

# Fifth Parliament --- Third Session.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

THURSDAY, Feb. 18.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

## JUDGES' REPORT.

The report of the Judges with respect to the Toronto Loan & Trust Co.'s Bill was received.

## PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) presented the second report of the Committee on Private Bills.

## RAILWAYS.

Hon. T. B. Pardee presented the third report of the Committee on Railways.

## FIRST READINGS.

The following Bills were read the first time :—

Mr. Monk—To amend the Municipal Act.

Hon. O. Mowat—To improve the practice of conveyancing and amending the law of property.

Hon. O. Mowat—Respecting returns of convictions by Stipendiary and Police Magistrates.

Hon. O. Mowat — Respecting criminal justice accounts payable by the Province.

## THE BUDGET.

Hon. A. M. ROSS, on rising to move the House into Committee of Supply, was received with cheers. He said :—Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention, in presenting the annual statement of the financial position of the Province, to detain the House at any great length. The Public Accounts and Estimates are so full that a very cursory examination of those documents by the members will give a fair idea of what the transactions of the Province have been for the year. But for the general public, who are not furnished with copies of the Public Accounts, it is advisable that a short summary of the particulars should be given, so that they may receive, through the medium of the press, the information which could not reach them through any other source. This has become an established custom, and a very necessary one too. On the last occasion that I presented my statement to the House it was expected, according to that statement, that the transactions for 1885 would show an excess of expenditure over receipts, or that there would be, to use a word that has been very frequently used of late years by hon. gentlemen opposite, a deficit. That deficit was expected to be about \$148,000. I am happy to be able to say, at the close of the year, that the finances of the country are in a better position than we expected. (Hear, hear). The receipts for 1885 have been :—From the Dominion of Canada, on account of subsidy, \$1,196,872, the same as in former years : interest on capital held and debts due by the Dominion to Ontario, \$279,111 ; interest on investments, \$50,284, or altogether from interest on Ontario investments, \$329,395. Then in addition there are receipts :—

Crown Lands Department.....	\$736,864
Algoma Taxes .....	1,620
Education Department .....	38,749
Law Stamps.....	66,988
Licenses .....	162,330

### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:—

Toronto Lunatic Asylum.....	32,663	51
London " " .....	7,493	67
Hamilton " " .....	5,644	76
Kingston " " .....	2,652	72
Orillia " " .....	1,467	20
Reformatory for Females.....	4,622	84
" " Boys.....	694	50
Central Prison.....	43,623	43
Deaf and Dumb Institute.....	250	00

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### CASUAL REVENUE :—

Fines, etc.....	\$	5,407	99
Surrogate Court fees.....		1,420	00
Division Court " .....		6,339	76
County Court " .....		745	83
Insurance Companies' fees.....		525	00
Official Gazette.....		7,720	06
Ontario Statutes.....		547	60
Private Bills.....		1,615	75
Provincial Secretary's Department.....		7,435	30
Incidentals.....		98	00
Assessments re Expenditure : Insurance Office.....		2,999	86
Assessments re Expenditure : Removal Fund.....		4,701	33

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In addition we have drainage debentures amounting to \$37,100, and proceeds from the