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N.W.T. LEGISLATURE

Third Session of the Fourth Assembly.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

The Governor's Speech and Address
In Reply Land Grants for the South African Heroes- Provincial Autonomy Bill Insurance Speech of the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier's Reply.

THURSDAY, May 2.

The session of the fourth legislature Assembly was opened this afternoon. The bright May day induced a much larger crowd than usual to witness the opening. Long before the hour of the ceremony the Assembly hall was thronged with gaily clad ladies, and the other were also present in large numbers.

At 2:30 the lowering of the flag at a government house announced the departure of the Lieutenant-Governor and soon a cavalcade of North-West Mounted Police, under command Inspector McGibbons, were seen coming along, escorting his honor Captain Gilpin-Brown as aide-de-camp. The state of Dewdney street did not permit a direct journey, and as a result a procession was lent to the approach of the procession by its members, all the government buildings were lined up and as soon as the Lieutenant-governor had alighted arms were presented and the trumpets sounded the royal salute. His honor was saluted by Premier Haultain and Terence Bulyea, Secretary Bulyea to the Premier, chair, whence he read the following speech:

MR. H. M. SIFTON, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY, PREPARED TO READ A SPEECH THROUGH THE FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE WELFARE OF OUR STATE.

During the civilised world has death of our late Sovereign Majesty Queen Victoria, and her benevolent and kind management, there has been more nobly exalted in life than ever.

The great losses to crops annually caused by both storm and hail, and the disastrous effects of hail insurance conducted as a public enterprise, have led my Government to consider the subject; and a measure will be submitted to you by which it is hoped an effective remedy will be found to meet the losses by hail, administered by the Government, will be offered to those wishing to take advantage of it.

It will be asked to consider a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to joint stock Companies, by which a more simple and inexpensive process of formation will be provided and a more liberal system of regulation of the system regulating companies and co-operative enterprises introduced.

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gretted than in the North-West Territories. You will, I am sure, desire to express in fitting terms at the earliest opportunity the grief of those whom you have heard share the deep sympathy with the Royal Family in its great affliction and their hearty loyalty to our new Sovereign King Edward VII.

In common with the rest of Canada you must be gratified at the splendid service done on behalf of the Empire by our fellow citizens in South Africa. The sons of our soil who volunteered their services have lost their lives but are a cause of the deepest sorrow and I am sure that every one in expressing the greatest sympathy for the relatives and friends of those who have fallen as well as the heartfelt welcome to those who have returned.

The members of your last session, you addressed to the Governor General in Council respecting the constitutional and financial position of the Territories was duly forwarded by the Hon. Mr. Exchequer and will have such correspondence upon the subject had you.

Representatives have made to the Dominion Government respecting the need of making further provision for the revenue. Parliament has not, as yet, given any indication as to the amount of money required, and it would be impossible to inform you of the reception given to the requests of my Government, the nature of which you will be made conversant with in due course.

In addressing you on the occasion of your last meeting I referred to "the great disproportion existing between the size of the command and the power, resources and responsibilities increasing population of the Territories." As those necessities have still continued to grow, I feel it my duty to call your attention to the absolute impossibility of supplying the ordinary services of the Territories with the means at command.

During the past few months small pox, which has been epidemic in the States of the American Union, has spread through the Territories and a number of the provinces of the Dominion, made its appearance at several points in the Territories. Measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease and I am happy to be able to inform you that it is being rapidly stamped out.

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present impassable may be improved by a system of drainage works, as well as simplifying and cheapening the manner of dealing with the vexed question of roadways.

Members will be pleased for your consideration amending the law respecting Steam Boilers, Local Improvement Districts, Liquor Licences, the Administration of Civil Justice, Sheriff and Local Improvement.

A statement of the Public Works expenditures of the past year will be laid before you.

Estimates for the current year have been increased due regard to the rapid growth and increased needs of the Territories.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

To these and all other measures which may be before you, I trust you will give careful consideration, in full confidence, that under the Divine guidance your labours will have beneficial results and advance the prosperity of the country.

