

An Act to confirm the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

An Act to provide for employing persons without the walls of common gaols.

An Act respecting the Maritime Court of Ontario.

An Act respecting the City of Toronto, and Toronto Water-Works.

An Act to amend the law for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals.

An Act to amend the Mechanics' Liens Act.

An Act for the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds beneficial to agriculture.

An Act respecting the Assessment Rolls of the county of Oxford.

An Act to amend the law respecting High Schools.

An Act to preserve the forests from destruction by fire.

An Act to extend the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England in Ontario.

An Act to amend the law respecting Building Societies.

An Act respecting the Magistracy.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act.

An Act respecting the registration of Railway Aid Scrip.

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes respecting Ditching Water Courses.

An Act to give finality to Voters' Lists and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Line Fences Act.

An Act to make certain amendments in the Revised Statutes.

An Act respecting Union School Sections.

An Act respecting investments in Tile Drainage Debentures.

An Act to amend the License Act and for other purposes.

An Act respecting Bridges in Villages.

An Act respecting Aid to certain Railways

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the House as follows:—

"In Her Majesty's name the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Mr. SPEAKER then said:—

*May it please your Excellency:*

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach Your Excellency at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Excellency's acceptance a Bill intitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1878, and for other purposes therein mentioned," thus placing at the disposal of the Crown the means by which the Government may be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Province.

To this Bill, the Clerk of the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, did say:—

"The Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill in Her Majesty's name."

The Lieut.-Governor was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

In relieving you from your labours at the close of the Session, it affords me much gratification to acknowledge the diligence which you have manifested in the discharge of your important duties, and the care and deliberation which you have bestowed upon the various measures which have been laid before you.

I learn with pleasure that nearly all the measures which I recommended for your consideration have received your approval, and it may be reasonably hoped that your labours will result in the increased prosperity and well-being of the Province.

The Act authorizing loans to be made to township municipalities at a low rate of interest, to be applied for the purposes of tile drainage, cannot fail to be of great advantage to the agricultural interests of the Province.

I notice with satisfaction that you have framed a measure designed to regulate the public service of the Province, and to place it on a permanent and satisfactory basis.

I am pleased to perceive that in view of the great destruction by fire of our valuable forests of timber in the past, a stringent measure has been enacted to prevent, as far as possible, the recurrence of such fires in the time to come.

I have no doubt that the measure to give finality to voters' lists, to which you have given your attention, will result in the avoidance of much litigation in the Election Courts, and in diminishing the expense and labour attendant upon contested elections.

It is gratifying to observe that while the finances of the Province have permitted you to grant such aid to the several railway enterprises whose claims you have had occasion to consider as may ensure their completion, yet that aid has been extended to but a limited number of companies, and your action in that respect has been in the spirit of that special caution which I suggested at the opening of the session.

I cheerfully assent to the liberal appropriation which you have made for completing the extended asylum accommodation commenced during the past year, and it is a source of much gratification to me to know that the finances of the Province continue to permit increased provision to be made for those of our population who are unfortunately afflicted with insanity or idiocy.

I congratulate you on having adopted important measures respecting the Magistracy—for perfecting the working of the License Law—and for providing a simple machinery for winding up Joint Stock Companies when such a proceeding becomes necessary.

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. They shall be expended with a due regard to efficiency and economy.

The Honourable Mr. Hardy, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of April next, to be then here holden; and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April next.

His Honour then left the Chamber.