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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Capetown, S. A. Jan. 26th.—Brilliant scene marked the opening of the Union Parliament yesterday by the new Governor General, the Earl of Athlone. Accompanied by Princess Alice, the Governor General headed a procession along crowded streets, which were lined with troops, to Parliament House. This event attending the opening was followed with enthusiasm by the populace. The speech from the Throne referred to anxiety caused by unsettled business conditions generally and stated that all the papers in reference to the imperial and economic conferences last October in London would be laid before Parliament. Mention was made of the conference solutions, which, if put into operation, would open wider markets for many South African products. The speech continued that while conditions generally were improving, farmers over a considerable area were suffering as a result of the long continuous drought and invasions of locusts on a scale previously unknown in recent times. The Government offer to assist the farmers had encouraged the institution of local cooperative societies to which advances might be made by the loan banks on the joint credit of the society members and the societies supervising the individual loans to the farmers. Unemployment was happily diminishing continued the speech. The state of the wine industry in the Cape province was causing the the Government much concern and proposals for dealing with the matter would be submitted. Detail would also be laid before the House pertaining to railway con-

NOTICE.

The Annual general inspection of the Public Roads will take place as follows:

DATE.	QUARTERS.	MEMBERS OF THE COM.	INSPECTORS
Feb. 4th 1924	West End	Mr. A. J. Blackwood	A. Hoffmann and
" 7th "	Northside A.	" M. M. Skeoch	L. Tranberg
" 11th "	Northside B.	" Folmer Andersen	"
" 14th "	Prince's	" A. Nelthropp	"
" 18th "	King's	" G. B. Fleming	"
" 21st "	Queen's	" D. Armstrong	"
" 25th "	Company's	" H. MacKay	"
" 28th "	East End	" B. Nelthropp	"
		" A. J. Blackwood	"
		" M. M. Skeoch	"
		" G. B. Fleming	"
		" D. Armstrong	"
		" H. MacKay	"
		" B. Nelthropp	"
		" Folmer Andersen	"

Road holders on the Center-Line must keep all holes filled, culverts cleared, and ditches mended as heretofore. Stones should be thrown on the one side of the road so as to prepare for Crusher and Roller as they advance Eastward, and when covering is required, will be duly notified. All other roads must be gravelled and otherwise repaired as usual.

EDGAR W. MEYER,
Chairman Road Commission.

January 24th, 1924.

struction, proposals including electrification of certain lines in Natal and the Cape provinces and also the building of a line in North Zululand. The latter it was stated, was urgently required for the opening of a large tract of country where cotton growing was already successfully established. The speech concluded by announcing that in consequence of improved railway traffic the government proposed to reduce passenger fares and freight rates, especially

on agricultural produce and food commodities. These reductions were expected to materially affect the cost of living.

New York, Jan. 27th—Raw sugar continued firm on Saturday. There were buyers who paid prices of 5.50 for Cubas, duty paid, but no business development when dealers demanded higher prices. Continued buying of Cuban account

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