

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Address Debated in Both Houses and Passed the Lords.

Government Scored by Liberal Leader in the Commons.

London, Feb. 15.—The first day's proceedings in the imperial parliament left rather a decided impression in the lobbies that the government will manage to hold out until the end of the session. The government's legislative programme, which is devoted in the main to social reforms, will be fairly popular, whilst the avoidance of difficult questions like that of the re-distribution of seats and Premier Balfour's firmness in thrusting aside the fiscal problem, all will tend in the same direction.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the debate on the address in the House of Lords, Earl Spencer, the liberal leader, referred to the war in the far east. He said it was the most earnest desire of the people of Great Britain to see the end of the conflict and he trusted his majesty's government would not lose a fair and proper opportunity to bring the conflict to a peaceful solution.

Foreign Secy Lansdown expressed his sorrow and concern at the continuance of the war in the far east, and added that should an opportunity for bringing it to close present itself, the government would avail itself thereof with alacrity, but an attempt at intervention now would mean retarding the very object desired. Great Britain had endeavored not unsuccessfully, to maintain the strictest neutrality.

In regard to the most difficult and embarrassing question of contraband, the government, Lord Lansdown, continued, had upheld the old and time-honored policy of securing the narrowest possible restrictions of the definition of contraband articles. It was satisfactory to have been able to arrive at a reasonable "modus vivendi." Since July not a single British vessel had been interfered with except where one was clearly a blockade runner.

Referring to the North Sea incident Lord Lansdown said that once and only once were they near being drawn into the vortex of war. He need hardly say that arose in the North Sea incident, to which he only referred because he desired to acknowledge the kindly remarks of Earl Spencer, who had congratulated the government on its conduct of the negotiations following the Dogger Bank affair.

Russia and Austria, upon whom the powers conferred a mandate to deal with the Macedonian problem, had put forward a new scheme of reform, which is under discussion, but the foreign secretary was unable to present it in detail to the House. The British government was satisfied that it marks a considerable step in advance.

Lord Lansdown also referred to the Anglo-French agreement. He said it had been of no little value in settling many difficulties.

In regard to South Africa the foreign minister said that the government was prepared to give the Transvaal first, and the other colonies later, not self-government, but representative institutions.

Touching upon the Tibet expedition, Lord Lansdown said that the attitude of the government towards Tibet had been absolutely consistent. Colonel Younghusband (the British political agent who headed the mission) had transgressed his instructions when he arranged for British forces to remain in the Chumbi district for 75 years and this action had been repudiated by his majesty's government.

The secretary briefly referred to the naval and military situation, saying the departments were moving as rapidly as consistent with wisdom.

In conclusion Foreign Secretary Lansdown referred to the redistribution bill, which he said could not be passed at the present session. He twitted the opposition on its haste to turn out the government and repudiated the idea of Earl Spencer that the government would be found occupying the opposition benches next year.

The address was agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

The first division approaching lines occurred in the House of Commons when Mr. Dalziel (Liberal) moved that the House censure Lord Arlington for breach of privileges by his action in the North Dorset election. Premier Balfour said nothing could be gained by continuing the discussion and moved the previous question, which was carried by 257 to 191 votes.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House, bitterly assailed the government, which, he said, was evading the fiscal question, as shown by the failure of the mover and seconder of the address to mention this important subject. He added that the opposition would shortly endeavor to secure a straight answer from Mr. Balfour, showing whether or not he was in agreement with Joseph Chamberlain's proposals.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman spoke at great length attacking the government's policy in Tibet and

South Africa, and in fact at all points.

Premier Balfour replied to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He justified the government's action in Tibet; said it was the ministry's desire to maintain the friendliest relations with Afghanistan, and that negotiations to that end were proceeding satisfactorily; touched on the Chinese Labor in South Africa, and repeated Lord Lansdown's pronouncement with regard to the future of the South African colonies.

Replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's assertion that the government was too feeble to carry out an effective policy, Mr. Balfour said the decision lay entirely with the house of commons whether it could effectively carry out the mandate of the people and the duties entrusted to it by the sovereign.

H. H. Asquith today will move, as the official opposition amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne the following:

"We humbly represent to your majesty that the various aspects of the fiscal question have been fully discussed in the country for nearly two years and that the time has come for submitting the question to the people without further delay."

