

LACK SNAP AND SPIRIT.

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Tories at Ottawa.

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HON. A. G. BLAIR'S HEALTH STEAD-
ILY IMPROVING.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The opening ceremonies last week were exceptionally brilliant. In procedure they were precisely the same as those which have taken place at any time within the past thirty years; but each inauguration of parliament takes on a character of its own, and this year it was the number of persons who crowded the Senate chamber, their appearance and wearing gear, that gave the function a distinctive flavor. By "persons" I mean ladies; for while a few grave judges and reverend seigneurs in their robes, as well as officers in the toggery of war, lent something towards the general make up of the picture, they were of no account. Nobody goes to see the men. It is the galaxy of richly gowned ladies, the freshness and charm of young debutantes, the display of dimpled arms and plump shoulders, the pretty faces and sparkling jewels, which make the opening of Parliament a thing worth travelling miles to see. There is not such another spectacle to be seen in America, and carried out, as it is, with knightly reminiscences and a smack of feudal days, in a setting all its own, the onlooker feels compensated for the crushing and crowding which are inseparably from the event.

The reply was moved in the Commons by Archie Campbell, the hero of West York, and seconded by Dr. Beland, of Beauce. In the Senate Hon. F. L. Beique and Hon. F. P. Thompson presented the motion. In each instance the speakers were effective, the Senator from Fredericton being particularly fortunate in making a good impression. In both Houses the arguments set up by the Conservatives were devoid of snap or point,

and it soon became evident that they did not propose to make a fight over the Speech from the Throne. Just before the last election they scrapped for weeks over the speech, and it was therefore an agreeable episode when on Monday the debate came to an end. It had elicited practically nothing of importance.

The opposition presented a decidedly half-hearted appearance in facing the government for a new session. There was neither vim nor confidence in their attack, and this had the effect of making the opening skirmish a somewhat tame affair.

The House misses Sir Charles Tupper. Whether the facts warranted it or not, he always made things lively by the vehemence and force of his arraignment of the government. It mattered not that they had done nothing wrong, Sir Charles held them up to public execration as a lot of rascally incapables all the same. It is quite a drop, therefore, to the quiet and orderly level which Mr. Borden has established—that is, a drop from the entertainment point of view. Parliament may gain in dignity and the force of calm argument; but the spice with which Sir Charles seasoned his speeches is nevertheless a loss.

The lack of spirit displayed by the Conservatives is, of course, due to other causes than those connected with the leadership of the party in Parliament. The bye elections have emphasized the depressing lesson that they have but a feeble hold on public opinion. Neither in present conditions nor in the prospects which are capable of being measured is there anything to inspire courage. The government is carrying on public affairs with so much efficiency and cleanness that the Tories cannot make any headway in their call for popular support. They have nothing in the nature of an alternative policy to advance, and in their weak state something very clear and attractive in that direction must be had before they can hope to get the public ear.

The session promises to be a short one. The Redistribution Bill, rendered necessary by the census, is being held off until next session so that the Premier may feel free to attend the coronation ceremonies in June. The legislation to be brought down is not heavy, and is not likely to provoke much controversy. There is nothing, in fact, of a special character, to prolong the session, and if the Opposition will only bear in mind that it costs \$1,000 a day to keep parliament sitting, we ought to have prorogation by the first of May.

On Monday evening the main estimates were laid on the table of the House. They make up a total of \$53,361,638, as against \$50,924,470 last year; but until the supplementaries are down it would

be useless to make a comparison. There seems however, to be a general conviction that the appropriations this session will be marked by retrenchments. New Brunswick appears in the list for \$173,450 for harbors and rivers, and for \$27,500 for public buildings—most of it being revotes.

Hon. A. G. Blair attended the opening, that being his first attempt to resume work since the first of December last. He still shows the effects of his severe illness; but his strength is increasing daily, and there seems to be no reason to fear he will not be fully recovered in the course of a few weeks. Worry and overwork are the things which he must avoid.

NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Feb. 22.—Quite a number of the young people visited Mr. Johnson's camp on Friday and enjoyed the evening very much.

Mrs. W. H. Bradley, who has been ill for a long time, is much better.

Mr and Mrs F J Todd of F'ron spent Thursday with Mrs Bradley.

