

Public Accounts Submitted to the House.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Favorable Showing as Compared With Last Year.

Important Bill Respecting the Number of County Councillors—Details of the Province's Finances.

Legislative Chamber, Feb. 17.

The principal event at to-day's sitting of the House was the bringing down of the public accounts, which are now in the hands of the members. To-morrow the estimates may be expected, and then the budget speech will be due. Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. Marter had a short discussion to-day as to when the Treasurer was to deliver his annual review of the Province's finances, the Premier being anxious that it should take place on Wednesday, while Mr. Marter wished a day's postponement. The matter was left open.

A number of petitions were presented at the opening of the House.

Mr. Flatt presented a petition from the Wentworth County Council praying that public market places be covered; also one asking that societies who bring irresponsible pauper children to Canada be responsible for them until they are eighteen years of age.

Sir Oliver Mowat presented the petition of the East Zorra Council praying that the Legislature grant power to