

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

HE READS IT TO LEGISLATURE

Protest Against the Chief Executive Delivering His Message in Person to the Legislature...

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This day has been one of historical interest in the Legislature, Governor Glenn delivering his address in person...

A message was read from the Governor thanking the House for its invitation to read his message...

A joint committee of the Senate and House went to the Governor's office and asked the Speaker to read the message...

By reading the report of the auditors we will see that the forty-five counties out of the ninety-seven receive more from the State than they pay taxes to it...

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina

You meet to-day under most favorable circumstances. Never before was the State in such a prosperous condition...

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RAILROADS

Such has been the rate of late about railroads and railroad rates, both passenger and freight...

TAXATION No subject will come before you at this session with more vital interest to the State than the desirability of a proper scheme for ascertaining the true value of all property in the State...

The Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 2, provides that "uniform shall be passed taxing, but uniform shall all moneys, credits, etc., and also all real and personal property according to its true value in money..."

The assessed value of all property in the State is \$481,520,663.32; but the tax on that value is only \$10,000,000. The property was fairly given in, and fairly assessed, and railroads and other corporations fairly taxed...

A fair valuation and a low rate are what are desired by the people and outside capital, while a low rate and high valuation frighten away both the homeseeker and investor...

Under Section 5202, Vol. II, Revised of 1905, assessors value all realty in the State on the basis of the provisions of Section 5217, which requires the owner a sworn list of all his personal property of every description...

Since the General Assembly last met, crops have been generally good and have brought high prices and average yields. The farmers are in good condition and out of debt, and their lands much enhanced in value...

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As to whether this property will continue, and the State during the next two years go forward in material, educational and moral growth, there no longer exists any reason for making the taxes in tobacco sections...

INSURANCE

old system, the Secretary of State will propose a stimulus to both parents and children, and do much good for the cause of education...

We desire foreign insurance companies to do business in our State, and will protect them all we can against fraud and wrong...

Two remedies have been suggested: (1) The enactment of a law making it a condition precedent to a foreign company's doing business in our State, that it shall, by the first of January of each year, submit to the insurance commissioner satisfactory evidence that they have invested in solvent North Carolina securities...

(2) That every foreign company doing business in the State make a deposit, in North Carolina securities to be approved by the commissioner, of not less than \$10,000 more than \$50,000, according to the amount of business done by the company...

Some companies say that if we adopt the law they will be left unprotected, and then allow thirty minutes' margin after the announced expected arrival, and after this to heavily penalize them for every thirty minutes' delay; the penalties to go to the school fund...

(4) To the traveling public, I urge most earnestly two things: First, that a limit be set to the hours of service performed by a railroad employe; for, if it is needed, the employe, switchman, engineer, flagman, etc., to perform good service, be always on the alert and be able to guard against accidents...

(5) Having required railroads to do their duty, they should be protected against the kind of wrongs which, except at regular crossings, should do so at their own risk, and if injured while so walking along the track, other than in crossing it, by regular crossings, they should be allowed to recover damages, for an exacting public requires railroads to make fast and frequent connections...

CORPORATION COMMISSION This branch of the State government has already performed a great good in reducing freight rates, and in properly assessing and regulating taxes on corporations and other individuals...

In the matter of correcting freight discriminations, now practiced against our State and in favor of other States, the benefit obtained to our merchants and other shippers cannot be estimated. The commission should likewise be required, and given full power to regulate and establish rates for all telephone systems, and compel different telephone lines, for reasonable compensation, to make arrangements for transmitting messages from other lines over steamboat lines, telegraph lines, and express companies...

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Speedy trials and certainty of punishment for a guilty offender are the methods of lawless and uncertainly of court trials; and while such an excuse is often admitted, it should be encouraged to insure their lives and property, thus guarding against future poverty and loss...

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Under its direction a thorough examination has been made of the fish and oyster industries, and practical suggestions made as to how to protect them and at the same time furnish more revenue to the State. It has likewise examined the water supply, by means of artesian wells, and by showing conditions that indicate where such wells can be located.

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MORALS

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