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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Dominion Parliament was opened on Thursday by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and the function is described as having been the most brilliant in the history of Canada. With a new Governor General, the first member of the royal family to fill that high office, and with a new government it is only natural that special interest should attach to the ceremony connected with the opening of the first session of the twelfth parliament of Canada. Those who looked for something of an inspiring nature in the speech which was placed in the hands of His Royal Highness, by his constitutional advisers, however, must have been grievously disappointed. It is no exaggeration to say that it is the most meagre bill for years placed before Parliament by any government since Confederation. There are many important questions which have been agitating the minds of the people of Canada for months and it was reasonable to expect that the members of the administration would have taken the people into their confidence and made some pronouncement of the policy they intend to pursue. Take the naval question for example. One can scan the speech from the throne from beginning to end and not find a single syllable relating to this all important issue. What is the reason for this? Mr. Borden when in opposition put himself on record as favoring a gift of Dreadnoughts to the mother country. He is now in a position to put his policy into effect and why is he dodging the issue? No doubt his Nationalist colleagues, Messrs Monk, Peltier and Nantel, can furnish the answer. They are opposed in toto to either a Canadian navy or a gift of Dreadnoughts to the mother country and the very fact that they are in the cabinet is prima facie evidence that Mr. Borden does not intend to carry out the policy that he advocated when in opposition. However the time is near at hand when he must proclaim his attitude. He is face to face with a strong and determined opposition which will call him to strict account. If the attempts, as has been intimated by a portion of the press, to repeal the naval bill will find himself and the government up against no end of trouble.

The opening paragraph of the speech is lone to which no exception can be taken. His Royal Highness tells us that he esteems it a privilege to administer the affairs of this great and growing Dominion. The people of Canada without respect to party feel it a great honor to have for a governor general, the only surviving brother of Edward the Peacemaker and feel confident that he will discharge the duties of his exalted position in a manner highly satisfactory to all.

All will rejoice to know that the harvest has been an abundant one and that the returns to the husbandman exceed those of last year. It is equally satisfactory to know that the Borden administration claims no credit for this state of affairs.

Another paragraph refers to the census and says that while the increase of population has not fulfilled all the sanguine expectations that had been formed, yet it has been "substantial and encouraging." Considering the fact that the increase of population during the decade which ended in June, 1911, was more than three times what it was during the last ten years of Tory rule the government was justified in saying that "the result of the last census was substantial and encouraging."

A tribute is paid, unintentionally no doubt to the late administration

in a paragraph which refers to the wonderful increase of revenue during the past year and the hope is expressed that the increase will be maintained. The statement is made in the same paragraph that negotiations have been opened for improved trade relations with the west Indies and British Guiana. No Liberal will object to a policy that will be likely to increase the trade of the country but there are many of that political faith who will question the wisdom of looking to the West Indies or British Guiana and neglecting to take advantage of the offer for reciprocal trade recently placed on the statute books of the great and friendly nation of English speaking people to the south. The fact that the Borden administration has already found it necessary to search for new markets is a partial vindication at least of the trade policy on which the late government went down to defeat.

Another paragraph in the speech intimates that the administration will co-operate with the various provincial governments with a view to securing better highways. The people of New Brunswick are all too familiar with bad roads and will therefore heartily welcome any measure that will be likely to bring about an improvement no matter from what source it comes.

Another paragraph promises assistance to the great basic industry of agriculture. What form the assistance will take is not stated, as the scheme has not yet been worked out, but it will probably mean the employment of additional officials at good salaries who will occasionally make pilgrimages about the country. The government can best assist the farmers by lowering the duties on what they have to buy and by providing them with markets for their products. It is scarcely likely, however, that much will be done along this line by an administration dominated by the moneyed interests of the country.

The appointment of a permanent tariff commission is promised but the usefulness of such a commission will depend to a great extent on the class of men who comprise it. Should it be dominated by the manufacturing interests as is likely to be the case, the consumers and producing classes need not expect any measure of relief from the burdens they now have to bear.

On the whole the sessional program of the Borden administration is very disappointing but we suppose the people should be thankful for small mercies. While the session is not likely to be protracted one, it promises to be decidedly interesting and in this respect the opposition under the experienced leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be certain to do their part.

