

to penal and reformatory purposes, and to provide for such other matters as may be needed to carry out the objects for which the institution is designed.

The advantages which, in certain districts, have attended a liberal expenditure in drainage operations will, I trust, induce you to regard favourably a proposal to apply a further sum for the encouragement of works of this description, by the purchase of municipal debentures, issued for the purpose, and which, while they supply the municipalities with an easy and economical means of raising the money needed, afford at the same time a safe investment for a portion of our surplus funds.

I have directed that the Public Accounts of receipts and expenditure shall be laid before you.

The estimates for the current year will be presented to you at an early day. They will exhibit, I do not doubt, a due regard for economy, while framed with the desire to meet demands upon the Treasury tending to the advancement of the public welfare.

I shall rejoice to know that your deliberations, during the session now opening, have resulted in strengthening your claims upon the respect and confidence of your fellow-countrymen.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

After an interval, during which the visitors vacated the floor and the ladies the members' seats, which they had for the nonce usurped,

The Speaker took the chair at 3:40.

There was a good attendance of members. Mr. Meredith occupied the seat of the leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Lauder that formerly occupied by Mr. Macdougall.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the seats for the representation of South Simcoe, Algoma, North Essex, West Elgin, Monck, and Toronto East had become vacant, that he had issued writs for elections in the said electoral districts, and that the Clerk had received certificates of the return of members to represent the same.

The following new members were then introduced, and took their seats:—

Mr. McLaws (West Elgin), by Mr. Mowat and Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Morris (East Toronto), by Mr. Meredith and Mr. Lauder. He took the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Lauder.

Mr. Lyon (Algoma), by Mr. Mowat and Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Parkhill (South Simcoe), by Mr. Lauder and Mr. Merrick.

Mr. Harcourt (Monck), by Mr. Mowat and Mr. Baxter.

Mr. White (North Essex), by Mr. Meredith and Mr. Lauder.

#### HIS HONOUR'S SPEECH.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had obtained a copy of the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The reading of the Speech was dispensed with.

#### OATHS OF OFFICE.

Mr. MOWAT introduced a Bill to provide for the administration of oaths of office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace.

The Bill was read a first time.

#### THE ADDRESS.

Mr. MOWAT moved that the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-morrow. Carried.

#### FORMAL MOTIONS.

Mr. MOWAT moved the usual formal resolutions regarding the printing of the votes and proceedings, the appointment of Standing Committees, and the purity of elections, all of which were declared carried.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 3:50.