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Immediately at the close of the ceremony Speaker Eakin took the chair and business began. Mr. A. L. Sifton, and Mr. R. S. Lake were introduced, having been re-elected. Mr. R. B. Bennett and the successful candidate at the Moose Jaw by-election, have not yet arrived. Premier Haultain then introduced a formal bill for expediting legal and constitutional questions. It was decided to take the speech into consideration on Monday, and a select committee was appointed to prepare a list of standing committees. Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea laid on the table particulars of the parliamentary appropriation for the year, and also a copy of the correspondence relating to the status and financial position of the Territories.

The House then adjourned and the members proceeded to Government House to call on Madam Forget.

FRIDAY, May 3.

The house met at 2:30 p.m. There was a thin attendance, many of the Members not having arrived.

PETITIONS.

Mr. A. B. Gillis, Whitewood, presented a petition from Whitewood for the legislation of a Debenture by-law.

COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee for that purpose reported that they had struck the following Committees.

STANDING ORDERS AND LIBRARY.—Messrs. Gillis, Simpson, Lake, Haultain, Smith, Meyers, and McDiarmid.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Elliott, Patrick, Gillis, Connell, Brown, McDonald, McLeod, McKay, Greeley, Haultain, Bulyea, Simpson, Hawkes, Connel, Shera, Rosenfeld, McDiarmid, Prince and Sifton.

PRINTING.—Meyers, McDiarmid, De Veber, Haultain, Greeley, McIntyre, Smith, Bulyea, Hawkes, Villeneuve, French.

AGRICULTURE.—McCauley, Fisher, Prince, Cross, McDiarmid, Lake, Wallace, Greeley, McIntyre, McKay, McLeod, McDonald, Greeley, Haultain, Bulyea, Simpson, Villeneuve, Shera, Rosenfeld, Elliott.

MUNICIPAL LAW.—Elliott, Brown, Gillis, Cross, Bennett, McCauley, De Veber, Smith, McLeod, McDonald, Bulyea, Hawkes, Shera, Rosenfeld, Sifton.

EDUCATION.—McDonald, Fisher, Lake, Prince, Wallace, De Veber, Haultain, McKay, Simpson, Villeneuve, Shera, Rosenfeld, Elliott, Patrick.

On motion of Mr. Haultain the report was concurred in.

NOTICE.

Mr. Haultain gave notice of certain bills on behalf of himself and Mr. Sifton and laid the printed report of the Public Works Department on the table.

The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, May 6.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:30 p.m. Mr. A. B. Gillis (Whitewood) reported that the petition from Whitewood in regard to debentures had been received.

Mr. R. B. Bennett was introduced by Mr. D. H. McDonald and Mr. S. McLeod on re-election for West Calgary.

FIRST READINGS.

Premier Haultain obtained leave to introduce and got first readings of the following bills: Respecting Companies, respecting Foreign Companies, respecting Water, Gas, Electric and Telephone Companies, to remove certain doubts as to the effect of the Local

Improvement Ordinance. Mr. Haultain, on behalf of Mr. A. L. Sifton, also got first readings for bills respecting Steam Boilers, Local Improvement Districts, and Public Works.

REPLY TO ADDRESS.

Mr. R. S. Lake (Glenfield) then moved a Reply thanking the Lieutenant-Governor for his gracious speech. He (Mr. Lake) thought it right in the first instance to have his speech read, as he would refer to the inevitable loss that had been sustained not only by the empire, but by the world at large in the death of our beloved Queen. The universality of the feeling of grief was perhaps the most fitting tribute to her good qualities and her queenly virtues. This was unique in the history of the world. (Hear, hear.) The House could rejoice with the Lieutenant-Governor at the present prosperity of the country. There had indeed been a partial failure of crops, but that had been counterbalanced by the increase in stock, and when their resources were developed, as they would be in a near future, they would be able to look for stability in their steady progress. Whilst, however, they might congratulate themselves on their steady progress, yet the present condition of their affairs was a most serious one. They were faced with the absolute impossibility of supplying the necessary wants of the Territories with the means at command. The facts

STATED THEM IN THE FACE.

