

THE ASSEMBLY.

The Business of the Session Wound Up

BY AN ALL-NIGHT SESSION.

Mr. Meredith Placing Himself on Record.

OVER A DOZEN DIVISIONS.

The Attorney-General and the Separate School Text-Books—The Public Accounts Committee— Prorogation on Mon- day Afternoon.

April 4, 1890.

Not to be behindhand, the Ontario Legislature indulged in an all-night session last night. A determined attempt was made to close the session, although it was after half-past two o'clock when the Separate School debate closed. There was some discussion as to whether or not the House should then adjourn and hold a session this afternoon, but some members objected to going on during Friday, though the Attorney-General and the leader of the Opposition both avowed they had no scruples on the subject. The House, however, took a short recess and the members took a lunch. Upon resuming about three o'clock the supplementary estimates were given notice of and passed, and the Treasurer introduced a bill embodying the railway resolutions, which have been already printed in THE GLOBE and of which notice had been already given. The bill was read the first and second times without discussion.

MR. BALFOUR'S RAILWAY AMENDMENT.

Upon the motion to go into Committee of Supply on the bill, Mr. Balfour moved in amendment that the House regrets that in continuing the aiding of the building of railways out of Provincial funds, a more just, equitable and satisfactory scheme has not been submitted for its consideration; that while approving the policy of granting liberal aid to deserving colonisation railways, the House is of opinion that Provincial aid should also at the same time be granted to deserving railway projects in the older countries.

The amendment was put and lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Balfour, Blyth, Clancy, Clarke, H. E. (Toronto), Craig, Creighton, Cruess, Evanturel, Field, French, Hammell, Hess, Hudson, Ingram, Kerns, Lees, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Metcalfe, Monk, Morgan, Ostrom, Preston, Robillard, Rorke, Tooley, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings), Wylie

NAYS.—Messrs. Allan, Armstrong, Awrey, Ballantyne, Bishop, Blezard, Caldwell, Chisholm, Clarke (Wellington), Conmee, Dack, Dance, Davis, Drury, Dryden, Ferguson, Fraser, Freeman, Garson, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Gould, Graham, Harcourt, Hardy, Leys, Lyon, McAndrew, McKay, McLaughlin, McMahon, Mack, MacKenzie, Master, Miller, Morin, Mowat, O'Connor, Phelps, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Smith (Frontenac), Smith (York), Snider, Stewart, Sprague, Stratton, Waters, Wood (Brant)—50.

MR. MEREDITH'S SEPARATE SCHOOL PLATFORM.

Mr. Meredith then moved in amendment to the motion to go into supply, "That this House doth declare that the rights guaranteed by the B.N.A. Act to the supporters of Separate or Dissident Schools are civil rights appertaining to them as citizens, and that the assumption that any Church organisation or body or the Bishops, priests or ministers thereof are entitled to control the ratepayers in the exercise and enjoyment of such, his individual, right, or to command obedience to its or their direction; by them or by the trustees of any such schools, in the exercise by them of such rights or the performance by them of the duties delegated to them by the State, is wholly unwarranted and dangerous to the State and ought to be resisted, and this House doth further declare that it is within the constitutional rights of the Legislature through the Department of Education to regulate such schools and particularly to prescribe the text-books to be used in them, and that the said Depart-