

final and conclusive judgment with respect to the jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law are being pushed forward with all practicable diligence.

The public accounts for the past year will be promptly laid before you, and you will be pleased to learn from them that the expenditure has been less than was provided for by the estimates, and that the receipts have exceeded the amount anticipated.

The estimates for the current year will, without delay, be submitted for your approval. They will be found to have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the necessities of the public service.

I feel assured that your deliberations and conclusions, while affording proof of your wisdom and patriotism, will contribute to the continued development of the resources of our Province and the prosperity and happiness of all classes of our people.

AFTER THE SPEECH.

After reading the speech the Lieut.-Governor and his attendants retired, and five minutes later, when the Attorney-General was presenting his time-honored bill for the administration of oaths of office, the strains of the National Anthem, rendered by the R. C. I. Band, announced his departure from the grounds. There was very little other business. The Speaker took the chair for a few minutes and enabled Sir Oliver Mowat to announce formally that the speech from the throne will be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow (Thursday). The mover and seconder of the reply will be, as stated in *The Globe* yesterday, Mr. Wood of Brant and Mr. Conmee of Algoma. Then came the venerable motion for the appointment of standing committees. Only one other bit of business remained, but that proved both interesting and important. It consisted of the introduction of Mr. McNaughton, the Patron of Industry elected for North Bruce, whose election, as well as that of Mr. McCallum for East Lambton, had previously been formally announced by the Speaker. Mr. McNaughton was led up to the Speaker by Mr. Thomas Gibson, the venerable Liberal member for East Huron, and Mr. James Kirkwood of East Wellington, another able and consistent supporter of the Government. Mr. McNaughton shook hands with the Speaker and returned to his seat. Mr. McCallum, the only other new member of the House until after the poll in South Lanark, will probably be introduced to-day. The House was then adjourned until 3 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday).

DATES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS.

In connection with the opening and closing session of the seventh Legislature of Ontario, the following table showing the dates of the opening and prorogation of the several sessions and of the dissolution of the several Legislatures will be of interest:—

First Legislature.

Elected September, 1867.

Session	Opening	Prorogation	Dissolution
First.....	Dec. 27, '67	Ma. 4, '68	
Second....	Nov. 3, '68	Jan. 23, '69	
Third.....	Nov. 3, '69	Dec. 24, '69	
Fourth....	Dec. 7, '70	Feb. 15, '71	Feb. 25, '71

Second Legislature.

Elected March 14, 1871.

First.....	Dec. 7, '71	Mar. 2, '72	
Second....	Jan. 8, '73	Mar. 29, '73	
Third....	Jan. 7, '74	Mar. 24, '74	
Fourth....	Nov. 12, '74	Dec. 21, '74	Dec. 23, '74

Third Legislature.

Elected January 11, 1875.

First.....	Nov. 24, '75	Feb. 10, '76	
Second....	Jan. 3, '77	Mar. 2, '77	
Third.....	Jan. 9, '78	May 7, '78	
Fourth....	Jan. 9, '79	Mar. 11, '79	April 25, '79

Fourth Legislature.

Elected June 5, 1879.

First.....	Jan. 7, '80	Mar. 5, '80	
Second....	Jan. 13, '81	Mar. 4, '81	
Third.....	Jan. 12, '82	Mar. 10, '82	
Fourth....	Dec. 13, '82	Feb. 1, '83	Feb. 1, '83

Fifth Legislature.

Elected February 27, 1883.

First.....	Jan. 23, '83	Mar. 25, '84	
Second....	Jan. 28, '85	Mar. 30, '85	
Third.....	Jan. 28, '86	Mar. 25, '86	Nov. 15, '86

Sixth Legislature.

Elected December 23, 1886.

First.....	Feb. 10, '87	April 23, '87	
Second....	Jan. 25, '88	Mar. 23, '88	
Third.....	Jan. 24, '89	Mar. 24, '89	
Fourth....	Jan. 30, '90	April 7, '90	April 26, '90

Seventh Legislature.

Elected June 5, 1890.

First.....	Feb. 11, '91	May 4, '91	
Second....	Feb. 11, '92	April 14, '92	
Third.....	April 4, '93	May 27, '93	
Fourth....	Feb. 14, '94		

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The first public bill of which notice was given was one by Mr. James Conmee, M. P. for West Algoma; it was to amend

the Separate Schools act, the principal feature of the bill being to give those voting in Separate School matters the ballot.