Last year the total amount placed at the disposal of the Assembly by the Dominion Parliament was \$420,000. This year the amount was \$80,000 less. This decrease was not the only one in their resources. They must look for certain increases in the fixed charges, such as the educational department, if they had not to break faith with the trustees of the public schools. The total amount to be spent on public works. These charges would grow greater and greater year after year. On the whole he thought they might look for \$100,000 less at our disposal than last year. It was of course possible that the supplementary estimates might somewhat reduce that deficit, but it was not possible to look for any great reduction. The question that faced them was: Where was that reduction to take place? By慈悲ing, they might make some slight reduction. It would be in the memory of the House that the only reduction proposed by the Opposition amounted to \$2,500. That, however, was only like a drop in the ocean. There was but one service in which it was possible to make any reduction, and that was the public works. No member, however, need go outside his own district, or spend on public works.

Mr. H. M. Sifton—There has been a useless waste of money.

Mr. Lake replied that no doubt had his friend been at the head of the Government the state of affairs would have been much better. (Laughter.) If there were to be reduction, it must fall upon this one of the services, and, he repeated, no member need look out of his own district to see that the available amount was inadequate for the wants. But there were additional amounts that had to be provided for. The

HAD BEEN IMMUNELY LARGE. Forty thousand souls had lately come into Manitoba and the Territories, and this year they looked for hundreds of thousands. These new comers did not go into the old-established settlements, where they would at once begin to bear the burdens, but they branched out into new settlements altogether. They required new schools, new public works, new roads and bridges. And yet they were not adding to the revenue to meet these extraordinary expenditures. Further than this, in consequence of the

CHECKER BOARD ARRANGEMENT.

There was the exemption from taxation of the alternate sections, and where railway lands had not been disposed of, that meant the settlers had to pay double taxes. Further than that there was a drain upon the new resources of this new country. He referred to the items paid out for railway lands. It amounted to a million a year now. It was a payment by the Territories in excess of their legitimate share. None but a country of marvelously resources could progress while so handicapped. (Hear, hear.) In regard to the charges of extravagance they heard about at times, they were not well founded. The Territories had a first class business Government. The officials employed in the Government got through an astounding mass of correspondence. The Interior Department at Ottawa employed 116 officials, and its year's correspondence amounted to 110,000 letters. In the Territorial little Public Works department they had sixteen officials and the correspondence for the year amounted to 40,000 letters. Thirteen of these letters were addressed to the members of the Legislative Assembly, with three times as many letters as did the officials of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa. It should be remembered, too, that the central Government here does the municipal, local and engineering business for the whole of the country. A whole army of municipal officers was thus saved to the people. The money that was available was expended upon these two services, which more particularly pulled on the nation schools and public works. It was safe to say they ought to go on a provincial basis. They had arrived at a point where a new departure must be made, and the correspondence that had been laid on the table showed that this had been recognised by the Dominion Government. They would thus shortly have to express their views on the most momentous question that had been, or was likely to be, brought before the people of the Territories. He thought it was fortunate that the

ABSENCE OF PARTY LINES.

in the Assembly enabled them to approach the question without any bias in that respect: and that no petty sectional questions would be allowed to interfere with the main question, how to deal with the Territories. (Hear, hear.) He thought the Government ought to be congratulated upon its action in regard to small pox. Although the expenditure had been considerable yet it would be met by the Dominion Government. Mr. Lake then proceeded to speak of the coming legislation on joint stock companies, hail insurance, school grants (in which he hoped there would be equalisation throughout the whole Territories), and then proceeded to say that a debt of gratitude was due to their fellow countrymen who volunteered for service in South Africa. It should not only make them proud that they were Canadians; but a precedent had been created, by which it is known that Canada were ever in similar circum-

INDIAN HEAD.

