

# PROROGATION IN A WEEK

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Business Being Rushed at  
the Legislature.

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DATE OF THE ELECTION.

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No Conclusion Reached by  
the Government.

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THE PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

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Relationship of Victoria to To-  
ronto University.

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Contention That Federation Does Not In-  
volve Fusion—The Work of the Com-  
mittees.

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Parliament Buildings, Jan. 8.

The end of the session rush is now on, and if the expectations of the Government are realized this week will suffice to despatch the business on the programme. The Premier intimated that prorogation might, if the printing is sufficiently advanced, take place on Saturday, or at latest on Monday. Mr. Hardy was unable to satisfy the public curiosity as to when the election will be held. In response to an invitation by Mr. Whitney to unbosom himself of this important State secret, he intimated that the Government had not yet come to any conclusion as to the date.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:—

To prevent the spread of the San Jose scale—Mr. Dryden.

To make further provision respecting maternity boarding houses and the protection of infant children—Mr. Davis.

Hon. Mr. Hardy moved that after Monday next there shall, unless otherwise ordered, be two sittings of the House on each day, the first to begin at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Mr. Speaker to leave the chair at 1 o'clock without the question being put.

In explanation, Mr. Hardy said that he apprehended the work of the committees would not be sufficiently advanced to permit of morning sittings of the House before Thursday, but it would be better to carry the resolution in the shape in which it was prepared.

Mr. Hardy moved the second reading of the bill to amend the manhood suffrage registration act.

Mr. Whitney inquired what the Attorney-General proposed to do in the way of furnishing a sufficient number of copies of the law for the instruction of those interested in the registration and for general information.

Mr. Hardy replied that as soon as the bill had received its third reading a number of copies could be struck off, and it might be advisable to publish the bill in one or two of the city newspapers.

Mr. Dana suggested that a clause be inserted providing for evening sittings for the registration of mechanics.

Mr. Hardy intimated that this was a matter for consideration when the bill is in the committee stage.

The bill was given a second reading.

There was some little discussion in regard to the bill of the Minister of Education extending for six years the right of Victoria University to have separate representation on the Senate of Toronto University. Mr. Ross explained that the purpose of the bill was to meet the wishes of Victoria University and to promote good feeling. At the expiration of six years there would be a fusion, and the graduates of Toronto and Victoria, as provided in the bill, would vote in common in the election of members of the Senate. In reply to a question by Mr. Whitney he said that it would be competent for the Legislature six years hence to further extend the time if it should be considered desirable to do so. Mr. St. John, who professed to speak for Victoria University, said that the friends of that institution desired federation and not fusion.