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Critical Review of the Legislative Session by A Newspaperman

Liberal Point of View of Doings of Government and Opposiition at Victoria During Past Two Months of Law Making; Pattullo in Limelight

On January 22 the first session of the 17th legislature to need a few patches here and of British Columbia opened to the roar of guns and with there and a prop or two, in fact more fuss and feathers than was the Liberal custom.

The members of the Tolmie government did not know another happy moment until they threw their order papers in the air at the end of the proceedings.

Most of the new ministers are still wondering what it back to the shop for repairs.

ed "the good old days." more years. More will be heard Up to the third week in Febru- of this question next year. ary the country had been looking Stewart Railway vainly for the wonderful Tolmie The only really new measure measures that were to "keep the brought down was the Canadian" boys and girls at home" and had North-Eastern Railway Bill, fathcentred its hope of great things ered by Mr. George A. Walkem, on the Shelly budget. Hope gone of Vancouver, giving H. H. Ste--the budget came down wrapped in a political speech dealing with the past and not the future. It's funny how Tories always look back intsead of forward.

After the usual flood of oratory the House got down to analysing the Budget and it did not stand up very well. It seemed

the Opposition-did not have to riddle it but simply point to its holes and crippled places.

They pointed so clearly that the Government had to take it

ens. M.P., his brother and some unnamed friends a charter to ouild a railway from Stewart nto the Peace River country. The Government would not distige who Harry's friends are, at one wonders what the people

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f Vancouver think about Harry tevens and George Walkem. Vancouver has always resened having any competition as an outlet to the Pacific Ocean from the hinterland and now Harry tevens is adding a second competitor-perhaps he thinks he is . hurting Prince Rupert only.

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t they proposed doing with the ey. Vhat the government wants is gned blank cheque for mil- s' exclaimed the leader of the osition. he public accounts for the last year of Liberal government					CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS, UNDERWEAR, ETC. AT GREAT BIG REDUCTIONS	FINAL CLEARANCE OF ALL HATS. NOW IS THE TIME BUY AND SAVE!
 b56, or a total of \$21,136,248, nst an estimate of \$19,757,296. the first big gun of the session fired by T. D. Pattullo, er of the opposition, when he ed a vote of want of confice in the government because 	prepared to go ahead with a com- plete survey of the resources ad jacent to the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway. In this com- nection the premier intimated that the object was to make Van couver an outlet for more traffic, "with Prince Rupert as a side-				Frizzell's Dry Go.d.	
private syndicate giving its ibers a monopoly of selling all he government's bonds up to 000,000 up to February 28 at usual profits, plus a com- sion of one per cent.	like Prince Rupert. On the second day of the ses- sion, in shutting off debate on Mr. Pattullo's want of confidence motion, it was apparent that the	The Leader of the Opposition offered to carry on for them but his kindly offer was not greeted with any enthusiasm. One of the most interesting scraps of the session was over	the session was the guidance given to green ministers on the floor of the House by the ex- perienced Opposition front bench. In presenting their estimates Ministers did not seem to think it			OBA STEEL

Looking in vain for some sigh

the province \$1,400,000.

was again made clear when dis- porating the North West Tele- After futile attempts to get in-cussion of the vality of the phone Company. The Leader of formation the Leader of the Op-The charge drove the govern- Kamloops and Kaslo-Slocan elec- the Opposition insisted that the position informed the Government to caucus, when they evi- tions was silenced when the Bill be amended so that any inment, in tones that indicated dently decided to shut off the de- speaker, ruled A. M. Manson's crease in share capital be refer- "more of sorrow than of anger" bate at the earliest possible mo- resolution out of order. The to the Lieutenant-Governor- that it was usual to tell the ment. The "thumping" majority By the second week of the ses- in-Council for approval. people what was to be done with of the government swamped the sion, T. D. Pattullo, A. M. Man- On the vote on his amendment the millions asked for. opposition but they have yet to son and Capt. Ian Mackenzie had Mr. Pattullo was supported by "Tell us what your policy is get the verdict of the people. became known as "The Three five Conservatives and more and we shall get along faster," Soon Attorney-General Pooley Musketeers," but, by the time the Tories would have supported him pleads Mr. Pattullo.

