-Arms—Isaac Burden.
Companion 1st Lecturer—C. W. Barker.
Companion 2nd Lecturer—Lorne Dunbar.
Comp 1st Conductor—H. W. Currie.
Comp 2nd Conductor—J. Leonard Coates.
Comp Herald—C. T. Barton.
Comp Sentinel—J. W. Stickle.

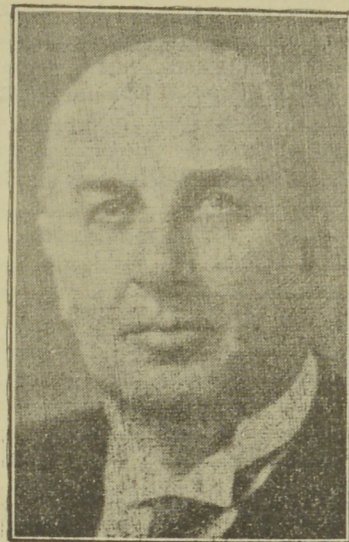
Reports were presented by the retiring officers and proved to be very encouraging. Brief addresses were given by the new officers and refreshments brought the session to a close.

CURLING ACTIVITIES

The Downtown rinks won three more games from the Uptown curlers at the local curling rink last evening, making the score at the present time as follows: Uptown, 7, Downtown, 14. Forty-three games are left to play on the series. At the end of the season the losers, in accordance with curling tradition in this city, will be hosts to a turkey dinner to the winners.

LeBlanc Fortune Worth Millions

New Cabinet Minister



HON. R. B. HANSON, K.C., M.P.
Minister of Trade and Commerce who
Yesterday Took his Seat in
Ministerial Row.

MORRIS LANG RESIDENCE RAZED BY FIRE TODAY

Piling black clouds of smoke which issued from the residence of Morris Lang, King street, early this afternoon had firemen on the scene within a short time. It was feared at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon that flames would burst out within a short time and serious damage result. The origin of the blaze was unknown at press time.

Lang occupies the top floor of the building and Max Budovitch and family live in the downstairs portion. It was a still alarm and a large number were watching the progress of the fire this afternoon.

Chimney fires occurred at the residence of Fred Jones, on Brunswick street, and at the home of Jarvis Barton, on the same street, a short while previous to the Lang outbreak in King street.

Arrived Here On Visit Thursday, Passes Suddenly

Jeremiah Harrison, aged 65 years, a resident of Chicago, arrived here on Thursday to visit his brother, H. E. Harrison, and died of an acute heart attack last evening. The case is a sad one since the late Mr. Harrison had not seen his brother for some time and had come here to spend the remainder of the winter.

The late Mr. Harrison was born at Maugerville, N. B., on February 3rd, 1869, the son of the late Charles B. and Charlotte M. Harrison. He entered the old Maritime Bank here with the late Alexander Murray and on the failure of that bank he joined the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Chicago. Later he transferred to the Northern Trust Company, residing in several places and at last joined with the A. O. Slaughter and Company, bankers and brokers of Chicago, with whom he remained for many years. Deceased had retired a few years ago and was living in Chicago. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, both in the west; two brothers, H. E. Harrison of this city and Arthur M. Harrison of Van Nuys, California, also one sister, Mrs. B. H. Thomas of New-castle. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of H. E. Harrison, University Avenue at 1:30 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. G. W. Guio, assisted by Rev. George Telford. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Maugerville.

Modern women may not have all the talents and virtues of their grandmothers, but at least no girl marries a man, these days, in order to "reform" him—and then bullies him down to the grave.

New Brunswick Families Who Are Interested Investigator Tells of Attempts of Heirs To Claim It.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 18.—As there is a nation-wide movement, by the heirs, to reclaim a large fortune left by Charles LeBlanc alias "Charley White", who died in Philadelphia, intestate in 1816, and as I have been consulted by several of those interested, I have thought it expedient to give some facts connected with the case, states H. Leander D'Entremont in the Halifax Chronicle:

Among the Acadians who were deported to Philadelphia, from Grande Pre, in 1755, was a lad of eight or nine years of age. His name was Charles LeBlanc, his father's name being also Charles, and his mother's Madgeleine Vincent. A few years later, this young Charles was employed by a Quaker gentleman, named Alexander Sunan, who was keeping a shoe store in Philadelphia, and the boy also worked in a grocery store. Being having and "miserly", as was testified, he saved enough money to go in business for himself, first running a liquor and grocery store, from which he made more money. Retiring from this business, he engaged in the money-lending business and made a considerable fortune from the venture.

Charley White died in August, 1816, at the age of about 68 or 70, intestate and unmarried, leaving a fortune estimated at the time at about \$40,000. His real estate, consisting of twelve parcels of land and buildings was valued at \$21,059.00. I have found no record of the amount of cash he left, but the difference between his real estate holdings and the value of his estate would indicate that he had considerable cash or bonds.

Several attempts have been made by presumptive heirs to claim this fortune, which is said to have become a fabulous sum of money as high as forty or fifty million dollars, without success thus far. A new attempt is now being made, this time by parties in Montreal, who have been sending circular letters and forms to be filled out, as heirs to this estate. Their first move was to ask for \$2 from each when filling their claim. At the beginning, I advised against sending money until they knew more about it.

Family Records

I have now found out, by a LeBlanc of Boston who came here for some of his family records, that the plans or the promoters have been changed. According to this man's information, it seems that some of the authorities have taken a hand in the matter and the pretended heirs are not required to send any money until they are acknowledged as legal claimants to the estate. In that case, there is no harm for any of the LeBlancs to send in their name.

The family name of LeBlanc is found in all parts of the maritime provinces, in Quebec, and in the New England states. In Nova Scotia, they form an integral part of the Acadian population. In Yarmouth and Digby counties is a branch of this family, and they are all descended from Pierre LeBlanc and Marie Madeleine Babin, who came from Massachusetts, about 1772 and settled at Church Point.

In 1873, the LeBlancs of those two countries collected enough money to engage the late Sandford H. Pelton, notary public at Yarmouth, to make an investigation into this matter. This report which is in my possession, covers ten pages of written matter, and gives extracts from the report of the master in chancery of the United States circuit court at Philadelphia.

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