

THE LEGISLATURE.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR DECLARES THE SESSION CLOSED.

Few Visitors Present—Ten Members Put in An Appearance—A Large Number of Bills Assented to—The Vice-Regal Speech—A Quiet Reception.

The third session of the sixth Parliament of Ontario was brought to a close by his Honor Sir Alexander Campbell on Saturday at three o'clock. There were few citizens present and the attendance of members was said to be the smallest in the history of the House. The members present were Hon. Oliver Mowat, Hon. C. F. Fraser, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. M. Gibson, and Messrs. Monk, O'Connor, Conmee, Smith (Frontenac) and Dr. Gilmour.

The Governor was received by a guard of honor from C Company, numbering 80 strong, commanded by Major Vidal, Captain Macdougall and Lieutenant Cartwright.

THE ACTS PASSED.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ASSENTS TO ACTS PASSED DURING THE SESSION.

His Honor after taking his seat on the throne was pleased to signify his assent to the following Acts passed during the session:—

- An Act to confirm a conveyance made by the Town of Barrie to her Majesty the Queen.
- An Act to confer certain powers upon the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto.
- An Act to enable the corporation of the Village of Wyoming to dispose of certain lands.
- An Act to legalise a by-law of the Town of Galt, and for other purposes.
- An Act to authorise the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario to admit William Walter Pope to practise in said court as solicitor.
- An Act respecting St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.
- An Act respecting St. Andrew's church, Darlington.
- An Act respecting a certain railway debenture debt of the united Townships of Laxton, Digby and Longford.
- An Act to simplify the sales of property held in trust for the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto.
- An Act to incorporate the Toronto Belt Line Railway Company.
- An Act to incorporate the Town of West Toronto Junction.
- An Act respecting St. Jude's Church, Oakville.
- An Act respecting certain railway debenture debts of the Township of Somerville.
- An Act respecting the London Street Railway Company.
- An Act respecting the Niagara & St. Catharines Street Railway Company.
- An Act respecting the City of Toronto.
- An Act to confirm certain by-laws of the City of Kingston, and for other purposes.
- An Act respecting By-law No. 92 of the Town of Gravenhurst.
- An Act to authorise the Synod of the Diocese of Huron to sell certain lands.
- An Act to enable the trustees under the will of the late Hon. James Morris to sell real estate.
- An Act respecting the City of London.
- An Act respecting the Boards of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.
- An Act respecting the Rideau Club.
- An Act to incorporate the Amherstburg, Lake Shore & Blenheim Railway Company.
- An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Township of Pelee.
- An Act to enable the Presbytery of Guelph to set apart for burial purposes and to sell certain glebe lands in the Township of Puslinch.
- An Act respecting the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company.
- An Act to incorporate the Ontario Inland Marine Mutual Insurance Company.
- An Act to consolidate the debt of the Town of Amherstburg.
- An Act respecting the consolidation of the debenture debt of the City of Toronto.
- An Act to incorporate the Town of Bracebridge, and for other purposes.
- An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Land Security Company.
- An Act respecting the Town of Port Arthur.
- An Act respecting the Municipality of Neebing.
- An Act to incorporate the Waterloo Junction Railway Company.
- An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Ottawa to issue debentures for waterworks purposes.
- An Act respecting the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway.
- An Act respecting the York roads and the surveys thereof.
- An Act respecting certain property of the Presbyterian church at Vankleek Hill.
- An Act to provide for the extension of the waterworks of the City of St. Catharines, and for other purposes.
- An Act respecting the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Water, Light and Power Company, and the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.
- An Act to enable the Town of Brockville to issue certain debentures for drainage purposes.
- An Act respecting the Port Arthur Water, Light & Power Company.
- An Act to enable the Town of Cobourg to aid certain railways.
- An Act respecting voters' lists.