It is understood the leaders of the opposition to the government favor conclusion of debate on this resolution on Feb. 16th.

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH.

Mr. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton, Left a Good Impression.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday on the item of \$35,000 for Woodstock, N. B. armory, Mr. Carvell (Carleton) made his maiden speech and it was so creditable a performance that the Liberals cheered him. He did this in answer to some criticism from Mr. Fowler, who, however, was not objecting to the appropriation.

Mr. Fowler asked a few questions as to the price of the site, and the clerk of the works.

Mr. Hyman replied that there was a rink on the site which was used in the building and which cost \$6,000. The lot cost \$1,200.

Mr. Fowler said that a tailor was made clerk of works of the Sussex building. He did not think that a tailor was a proper man for such a purpose.

Mr. Hyman did not know what was the former profession of the clerk of works at the Woodstock building. He said that the cost of the building would be \$31,908.

In reply to some criticism about the price of the lot, Mr. Carvell said it would cost today from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The item, passed.

REMEMBERED MAJOR GOOD.

Who was Married at Jacksonville Today to Miss Berrie.

Woodstock, Feb. 15.—Major W. C. Good, the popular commander of the Woodstock Field Battery, who was married this afternoon at Jacksonville, Carleton Co., to Miss May Howett Berrie, daughter of Rev. J. C. Berrie, was given a farewell reception at the Aberdeen Hotel, Woodstock, last night.

The large hall of the hotel was crowded with friends to greet the gallant major. Solicitor General Jones, in presenting a quartered oak sideboard, referred in pleasant terms to Mr. Good as a prominent citizen and good fellow. He particularly dwelt on the fact that the Major took a leading part in the Boer war, and said that the sending of the Colonials there did more to bind the British empire together than any happening in history.

Major Good made a brief reply, thanking his friends for the handsome present and assuring those present that he would always live so as to hold that friendship. During refreshments, interesting speeches were made by Judge Carleton, J. C. Hartley, B. F. Smith, M. P. P., ex-Mayor W. W. Hay and others, all expressing the wish for a happy wedded life for Major Good and his wife.

More Hockey.

The Moncton hockey team will meet the Trojans in a provincial league match, at the Arctic rink tomorrow evening. The Trojan team since the re-organization, seems to be stronger than ever and should be able to even things up with Moncton. The game promises to be a very fast one.

Prof. Jack's Report.

The special meeting of the city council to deal with Prof. Jack's report on the water system is not likely to be held until some time next week. A board of assessors for the ensuing year will be appointed at the same time.

Police Court.

A drunk, arrested by the police last evening, obtained his release this morning by making a deposit of \$5, which was forfeited at the police court.

New Liberal Daily.

It is stated on good authority that the new Liberal daily to be established at St. John will make its appearance early next month.

SOME OTHER TIME.

Sir MacKenzie Bowell May Reply to Foster and Haggart.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In the senate, which reassembled Monday, an attempt was made yesterday to induce Sir MacKenzie Bowell to reply to the statements made by Messrs. Foster and Haggart in the House of Commons Friday, but the ex-premier refused to be drawn, though he intimated that he might make a statement later.

Hon. Mr. Cloran drew attention to the recent discussion concerning the political crisis of 1896, and in the interests of truth asked Sir MacKenzie Bowell to make a statement. It was in order that history might be correct that he made the suggestion.

Hon. Mr. Landry thought that that was rather old history. He would ask the speaker to give his opinion on the political crisis in Quebec, and to state whether he went as speaker to Quebec to bring peace. This was modern history.

Hon. Mr. Speaker—"I was never offered any mission to that effect, nor did I accept any."

Sir MacKenzie Bowell said it was an extraordinary matter to ask a ministerial statement from the opposition. The matter was under the serious consideration of the ex-prime minister of Canada.

Questioned as to whether in using the term ex-prime minister he referred to Sir Charles Tupper or himself, Sir MacKenzie replied that it was not Sir Charles but he who had been attacked in the House, and he certainly referred to himself.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. John McCarthy of Tusket, N. S., is in the city today on his way home from a trip to Boston and New York.

Mr. F. R. Perry, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., spent last night at the Queen and left this morning for Lewiston, Me.

Miss Jean Foss, the seven year old daughter of Mr. C. O. Foss of the Grand Trunk Pacific survey, is at the Victoria Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

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