

Second Session of the Present Assembly Prorogued.

LIST OF THE ACTS PASSED.

Brief Ceremony at the Queen's Park.

His Honor's Speech in Proroguing the House—A Review of the Legislation of the Year.

Tuesday, April 7.

The second session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of Ontario closed yesterday. After a very brief ceremony the Provincial Secretary pronounced for his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor the fateful words that "It is his Honor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued; and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued."

The Lieutenant-Governor departed quietly up to the buildings, accompanied by a staff of half a dozen officers, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G.; Lieut. Col. Buchan, Lieut.-Col. Graveley, Major Lessard, Commander Law, Capt. Cartwright and Capt. Arthur Kirkpatrick. Proceeding to the chamber, his Honor was received by the Speaker of the House. All of the Cabinet Ministers, with the exception of Hon. E. H. Bronson, were present, as were, among others, Messrs. Marter, Stratton, Dana, Currie, St. John and Dickerson, the attendance, as is almost always the case at prorogation, being slim to a degree. There were few visitors at the ceremony; among them, however, were Provost Welch of Trinity University, Dr. J. George Hodgins and Mr. S. H. Janes.

THE ACTS OF 1896.

His Honor installed in the chair, the Clerk Assistant, Mr. Sydere, read the titles of the bills that had passed, as follows:—

1. Respecting voters' lists in certain cities.
2. To amend the act respecting voters' lists in unorganized territories.
3. Respecting the office hours of Sheriffs.
4. To make further provision for the payment of succession duties in certain cases.
5. Respecting the estate of the late James Staveley of Clinton.
6. To amend the public lands act.
7. To confirm an agreement relating to Osgoode street, Toronto.
8. To amend the Algonquin National Park act.
9. To authorize the commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park to grant certain lands to the Clifton Suspension Bridge Company.
10. To authorize the transfer of certain Provincial lands occupied by the Canadian Pacific Railway.
11. Relating to Crown timber.
12. To make further provision respecting mines and mining.
13. To further improve the agriculture and arts act, 1895.
14. To amend the act respecting veterinary surgeons.
15. Respecting the Canadian Historical Exhibition.
16. Revising and consolidating the acts respecting the registration of births, marriages and deaths.
17. To amend the judicature act, 1895, and the law relating to the Superior Courts.
18. The County Courts act, 1896.
19. Respecting Surrogate Courts.
20. Respecting disputes concerning boundary lines.
21. Respecting the estates of insolvent deceased persons.
22. Respecting fraud by debt collectors.