

PREMIER MOWAT

Presented with a Portrait
Mowat of Himself *S*

BY THE LIBERALS OF THE HOUSE.

Grand Eulogy on his Life and
Services

DELIVERED BY MR. BALLANTYNE.

The Oil Painting Life Sized—Full Text
of Mr. Ballantyne's Address—
The Attorney-General's
Feeling Reply—
The Artist.

The Premier of Ontario was given in Room No. 16 of the Parliament buildings a tangible testimony of the regard and esteem in which he is held by his colleagues and supporters in the Assembly. He has been the hero of many victories at the polls and in the Courts, he has led his party with unparalleled success for nearly a score of years, and in administering the affairs of his native Province he has been always found true to the right, and the stern foe of compromise and political trickery. The Province is proud of his attainments, the Liberals follow him with a devotion rarely extended to a leader, and their representatives in the Legislature yesterday therefore met the Attorney-General, and in the presence of members of his family and a few Conservatives in the Assembly, presented him with a magnificent life-sized oil painting of himself. The room was of course crowded by the Liberal members, and there were noticed Mr. Meredith and the following Conservatives:—Messrs. Monk, Lees, Clancy, Smith (Frontenac), Cruess, Feli, A. F. Wood, Tooley and Hudson. The ladies present at the interesting ceremony were Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. Pacaud and Miss Strange. At 2.30 that grand Liberal, Mr. Ballantyne, entered the room, followed by the Premier and all the members of the Cabinet. Mr. Ballantyne advanced to the Attorney-General, and put his usual force and feeling into the following address. It is needless to say that throughout the delivery of his speech a silence arising out of profound interest pervaded the room:—

MR. BALLANTYNE'S TRIBUTE.

SIR,—The occasion on which we have this day met is of so unique a character as to be almost, if not wholly, without a parallel in the history of British constitu-