The selection of Dr. Sproule, past Grand Master of the Orange order the speakership the Commons and Mr. Blonin, a rabid nationalist to the deputy speakership was naturally a subject for criticism by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Parliament Wednesday. He did not dwell on the matter at length but merely observed that the Tories ran the last election to get into power and not to maintain a great principle. Sir Wilfrid's playful observation drew a somewhat bitter retort from the new prime minister.

Prohibition was carried in Maine at the recent election by a majority of 753. For some years past the law has not been rigidly enforced and the close vote would indicate that there is unlikely to be any improvement in the near future.

It is said that Mr. O. S. Crockett's law partner has been appointed chief assistant patronage dispenser for York. Patriotic Tories desirous of making a sacrifice on the altar of their country should bear this in mind.

Those who are inclined to criticize some of the appointments made by the federal member for York should bear in mind that the job of dispensing patronage is a new one to him and was thrust upon him rather unexpectedly.

We note by press despatches that Premier Fleming is acquiring more lumber properties, but nothing is said as to what progress he is making with the Valley Railway negotiations.

Sir Wm. White, one of the world's greatest naval architects, favors the establishment of a Canadian navy composed of ships built in Canada.

BACHELOR'S BALL TONIGHT
PROMISES TO BE BIG SUCCESS

Many from Outside Fredericton will Attend--Dancing will Begin at Nine O'clock--List of Acceptances and of Subscribers

The ball to be given at the Queen Hotel this evening by the Bachelors of Fredericton, promises to be one of the most successful ever held in the city. It is expected that upwards of one hundred and twenty-five persons will be in attendance including a score from St. John, Moncton and more distant points, many of whom are now in the city. The spacious dining room of the Queen Hotel will be used as a ball-room and the Ladies' Parlor on the second floor as a bridge-room. O'Brien's Orchestra will furnish music for seventeen dances and two supper extras. The overture will begin at 9 p. m. and the first dance at 9.15.

The chaperones this evening will be Mesdames W. H. Steeves, A. R. Wetmore, H. G. Chestnut, H. R. Babbitt, J. Stewart Neill, A. T. McMurray.

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FREDERICTON IS EASY
SAYS COMMODORE STEWART

Chatham World--Do you know if Miss Blank of Chatham is financially responsible?" asked a Fredericton merchant of a recent Chatham visitor. "Yes," the visitor replied, her father is able and probably willing to pay any bill she may have contracted." "Do you know whether she was here week before last? A lady who said she was Miss Blank of Chatham got some goods here and told us to charge them." "You're dead easy," said the Chatham; "it may have been some one else that got the goods." "Any stranger could have used the name of Blank. But Miss B. was here lately and so you are probably safe this time." Another instance of Fredericton trustfulness is recorded in the newspapers. Two merchants cashed Ottawa cheques for a stranger the other day and soon learned that they were worthless. The Celestial City must be an ideal resort for anybody who wants to get goods without cash. Any lady visitor might walk into one of its big stores and say "I'm Mrs. J. Fred Benson, or Mrs. J. L. Stewart, of Chatham, I'll take a fur coat and you can charge it," and no questions would be asked.

The Women's National Trade Union league has established a "strike council," duly incorporated with a fund of \$10,000 to be used for bailing purposes wherever women are on strike and their pickets are arrested. For skilled men, such as carpenters, masons, plumbers, painters, pat termakers, printers etc., the predominant range of wages in England and Wales is eight dollars and a half a week.

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Americans in London firm i to i up. Speaker Champ Clark opposed to Aldrich Bank plan.

Reyes revolution expected in Northern Mexico. Yuan names new Chinese cabinet.

Russian premier says failure of crops requires sixty million dollars for relief of eight million persons. Asks Duma for \$22,000,000 at once for supplies already despatched.

Henry Lee Higginson says as now interpreted Sherman Law is destructive.

Penna stocks increased more than one thousand a month. Now 72,785 against 69,760 last quarter.

Carnegie says money panics do not hurt the rich. Chamber of Commerce speakers compare business regulation at home and abroad.

Shipment of \$5,250,000 gold to Canada largest one day withdrawal for the country in recent years.

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