The usual rush of business in town is beginning to drop off, owing to the farmers being busy with their seedings operations. Implement firms and repairmen are the only ones kept busy.

We are very sorry to hear of the serious illness of our friend Mr. Alex. Stilhard, who keeps a shop with good care and medical assistance we will soon see him on our streets again.

Building operations are beginning to move slowly. Among the latest we notice Mr. A. Walker has had erected a commodious warehouse, two doors north of his hardware store, in which he purposes to keep on hand a full stock of the Deering Company's machinery. Messrs. Murray & Sheldford have had an addition put to their blacksmith shop. Mr. H. Skinner has had a driving shed erected. Mr. C. Rigby is putting up a stable. Mr. J. Hunter is on his new brick residence. Mr. J. Blowers of Harriston, Ont., has just returned from a trip to the east. Mr. Blakeley of Springbrook, late of Winnipeg, where he was securing a business education, has arrived in town and taken a position in Mr. W. M. P. Starr's store. Mrs. G. Hamilton left on Monday morning to join her husband at Yellowgrass. Miss Skene of Regina is visiting in town. Mr. T. G. Gibson of Glenfield, the organist of St. Andrew's church, officiated for the first time last Sunday. We believe Mr. Chisholm will be quite an acquisition to our musical and social circles. Rev. and Mrs. Dobie returned this week from their extended visit to friends in England. A number of new families have taken up their residence in town. They are mostly Germans and French. At the Manse, Indian Head, on May 1st, the wife of the Rev. McAfee, of a son. Baseball is the favorite game among the school children at present, while the older sports are enthusiastic in the game of lacrosse. We understand they already have had a number of nights of good practice and hope they will succeed in regaining some of the laurels they lost last season. We believe there is a better organisation this year and hope the season will be successful for the boys.

DOCTORED NINE YEARS FOR TETTER.—Mr. James Gaston, merchant, of Wilkesboro, Pa., writes: "For nine years I have been disfigured with Tetter on my hands and face. At last I have found a cure in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It helped me from the first application, and now I am permanently cured." —*135*

Death of Mr. Sprague.

Mr. James E. Sprague, one of Regina's old timers, died on Sunday morning in Regina hospital from blood poisoning, after a few days illness.

Mr. Sprague came from New York, Gainesville, York County, Ont. At one time he owned two boats on Lake Simcoe, one of which he commanded.

On coming west he had to cross the prairie from Brandon with wagons, and on striking Regina started the first general store here. He had a partner, Mr. J. E. Scarlett, but for many years before his death he had conducted his business with a partner.

The store of the firm was pulled down during Regina's great fire in order to keep the fire from spreading. This was at what is now the S. & F. blocks. Mr. Sprague was 61 years of age, owned two blocks, and left his property to his wife during her life time and then to their only son. The funeral service was in St. Paul's church on Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. Hill, the rector, and the interment was in Regina cemetery, a great many friends and acquaintances following the hearse to the grave. Mrs. Sprague was on a visit to Toronto at the time of the death, but left for Regina as soon as the news reached her and will arrive to-day.

KEEP YOUR STOMACH IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND YOUR GENERAL HEALTH WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

This is the advice of an eminent specialist on stomach troubles, and he "clinches" the advice by prescribing Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets as a wonder worker in all phases of stomach disorders from the little "ferment" after eating to the chronic dyspepsia. 35 cents. —*136*

Lacrosse.

The following letter, which was received by R. H. Williams & Son, has been handed to the Lacrosse Club:

Winnipeg, May 3, 1901.

MESSRS. R. H. WILLIAMS & SON:

DEAR SIRS.—Kindly advise the Lacrosse Club in your town that I am putting on a trophy, "and a dandy,"

for the North-West Territories, only

to be awarded to the club which

has the best record for the last