

THE NEW CLARKE:—Mr. Richard Clarke, the new Liberal member for East Northumberland, was introduced to the Speaker by Hon. A. S. Hardy and Mr. Awrey, both of whom gave him splendid assistance on his way to the Legislature. He was heartily cheered by the Government's supporters as he shook hands with the Speaker and then made his way to his seat. Mr. Clarke is of medium stature, with a shrewd and kindly face. He was born in the Township of Cramahe in 1836, and is therefore 52 years of age. He still lives in the township in which he was born. He has been in the Cramahe Council in various capacities for twenty years, and in 1886 was Warden of the united Counties of Northumberland and Durham. He was also for a few months police magistrate for the county, which office he resigned before his election to the Legislature. He is a farmer, and the best evidence of his popularity in his native county is that he turned Dr. Willoughby's majority of 51 into a minority of 94. He will make a good legislator. And now that Mr. Mowat's majority is up to high-water mark the House will proceed to work in dead earnest.

HIGH SCHOOL FEES:—Mr. Drury presented a petition from the County Council of Simcoe asking that all students attending High schools and Collegiate Institutes should be compelled to pay a uniform fee of at least \$16 a year.

MORE OF THE SAME:—On Tuesday next deputations from along the line of the Saugeen Valley and of the Kincardine & Teeswater railway will wait upon the Government to petition for aid for these two enterprises. There seems to be a combined effort to induce the Government to return to the policy of subsidising local roads. It will take even more backbone than was required to resist the threatened lumbermen's boycott to enable the Government to adhere to the no-bonus programme of the last few years.

A NEW OFFICER:—Mr. J. G. Mathieson, of Simcoe, formerly of Acton, has been appointed County Crown Attorney for Halton.

THE GAME LAW:—Mr. Phelps does not propose any very extensive alteration of the Game Law. He simply desires to limit the period for the shooting of deer to one month, from the 1st of November to the 1st of December, and to limit to two weeks the period within which deer may be hunted by dogs. This is but a simple measure. You would hardly know Mr. Phelps was loaded. It is declared to be necessary to take these restrictive precautions if the deer are not to be exterminated from the northern woods. But Mr. Phelps does not want to rouse the gun clubs and have the fight of recent sessions waged again even to the very doors of the muskrat houses of Essex.

THE METHODIST CHURCH:—Mr. H. E. Clarke's bill to amend the Methodist Church Act of 1884 asks for the corporation of the Church or any of its committees power to issue debentures and to give in security for payment mortgages on real estate under the control of the Church.

MR. ROBT. BOSTON, Reeve of Lobo, was among the visitors to the Chamber.

STOCK EXEMPTION:—Mr. Waters has introduced another bill that is likely to make a disturbance. He proposes to exempt horses, cattle, sheep and swine from taxation. The bill will be vigorously supported and as vigorously opposed. Mr. Waters begins the fight with a strong array of petitions at his back.