Mrs A E Cowperthwaite, of the Tay, visited her sister.

Mrs George Bradley, one day this week.

Miss Charlotte Young, is visiting Miss Bessie McNeill.

Mrs. Partlow Woodworth is spending a few weeks in the city with her mother, Mrs. Gough.

Miss Ella McNeill, who has been spending the winter in Fredericton, has returned home.

Mrs James Clayton is spending a few days in the city with Mrs C W Manzer who is ill.

J W Smith and family visited Miss Minnie Fletcher on Thursday.

Rev A D McLeod spent an afternoon in the village visiting the sick.

Mrs T Brown is at Marysville visiting her sister, Mrs Vandine.

Mrs. Harold Gregory, of Gibson, is visiting her father, Mr. James McNeill.

Mr. James Cowperthwaite returned from the woods today.

Lizzie Bradley, who cut her knee a while ago, is able to be out again.

New Store.

John O'Neill wishes to announce that he has opened a new provision store. He will carry a full line of meats and fish, canned goods, butter, eggs, and vegetables of all kinds. Remember the place, O'Neill's brick block, opposite Waverley Hotel, Regent street. John O'Neill, Prop.—Feb. 11, 1901.

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Here are some Sample Prices of our Bargains.

GENT'S BARGAINS.

Gent's Rubbers, broken sizes, former prices 75c. to 90c., reduced to 60c.; Gent's Rubbers, Wool Lined, broken sizes, usual price 85c., only 60c.; Gent's Rubbers, first quality, special lot, sizes, 6 to 11, factory price, 90c., only 65c.; Gent's 1 Buckle Overboots, Wool Lined, broken sizes, factory price, \$1.55, reduced to \$1.10; Gent's 2 Buckle Snow Excluder Overboots, worth \$2, marked down to \$1.50; Gent's 3 Buckle Snow Excluders, worth \$2.65 and \$2.75, reduced to \$2; Lumberman's 1 Buckle Rubbers, sizes, 10, 11 and 12, regular price, \$1.25, only 80c.; Lumberman's 2 Buckle Rubbers, sizes, 11 and 12 only, regular price, \$1.90, only \$1; Lumberman's 1 Buckle Rubbers, Snow Excluders, warm lined, sizes, 11 and 12 only, regular price, \$2, reduced to \$1.25; Lumberman's 2 Buckle Rubbers, sizes, 8 to 11, regular price, \$2.10, only \$1.50; Men's Oil Tan Moccasins, regular price, 60c., now 45c.; Men's Oil Tan Shoe Packs, black and tan color, regular price, \$1.25, now 95c.; one lot Gent's Moosehide Moccasins, sizes, 7, 8 and 9, marked down to 70c.; Gent's Coarse Snowshoes, former price, \$2, reduced to \$1.50; Gent's Dongola Kid Lace Boots, special lots and remnants, broken sizes, regular prices, \$2 to \$2.50, now only 1.50; Gent's Dongola Kid Elastic Side Boots, special lot, regular price, \$2.50, now \$1.75; Gent's Dongola Kid Oxford Tie Shoes, remnants, sizes, 9, 9½ and 10, regular prices, \$1.50 to \$2.50, reduced to 90c.; Gent's Dongola Kid Slippers, broken sizes, regular prices, \$1.25 to \$2.25, reduced to 95c.; Gent's Velvet Embroidered Slippers, remnants, sizes 6 and 10 only, former prices, 90c. and \$1, now 50.

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One lot Boys' Rubbers, sizes 1 to 4, best quality, factory price, 80c., only 40c.; Boys' Black Oil Tan Shoe Packs, former price, \$1, reduced to 75c.; one lot Boys' Split Leather Lace Boots, sizes, 3, 4 and 5, only 75c.; one lot Boys' Fine Buff Lace Boots, sizes, 2, 4 and 5, only \$1.

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A lot of Youths' Rubbers, first quality, sizes, 9 to 12, factory price, 60c., reduced to 40c.; one lot Youths' Oil Tan Shoe Packs, only 55c.; Youths' Split Foxed or Grain Leather Lace Boots, sizes, 11, 12 and 13, special lots, former prices, 90c. and \$1.15, reduced to 70c.; one lot Youths' Fine Buff Laced Boots, only 85c.

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