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### THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

Canadian legislators will journey to Ottawa next week to commence the work of the parliamentary session, and quite a number of changes will be noticed in both houses. The bye-elections have given a number of new men to the House of Commons, and in the Senate old faces will be missing and new ones will take their place.

The government will be stronger in both chambers than it was last session. Three constituencies have reversed their verdict of Nov. 7, 1901, in favor of the government, viz., Victoria, B. C., West York and West Durham, while Laval sends a Conservative instead of a Liberal. This means an increase of four in the government's majority.

Mr. Riley, of Victoria, B. C., will be one of the curiosities. He is the first Liberal ever elected in that constituency, which has been sending Tory members to Ottawa for thirty-one years. Another striking personality among the new members will be Mr. Archie Campbell, who wrested Clarke Wallace's old constituency from the Tories, and our own Mr. Gibson may be expected to create considerable interest as a gentleman who increased a Liberal majority of 76 to one of 824.

In the Senate the Tory majority which on many occasions has made it extremely embarrassing for the Liberal government, is fast falling into decay, and may be practically wiped out during the approaching session. The upper chamber will have considerable new blood, men who have enjoyed legislative experience elsewhere, and are well qualified for their new duties.

Hon. Messrs. Thompson, Church and Robertson three of the new senators, are gentlemen of long political experience, Senator Church has been a member of the House of Commons and Nova Scotia legislature, and Senator Thompson has sat in both branches of the New Brunswick legislature.

Our venerable friend, Senator Wark, expects to attend the coming session, and will present the unique feature of a gentleman only two years short of the century mark taking an active part in public affairs.

It is not anticipated that the session will be a lengthy one. No important government legislation is to be offered, and it is probable that prorogation will be reached by the 1st of May. It is not improbable that the Premier will take a short holiday before leaving for England to attend the coronation ceremonies and the intercolonial conference in London, and the likelihood is that Sir Wilfred, accompanied by Lady Laurier, will start on his official journey to the other side about June 10.

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Some days ago the Herald expressed the opinion that old government house was too expensive a luxury to run as an official residence, and the observation of Governor Snowball and the other gentlemen who visited that building bear out the truth of our remarks. Some suitable private residence can be procured at a moderate cost that will meet all the demands, and New Brunswick will thus be freed from the reflection that its government has no official home, no established government house in which he may extend the courtesies and hospitalities which are expected from a gentleman in that position.

Had some other Senator received appointment to the governorship, would the Globe have been as vigorous in denouncing the proposed reestablishment of Government House? Were such an institution proposed for St. John, would the Globe oppose? Is the Globe really against the re-establishment of Government House because the thing is likely to be accomplished by a government which our contemporary would like to see destroyed? These are some of the thoughts that are naturally aroused in people's minds by observation of the Globe's kick.

### CABINET CHANGES.

Some changes in the Dominion cabinet foreshadowed in Ottawa despatches a week ago were effected at Friday's session of the government. Hon. David Mills was appointed to the Canadian Supreme court bench and is succeeded as Minister of Justice by Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick whose former position of Solicitor General is given to Mr. Carroll, M. P., for Kamouraska. Senator Templeman of British Columbia enters the cabinet without portfolio, and Hon. R. W. Scott takes Mr. Mills place as leader of the Senate. It is believed that other changes will be made at the close of the session, to include a portfolio for British Columbia.

This has not been an excessively cold winter, but there have been some frigid features in the political arena in New Brunswick. Early in the York bye election campaign Hon. Mr. Thompson announced that, having in view Mr. McLeod's parity professions, the Liberals were prepared to run the election on icicles and now we have a Snowball for governor.

Ontario has two new senators, James McMullin and Wm. Gibson, ex-M. P.'s, and both are quite deserving of their new honors. The return of "Wullie" Gibson to parliament will be especially welcomed.

Toronto Globe: The recent newspaper reports suggesting that Mr. Blair may exchange the Department of Railways for some less onerous duty have no other foundation than the ill-health which he suffered since the loss of his daughter in December last. Mr. Blair is recovering rapidly, and in a few weeks will, we hope, be enjoying his old robust health. Under his administration the Intercolonial has become a well-equipped modern railway, and he is an enthusiast in regard to the work of his department.

The Woodstock Sentinel declares that the Tory majority of the Council of that town discharged the town marshal because he is a Liberal, and that Mr. Harvey who lost the job was the last Liberal officeholder in the town, with the exception of Mr. Colplitt, and they would have removed him, no doubt, could they have secured the two-third vote which the law requires. As it is, they have cut his salary down to \$100 to freeze him out.

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, who has been south for his health, is still in poor shape and will not be able to take his place in the legislature which opens next Thursday at Halifax. The duty of leading the government and the house will devolve on Attorney General Longley.

Two Conservative Senators, Hon. Messrs. Armand and Masson, both of Quebec, are seriously ill.

### From the Kingston Post Office.

comes word that Mr. James McGuire is again at work. He was laid up by corns on the soles of his feet, but was perfectly cured by Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor.

### Children for Adoption.

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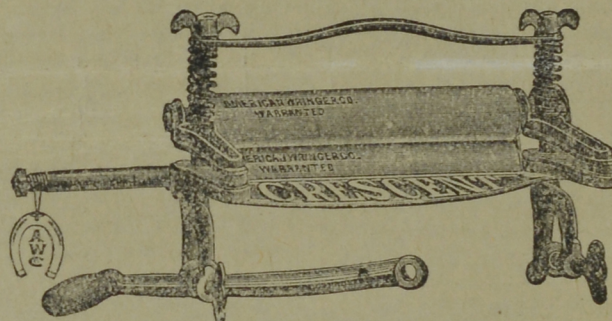
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