went off the deep end with a order papers were thrown in the had they dared. splash when he sought to censor air, the government leaders look- Premier Tolmie, from whom so of a real policy, the Leader of moving picture advertisements in ed as relieved as if they had much was expected, was unfor the Opposition asked when the the press. Mr. Pooley may be escaped three batteries of artil- tunately indisposed throughout wonderful policies to "keep the left safely in the hands of the lery playing on them from differ- most of the session. This pro- girls and boys at home" were to press of the province. ent angles. bably accounts for the epidemic come down.

men's Compensation Act. The how, somewhere, they had imbibed Government is that its members months." government agreed to the ap- the idea that a minister can do think the last election is still on. "You have been here for sixty pointment of a royal commission anything he likes without being They are going to wake up about years," shot back Mr. Pattullo, report on the situation. Dr. they refused to answer questions Wrinch favored a legislative com- from the opposition and seemed mittee, but the oposition agreed to quite hurt when the leader of the Columbia. the measure as they wanted some- opposition suggested that the people were entitled to know what was thing done.

Meantime, little had been heard being done. Probably this attifrom Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, tude was largely due to the early minister of education, but event resolution regarding orders-inually he brought down an amend- council, forced through by the ment to the Public Schools Act, government, which solemnly af- make a rebate to the larger hol- Mr. Pattullo has never courted the most important item of which firmed the principle that: provided that "assisted school dis | "It is the inalienable and unretricts shall tax themselves three stricted right of the lieutenantmills on their assessed value for governor-in-council to deal with the purpose of applying on the orders-in-council as he sees fit."

Dr. H. C. Wrinch advocated One of the most amusing fea- of cold feet that set in amongst For once the Premier was presa measure of state health insur- tures of the session was the atti- the other ten cabinet ministers. ent and he retorted "We have ance as an adjunct to the Work- tude of the new ministers. Some- One trouble with the Tolmie been in office for only six

of members of the legislature to answerable to anyone. Repeatedly four years from now and realize "and you told the people of this that they were supposed to be Province that you knew exactly running the business of British what to do to bring about wonderful conditions."

> Last session the Liberal Gov. One of the most remarkable ernment granted relief to small and significant signs of the Sesholders of Sumas reclaimed lands sion was the tremendous gain in -that is to those holding 80 popularity of the Leader of the acres or less-but refused to Opposition.

> ders, most of whom are specu- personal popularity but he is going to have it thrust upon him

> This session the Tolmie Gov- whether he likes it or not. He ernment granted relief to the is referred to by everyone as large holders which will en- "Duff," just as Sir Richard Mc-

teachers' salary." In other words, the Tolmie cab-

This heavy tax on rural districts inet can do no wrong, and, if it acre. was so much too much that the ever should make a break, it , Hon. Joshua was persuaded to doesn't want anyone to know about reduce the tax to one mill, which it. British Columbia is back to



hance their holdings by \$50 per Bride was known as "Dick," and when the page boys speak of him The Leader of the Opposition as "Duff," it is popularity inin protesting against this rebate deed.

pointed out that the strugglin; settler trying to carve out a nome for his family had to help meet the most of this rebate when he needed assistance much more than the speculative holder of very valuable reclaimed land. The plea fell on deaf ears.

lators.

The Government amended the Forest Act to permit of the existing Timber Royalties being charged for another year, instead of a 25 per cent increase for the next five years, as provided for in the Pattullo measure of 1924.

The Leader of the Opposition pointed out that this meant a loss of \$200,000 in revenue and asked that the ratio established by him between the northern operators and those on the lower coast be retained as the heavier growth in the south could stand a higher royalty.

Hon. R. W. Bruhn, speaking for the Government, foreshadowed an effort to retain the present rates

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