

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Sixth Parliament --- First Session.

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FRIDAY, March 4.

MARRIED WOMEN'S FRANCHISE.

Mr. WATERS introduced a bill to enable married women to vote for members of Municipal Councils. The bill was read the first time.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Mr. CREIGHTON moved for copies of advertisements for tenders, specifications and contracts in connection with the new Parliament buildings.

Hon. C. F. FRASER said he supposed the motion referred to the advertisements, tenders, &c., of the past year. Tenders were called for several years ago, but he supposed these were not required, as they would make a very voluminous return and would afford no sort of information to the House.

Mr. CREIGHTON said that he thought the old tenders, &c., would be of assistance in discussing the matter.

Hon. C. F. FRASER said that in that case he would ask that the motion stand.

The motion stood accordingly.

ADDRESS TO THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

Hon. O. MOWAT proposed that the House adjourn, so that the members might proceed to the residence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and present him with an address.

The House adjourned at 2 p.m.

Immediately after the adjournment of the House, the members, preceded by the Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms bearing the mace, and the Clerk, went to the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor. After the members had been introduced to the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Speaker read the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

HIS HONOR'S REPLY.

The Lieutenant-Governor in replying to the Address said :—Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, I am happy to learn that you agree in the opinions that I expressed in my Speech in the opening of the session, and that those opinions have met with your approval, and I am glad that you are here to-day to present me, in answer to that Speech, with your dutiful and loyal address. Mr. Speaker, allow me to take advantage of the opportunity to say that I have had, both officially and personally, the pleasantest relations with your predecessor, Col. Clarke, who, during the whole of my career in office, so ably fulfilled the duties of the office which you, Sir, are now called upon to occupy. I need hardly say to you, Mr. Speaker, that the pleasure it gives me to receive this Address is greatly enhanced by the fact that it is presented to me by yourself, a native Canadian, and one who has for more than twenty years devoted himself so heartily to the public affairs of his Province and who enjoys the confidence of his fellow-members, as shown by your unanimous election to a high and honorable office. Of course I appreciate most highly the compliment that you have paid me in coming, perhaps without precedent since Confederation, to-day, but there is one drawback, and that is that in all proba-