- An Act to amend the Ontario Factories Act.
- An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act.
- The Franchise Assessment Act, 1889.
- An Act to amend the law of slander.
- An Act to amend the law in certain matters of legal procedure.
- An Act for the protection of insectivorous and other birds.
- An Act to facilitate the purchase of toll roads by municipalities.
- The Ditches and Watercourses Amendment Act, 1889.
- An Act to amend the Act respecting the study of anatomy.
- An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act.
- An Act to amend the Act respecting insurance companies.
- An Act to amend the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the outlying districts.
- An Act to amend the Ontario Shops' Regulation Act, 1888.
- An Act to incorporate the Village of Sundridge.
- An Act to amend the Line Fences Act.
- An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act.
- An Act respecting contracts of life insurance.
- An Act to amend the revised statute respecting building societies.
- An Act to amend the revised statute respecting arbitrations and references.
- An Act to amend the Act respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons.
- An Act respecting the insurance of live stock.
- An Act respecting the limited liability of incorporated companies.
- An Act respecting oaths under the Manhood Suffrage Act.
- An Act regulating certain matters under the Land Titles Act.
- An Act respecting registry offices.
- An Act to give representation in the Legislative Assembly to the District of Nipissing.
- An Act to make further provision respecting the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka.
- An Act respecting appeals on prosecutions to enforce penalties and punish offences under Provincial Acts.
- An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the Sarnia & Lambton Southern railway.
- An Act to amend the Act respecting the federation of the University of Toronto and University College with other universities and colleges.
- An Act to amend the Agriculture and Arts Act.
- An Act to protect the beaches and shores of the Province against depredation.
- An Act respecting damage to lands by flooding in the new districts.
- An Act to amend the Division Courts Act.
- An Act to confirm a certain agreement between the City of Kingston and certain railway companies.
- An Act to amend the General Roads Companies Act.
- An Act for the enforcement of orders under the Act respecting master and servant.
- An Act respecting steam threshing machines.
- An Act validating a certain agreement between the University of Toronto and the Corporation of the City of Toronto.
- An Act respecting the powers of electric light companies.
- An Act respecting the administration of justice in certain cases.
- An Act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among horses and other domestic animals.
- An Act as to conveyances of lands granted under the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.
- An Act to authorise the appointment of fire guardians and for the better prevention of bush fires.
- An Act to amend the Public Health Act.
- An Act to amend the Liquor License Act.
- An Act to amend the Free Libraries Act.
- An Act to make further provision respecting the property of religious institutions.
- The Assessment Amendment Act, 1889.
- The Municipal Amendment Act, 1889.
- An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act.
- An Act to amend the Public Schools Act.
- An Act to amend chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes as respects investments by trustees.
- An Act respecting aid to certain railways.
- An Act to amend the Act respecting the office of sheriff.

THE SPEAKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

After his Honor signified his assent to the above bills, Mr. Speaker said:—

May it please your Honor:—We her Majesty's

most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in session assembled, approach your Honor at the close of our labors with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for your Honor's acceptance a bill entitled "An Act for granting to her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of civil government for the year 1889, and for other purposes therein mentioned," thus placing at the disposal of the Crown the means by which the Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Province.

To this bill the Royal assent was announced by the clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this bill in her Majesty's name.

THE SPEECH.

SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL DISMISSES THE FAITHFUL LEGISLATORS.

His Honor was then pleased to deliver the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In bringing to a close another session of the Legislative Assembly, I desire to recognise the earnestness and zeal with which you have devoted yourselves to the work of legislation.

The measure which you have adopted for developing the unsettled portions of the Province by means of Colonisation Railways meets with my hearty approval. I am glad to believe that the revenues accruing from the opening up of the mineral and other lands through which the projected railways will pass, and the profits to be derived from the sale of certain classes of timber not at present marketable, will alone reimburse to the Provincial Treasury the expenditure to be incurred in carrying into effect the policy which has received your sanction.

I am glad to give my assent to the bill for creating the new electoral District of Nipissing. The large territory embraced in that district, and the new settlements springing up within its borders, entitle the district to a voice in the Legislative Assembly; the effect will doubtless be to direct public attention more fully than before to this important section of the Province.

The measure which you have passed for affording an expeditious and simple remedy for determining the claims of settlers in the new districts for damages to their lands by flooding, will, I trust, materially aid in accomplishing the object desired.

By the Voters' Lists Act and the Franchise Assessment Act, you have afforded increased facilities for enabling every qualified elector to have his name placed upon the assessment roll and voters' list.

The important amendments made to the Shops Regulation Act, the Factory Act and the Workmen's Injuries Act will, I feel assured, be appreciated by all those who are concerned in the beneficial operation of these laws.

I am much gratified with the measures you have adopted for the improvement of the Pharmacy Act, the Act respecting the Study of Anatomy and the Free Libraries Act. Each of these Acts deals with important educational interests, and the amendments you have made cannot fail to exercise a salutary effect upon the special departments to which they respectively relate.

I have assented with pleasure to the bills you have submitted to me for the further improvement of our municipal and assessment laws.

I thank you for the liberal appropriations which you have made for the public service. The supplies which you have voted will be expended with prudence and in the public interest.

The Provincial Secretary then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is his Honor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued, and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.