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LEGISLATORS BEGIN WORK

Third Session of The Fifth
Legislative Assembly Now
in Session.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 1904.

The third session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories was formally opened at 10.30 o'clock this morning by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Forget. His Honor was accompanied by Col. Macdonell, D. S. O., A. D. C.; Asst. Comm'r. McIlwre, Supt. Wilson and Insp. Ritchie of the R. N. W. M. F., and was escorted by the usual guard of honor of the R. N. W. M. F., under command of Capt. Worsley. The force looked particularly well in their new uniforms, worn for the first time, with the blue facings worn by all military honored with the designation "loyal".

Inside the Chamber was a good attendance of Members, among the number being Premier Haultain, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Elliott, Speaker Gillis, Deputy Speaker Butterford, Dr. De Veber, Mr. Brown, Mr. McIntyre, Capt. Meyer, Mr. MacNutt, Mr. Young, Mr. Secord, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Clinkskill, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Tubbet, Mr. Annable, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Shera, Mr. McKay, Mr. Fisher, (Haad), Mr. Lake. The attendance of citizens was smaller than usual, owing to the counter attraction of the Vice-regal visit. Among the few visitors present was Senator Forley.

Speech From the Throne.

After the preliminary ceremonies His Honor opened the Session with the following speech from the throne: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my agreeable duty to welcome you to the Third Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories.

We have much cause for thankfulness in the continuation of the prosperity that has been so marked a feature of our people for several years past. Though the season has not been an ideal one, yet throughout the greater part of these Territories the harvest is bountiful, and the advance in prices of all grain products will do much to compensate for losses that have been met with in a few localities.

By a happy coincidence the occasion of the opening of your Session is also the occasion of the farewell visit of Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Countess of Minto to Regina and the North-West. I am sure that you will join with me in offering a hearty welcome to Their Excellencies as well as in expressing sincere regret at their approaching departure from Canada upon the conclusion of His Excellency's official connection with our Country and also in expressing the confident hope that when they leave our shores they will carry with them and ever retain that generous interest in our affairs and welfare that has been so prominent a feature of Their Excellencies' life with us. In the North-West particularly. Her Excellency's name will long be held in grateful remembrance, and many hospitals established or aided during the past five years will stand as lasting monuments to her womanly sympathy and kindness of heart.

It is not proposed by my Government to introduce legislation at this Session dealing with any of those large public questions that might well call for your consideration but, a number of Bills to amend existing enactments in order to meet changing conditions will be submitted to you. It is a matter for gratification to note that some of the private Bills that are being promoted speak loudly of the forward march of the Territories. The creation of new cities and increased municipal powers are being asked for; the Higher Education is seeking to effect a footing upon a permanent basis; and public enterprise is beginning to look for avenues in which to employ its energies.

The Public Accounts and Reports of the work of the several Departments for the past year will be laid before you for your consideration.

Estimates of the amounts required to complete the public services for the current year, as well as those required for next year, have been prepared, all of which, will I trust meet with your approval. The liberal response on the part of the Government and Parliament of Canada to the financial representations of my Government should enable you this year to meet in some adequate measure the more immediately pressing necessities which your restricted constitutional status permits you to deal with.

I have to express the regret of my Government that the movement towards the establishment of the Territories upon a Provincial basis has not been materially forwarded during the past year. All correspondence on the subject will be submitted to you.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I leave you to your work in the firm conviction that your labors will be in the best interests of our country and, under Divine Guidance, result in much good to the common weal.