

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

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

In relieving you from further attendance upon your legislative duties I have to thank you for your assiduous attention to the public business, and for the useful and practical results of your labours.

The large number of private Bills which have received your consideration have entailed upon you work of a very arduous character, and demanding the closest and most painstaking attention.

I am happy to observe that, besides formally confirming the award of the Arbitrators appointed to determine the Northerly and Westerly Boundaries of the Province of Ontario, you have also provided for the Administration of Justice in the extensive territory over which the jurisdiction of my Government is now declared to extend,

The measures which you have passed providing for the regulation of the Reformatory for Women, and establishing an Industrial Refuge for Girls, will, I trust, under the Divine blessing, be the means of accomplishing much good, and of preserving many from a career of crime and misery.

The further aid which you have decided on granting for drainage purposes, and your amendments of the Drainage Acts, will give an additional encouragement to this important branch of local improvements.

The measure authorizing my Government to appoint an Inspector of Fire Insurance Companies, while it will not create any new charge upon the public treasury, will give increased confidence to insurers, and prove beneficial to the institutions thus subjected to supervision,

The Act to enable Gas Companies to adopt the new discoveries of science for the supply of artificial light, and the Act to facilitate the incorporation of Steam Heating Companies, are in accordance with the progressive demands of the times, and may in an economic sense prove most valuable to the public.

I have been happy to give my assent to measures for the further improvement of the School Law, for the amendment of the Election Laws in the light of the most recent experience of their operation, and for simplifying and improving the laws relating to Juries, and to numerous other reforms.

I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the service of the year. They will be applied with the most careful regard to economy consistent with the public requirements.

In bringing to a close this last session of your parliamentary term, I pray that an all-wise Providence may so direct the minds of the people as to cause them to send as their representatives in our next Legislative Assembly men as patriotically and honestly disposed to advance the best interests of their country as those who have hitherto filled that responsible and important position.

Hon. 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; and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

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