

THE LEADER

(SUPPLEMENT)

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N.W.T. ASSEMBLY OPENED.

Second Session of Fifth Legislature Has Begun Its Labors.

At three o'clock this afternoon His Honor Lieutenant Governor Forget formally opened the second session of the fifth Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories. He was escorted from Government House to the Assembly chamber by a detachment of 15 or 20 men of the N.W.M.P. under command of Insp. Heffernan. Sergt. Major Church was second in command. Lt.-Col. Macdonnell, D.S.O., acted in the capacity of A.D.C.

The Speech with which His Honor opened the Assembly was as follows:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I have much pleasure in welcoming you on the occasion of the opening of the Second Session of the fifth Legislative Assembly of the Territories.

Although, owing to adverse climatic conditions at the critical time of harvest, the expectations formed at the beginning of the season have not all been realised, I can still congratulate you on the continued growth and prosperity of the country.

It being the opinion of my Government that the public business will be greatly facilitated by a change in the time of the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, I have called you together again at this early date in order to enable your ordinary Sessions to be held hereafter in the autumn instead of, as hitherto, in the early part of the year.

By legislation passed at the late Session of the Dominion Parliament, your legislative jurisdiction has been extended so as to enable you to deal with the qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and a Bill dealing with that subject will be presented for your consideration.

Your powers to legislate with regard to certain matters affecting the administration of justice has also been increased, in consequence of which you will be required to make some provision for the establishment of Judicial Districts and the appointment of Police Magistrates. Bills concerning these subjects will be presented to you.

The rapid increase of population in the Territories, and the wide area over which that population is scattered, have led my Government to the conclusion that a gradual decentralisation of the work at present performed by the central Government has become necessary. This important matter has been the subject of careful consideration by my Government during the recess, and your co-operation and assistance will be asked with a view to the establishment of a simple, efficient and economical system of rural organization.

Measures for the creation of a University, dealing with the powers and liabilities of Trustees; and the levying of Succession Duties will be submitted to you; as will a consolidation of the law relating to game; and Bills amending the Municipal, School and Fence Ordinances.

Estimates for the coming year have been prepared, having regard for the conditions of the Territories.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I leave you all these and such other matters as may be brought before you, in full confidence that your earnest endeavours and consideration will be given to them, and in the belief that your labors will be divinely guided to a successful and satisfactory issue.

Greatest Thing in Maps.

While the whole country has been calling for a new up-to-date map of Canada and all the Provinces showing projected Transcontinental Railways together with Alaskan boundary and the lines claimed by both countries, it has been left to the publishers of that great national newspaper, the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, to give the world what it has been looking for. These maps, it will surprise the country to hear, are printed on fine paper beautifully engraved, every boundary actually traced, being at once the finest map of Canada yet produced. It is timely and of inestimable value. We understand no copies will be sold under \$2.50 each, but each yearly subscriber of the Family Herald and Weekly Star will receive the great map together with the autumn premium pictures. New subscribers and renewals will get the maps as soon as they are out of the engravers hands, but every one will be served exactly in the order in which they subscribe or renew. The Government of Canada will have the use of a set of these Family Herald Maps.

CARLYLE.

The opening of the Presbyterian church is expected to take place on Sunday, Nov. 8. Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of Winnipeg is expected to be present. A tea and entertainment will be held on the Monday evening following.

A debate on the subject, "Resolved that the franchise be extended to Women" was held in connection with the Christian Endeavor Society on Thursday evening last. The affirmative was vigorously championed by Mr. J. Jarrott and Miss E. Cochrane, while the negative was manfully upheld by Messrs. J. T. Ross and J. C. Baker. Some of the points brought out by the affirmative were: That women should have the franchise because socially, morally and intellectually she is the equal of man, that she would elevate politics to a higher plane, that she would be in a better position to train children in the principles of citizenship and that her interests were equally as important as men's. The negative dealt with the subject in a somewhat jocular way, yet beneath the humor was a strong current of principle, in which they maintained that home was the proper sphere for women and that women were not in touch with political affairs. Both speakers very vividly and humorously pictured the results that would follow if the franchise were granted: Jealous husbands, estrangements, absence from home or canvassing tours, family jars, etc. The judges gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

COTTONWOOD.

Threshing is progressing at the usual rate in these parts, several machines being in eight most of the time for two weeks past. Some of the oats here averaged 110 bushels to the acre.—A large consignment of new settlers are expected this week, to be landed at the Weiss estate, near the property of Mr. McClellan, from the Province of Quebec. Mr. Norrick from Omaha, Nebraska, is very busy in wheat and land deals.

Mr. Sifton's Courage.

