

friends at Ottawa are in no greater haste than we are.

Mr. MEREDITH—They introduced it last session.

Mr. MOWAT—We don't bring in a bill unless we mean that it shall be passed. (Cheers.) There has been no Government in any Province or empire which is less chargeable with dropping a large number of bills in proportion to the number brought in than we have been. It was only the other day that I read in a leading organ of hon. gentlemen opposite a paragraph saying that there was no object in passing a Franchise Bill at Ottawa before it was necessary to come into effect at next general election. Now this is the view of the hon. gentleman's party. Well, for once, I think that was a correct view to take. It is very seldom that I find such a view taken by the organs of those hon. gentlemen. We are going to have a Franchise Bill, to come into effect at the next general election. That is the measure on this journal to which I have been speaking. It will be brought down the present session. My hon. friend referred to the statement in the Speech with regard to there being a large immigration into the newer parts of the Province. I am not aware that Sir Richard Cartwright said there was a decrease in the immigration to these newer portions. He pointed out that it was less in the Province all over. This immigration into the newer parts of the country is made up of immigrants from all sections of the country, some coming from abroad, some from Lower Canada, and some from the older parts of our own Province, but the fact is that as far as these sections are concerned it has been larger than in previous years. With respect to the late member for Lennox (Mr. Roe) I had no knowledge of him except from meeting him here, and I always found him an extremely courteous and agreeable man, and I observed that his manner of discussing questions from his own standpoint was a most becoming one. In conclusion I have just to congratulate my friends here and those whom they represent that we have been so successful in all that we have done that there is not one single thing my hon. friend opposite has to blame us for. He rejoices with us in various matters and approves of all that we have done and all that in this Speech we declare our intention of doing. (Prolonged applause.)

The motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was then carried.

Mr. MOWAT moved that a select committee be appointed with instructions to prepare an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The committee reported immediately and upon motion by Mr. MOWAT the address was ordered to be engrossed and presented to the Lieut.-Governor.

SUPPLY, ETC.

Mr. A. M. ROSS gave notice that to-morrow he would move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. A. M. ROSS gave notice that to-morrow he would move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.