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Mr. Gurd spoke in high terms of Mr. Awrey, but condemned the principle of appointing members of the House to offices in their ridings, and he occupied the rest of his time with a denunciation that the Fourth party is still alive: "still on deck," as he phrased it. There was no better evidence of that than the consternation which prevailed at Ottawa in both the political parties, he said; and he concluded by saying that they were there to stay, and that they would be a power in the land long after the mover of the address had sunk into an unknown grave. (Laughter.)

THE PATRON LEADER.

Mr. Haycock closed the debate with one of his characteristically brief speeches. He agreed with what the previous speakers had said as to her Majesty's recent bereavement, and also agreed with what had been said as to the loyalty of Canada in the event of trouble, which he hoped never would arrive, with the United States. He thanked the other speakers for their kindly references to the Patrons, who were still alive, despite prophecies to the contrary. He then referred to election matters, declaring himself in favor of a change in the present system of voting by ballot. The matter would likely come up again in the course of the session, he said. As for the bye-elections, he congratulated Messrs. Awrey and Wood, but condemned the principle involved in their appointment, citing Mr. Mulock's bill in the Dominion House to prohibit the appointment of members to office within a year of their holding a seat against the practice of the Ontario Government. Passing on, he disagreed with Mr. M'arter as to the County Councils, and strenuously advocated a reduction in the numbers of those bodies. He was pleased that the Government had decided to legislate on this subject. He regretted that there was no reference to the subject of the maintenance of Government House, observing that nothing should be done to affect the occupying Lieutenant-Governor, but that there might be a change in that office at any time, in which event a change would take place for a number of years. With regard to the promised legislation on educational subjects, he hoped that more attention would be given to the poorer and smaller schools, and to this end suggested that the aid might be given on a basis of the number of days the school kept open, instead of the attendance, so that large and small schools would share alike.

To the subject of agriculture Mr. Haycock made a longer reference. After speaking of the depression existing, he congratulated Mr. Dryden on the success of his efforts on behalf of the fruit-growers. The experimental fruit station in Frontenac had met with great success; the farmers took great interest in the experiments, travelled miles to see the experiments performed, and went home and tried the same experiments with the best results in their own orchards. He hoped the Government would continue these experiments in the various parts of the Province, fruit-growing being an important industry. Mr. Haycock then urged at some length that office-holders should be prohibited from taking any active part in Provincial elections, and concluded by expressing a hope that his party would get on well with its neighbors.

The address was then passed, and the House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

A number of notices of motion have been given. Mr. Whitney has several inquiries of the Ministry. One is as to the recent appointment to the position of farmer at the Rockwood Asylum, Kingston. Another question is as to whether the Government will take action upon Chief Justice Meredith's decision of last October with regard to the landlord and tenant law. Another question is as to whether the Government intends during this session to introduce legislation to increase the jurisdiction of County Courts. Another is as to whether the Government intends to introduce legislation prohibiting the appointment to any salaried office in the gift of the Government of any person who has been within a year a member of the Legislature. Yet another question is as to whether, in view of certain paragraphs in the report of the Judges in the Kingston election case, the Government intends to amend the law to increase the certainty of proper punishment for persons guilty of bribery, and to submit the whole subject to the House.