

A MASS MEETING.

A feature of the afternoon was the presence a few hundred yards from the House of a rival assembly, which, if it did not do as much business, probably did more talking. It was a gathering of the unemployed, who about 1.45 in the afternoon assembled, two or three hundred strong, around Sir John Macdonald's statue, and were addressed by a number of speakers from the vantage ground of an empty gravel waggon. Messrs. Isaac T. Mills, John Dunlop, A. D. G. Hazle and one or two others were the speakers, among the topics discussed being Mr. Bronson's electric railway bill, which was denounced as a measure in aid of the capitalists, the railway bonuses recently granted, last year's request of the unemployed to the Government for employment on public works, and the lack of work in the city. The meeting lasted for about two hours and a half.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

An important feature of yesterday morning's sitting of the House was the presentation of the supplementary estimates. They provide for expenditures amounting to \$106,203 20, besides a vote of \$80,000 to defray the expenses of legislation, public institutions maintenance, salaries, etc., for January, 1896. For civil government the supplementary vote asked is \$760; for education, \$1,000, to aid libraries in county Model Schools; for public institutions maintenance, \$600. For agriculture the amount asked is \$1,050, made up of \$300 for experiments in apiculture, \$500 for the Ontario Poultry Association for the purchase of movable coops, \$100 additional grant to the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association, and \$150 for the Ontario Beekeepers' Association towards defraying expenses of international convention. For repairs and maintenance the amount asked is \$4,600 for improvements in the Par-

liament buildings; \$4,000 to settle in full for architect's services for interior decoration of the Parliament buildings and expert services in examining plans; \$2,825 for furniture, fire appliances, etc., for Brockville Asylum; \$675 for various improvements to Kingston Asylum; \$2,600 for fire protection at Hamilton Asylum; \$2,000 for a new registry office at Minden, the site to be provided by the municipality; \$390 for repairs in the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville; \$1,500 revote for the lock-up at Little Current, Algoma; \$1,100 for the Port Arthur court-room; \$4,070 for the School of Mining, Kingston, and \$2,300 for the Dairy School, Kingston. For public works \$13,100 is asked, including \$5,000 for the Castor River improvement, the Dominion to give \$10,000; \$2,500 for bridging the Otonabee; \$1,250 for the Portage du Fort bridge across the Ottawa; \$250 for removing obstruction from Union Creek; \$1,100 for a swing-bridge at Combermere; \$2,000 for a bridge over the Nation River, and \$1,000 revote for dredging in Muskrat River. For colonization roads \$19,838 is asked. For charges on Crown lands \$9,450 is asked. For miscellaneous items \$24,129 70 is asked; among the items being \$3,000 for operating the diamond drills, \$1,000 for summer mining schools in northern districts, \$1,750 for the Isolation Hospital at Port Arthur, \$500 for the Ontario Good Roads Association, \$3,700 School of Practical Science ground rent, and \$2,000 for a monument to Governor Simcoe.

In addition to this a sum of \$50,000 will be given to aid the interprovincial bridge at Ottawa, on condition that the Dominion gives \$100,000 and Quebec \$50,000. This was included at first in the supplementary estimates, but will be brought in as a resolution as to railway aid.