Writing of the Hon. Clifford Sifton in the October Canadian Magazine, a writer says:—The quality of courage, which is indispensable to the successful politician, is not lacking in the Minister of the Interior. He is always ready to take up a challenge. Perhaps this was best illustrated in the famous duel between Sir Hilbert Tupper and himself, when the former, on his way to Ottawa from the coast, gave out publicly that he would stop at Brandon, and before Mr. Sifton's own constituents, charge him with corruption. This of itself required no small degree of courage, and displayed some of that old Hessian fighting blood which ran in the veins of Sir Hilbert's ancestors. Mr. Sifton was in the sothern part of the province, and had an important programme of meetings, to cancel which entailed considerable risk. He at once, however, accepted the challenge, and the two men appeared on the same platform before an audience of 6,000 persons, who were crowded into the skating rink. Probably one-half were supporters of Mr. Sifton and the other half opponents. As is well known, the meeting turned out disastrously for Sir Hilbert Tupper, partly because he repeated charges which his father, Sir Charles Tupper, had repeated in the celebrated Philip letter, which was sprung on the audience for the first time that night, and which simply paralyzed the enemy. It was claimed that Mr. Sifton's majority of over 600 in the election which followed a few days later could be accounted for by the results of this meeting, as hundreds of farmers drove into the meeting, and said they would decide after the proceedings were over whether Mr. Sifton was guilty of the charges brought against him or not. Mr. Hugh John Macdonald was Mr. Sifton's opponent, and thus in the greatest fight of his life he was battling with two of the historic political names in Canada, Macdonald and Tupper. He encountered the prestige and popularity of Macdonald and the influence of Tupper, and swept everything before him. Of course, the magnificent organization which Mr. Sifton had in that election was a factor in the result; yet there are few men who would willingly go through such an ordeal. Brandon was a Conservative constituency, and Mr. Joseph Martin had been defeated there when it was called Selkirk.

G.T.P. Construction Will be Rushed.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk, in an interview last week regarding the plans for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, said:

"The reconnaissance survey is proceeding vigorously and in fact has been in progress since early last spring. We have between 15 and 20 parties in the field, some of whom have about completed the work on their divisions. Others will keep on through the winter."

"Great care is being taken with a view to obtaining a line with a minimum grade, not to exceed four-tenths per cent, with no greater than two or three degrees at some portions of the route where the country is comparatively unknown and owing to lack of transportation where supplies are difficult to obtain, progress is not so rapid as would otherwise be the case."

"As to plans for construction, and the points at which a beginning will be made, that is dependent upon the completion of the surveys."

"We have the territory well covered. The first parties we sent out, which were started before the Government policy as to the eastern division was developed, were located between Winnipeg and North Bay, the theory being that that was the section of the country that was most in need of additional facilities."

Mr. Hays believes that the road can be completed in about five years.

Football.

On Wednesday last the students and the city met for their regular schedule game. The game was not as good an exhibition of football as some of the other games that have been played.

The city team was weakened by the absence of several of their players, and played the greater part of the game with one man short. The score at full time was 2-0 in favor of the students. Mr. Balfour refereed the game to the entire satisfaction of both teams. Time of game, one and a half hours.

It is to be hoped that the members of the city team will make it a point to get out to the matches in the future; as the result from the last game with the students will show that if they wish to be in the running for the medals they will have to take a greater interest in the game than they have been doing.

The regular scheduled game between the police and the city team was played on Saturday the 24th. The police team showed considerable improvement from the last game with the city, and although beaten by a score of 4-0 are still determined to fight the series to a finish.

The forward line of the city team showed a marked improvement in their combination work and it was no doubt due to this that the score was what it was. Mr. Sweet refereed the game. Time one hour.

Standing of league up to week ending Oct. 24th.

Team	Won	Lost	To play
City	2	1	3
Students	2	1	3
Police	0	2	4
Ind. School	0	0	6

Used Three Years Successfully.

Carstairs, Alta., Aug. 12, 1903.

Dr. B. J. Kendall Co.,

Enosburg Falls, Vt.

Gentlemen, I recently saw your ad. stating that you would send your "Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases." Would you kindly send me a copy. I have used your Spavin Cure for the last three years and have been well satisfied with it.

Very truly yours,

Francis Madigan.

Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, issue the following circular letter: The bill presented by the Honorable Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and which received its first reading May 28th, 1903, became law on August 13th last. The new law makes the term of Canadian patents heretofore granted, or to be granted, entirely independent of corresponding foreign patents (Sections 2 and 16); it allows the placing of patents under The Compulsory License System in lieu of the actual manufacture of the patented article (Sections 7 and 10); and it permits the revival of certain patents which were not worked or manufactured as required by the old law. The condition of Canadian inventors is much improved by the new law, and it is expected that the number of patents applied for will greatly increase in the near future.

WESTERN CANADA CANNOT WAIT.

My opinion is that this project has been brought on just a year too late.

I know that last year when I went home to my constituents I had to make an apology because there was no provision for relief to the railway situation. The only encouragement I had to give was the promise of the Prime Minister during the last days of the session that the subject would be taken up and practically dealt with during this session. The time for delay has in my opinion long gone by. It has gone by a year ago. We have been told since the project was brought down that "Senator Cox could not wait." I do not suppose that Senator Cox had anything more to do with framing or bringing this proposition before the parliament of this country than had a thousand other individuals, but if he had, if he is to be credited with this action, then the Winnipeg Board of Trade would say: All honor to Senator Cox. And the western commercial travellers who last year were brought to the verge of desperation on account of the total disorganization of the passenger service, would say: All honor to Senator Cox. I believe that every man, woman and child between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains, not blinded by partisanship, would say: God bless Senator Cox, if he is responsible for the bringing down of this proposition.

It is a proposition which, as I said, John Hawkes, a good friend and supporter of the hon. gentlemen opposite, characterises as the best and most encouraging thing that has ever crossed the horizon of the people of the prairie country. Let my hon. friends take counsel. Their appeals to the right hon. Prime Minister to wait, to wait, to wait, are very unwise. From Mr. Scott's speech on the G.T.P. measure.

—Rev. J. G. Shearer, secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, spent a couple of days here this week and on Tuesday evening addressed a public meeting in the Methodist church on "The Canadian Sabbath: What we have we'll hold." Officers of the branch of the Alliance were also elected.

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