

THE LEGISLATURE.

Opened by the Lieutenant-Governor.

THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH.

Hon. F. E. A. Evanturel
Re-elected Speaker.

THE CHOICE UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Whitney Enters a Vigorous Protest.

Says the Situation is Unparalleled and Promises a Vigorous Opposition—Government's Programme.

The opening of the Legislature yesterday afternoon was robbed of the deep interest which such functions usually create from the fact that the ladies and their escorts were deprived of the pleasure of occupying the Legislative chairs and desks allotted to the people's representatives, and were in consequence forced to be content with the accommodation afforded by the galleries. A privileged few were given seats on the floor of the House.

The galleries were crowded with ladies, whose bright summer costumes lent added charm to the picture which the chamber presented. There was the usual guard of honor furnished by the Queen's Own Rifles, and some amusement was created by the band playing 'There'll be a hot time' as the guard marched up to the building. Shortly after 3 o'clock the Lieutenant-Governor drove up and was received by the guard with the customary salute, the band playing the national anthem. As the Lieutenant-Governor entered the chamber, preceded by Captains Kirkpatrick, Q.O.R., and Cosgrave, 48th Highlanders, as aides, and assisted by the Attorney-General, the entire assemblage rose. Following the Lieutenant-Governor were Lieut.-Col. Otter and Major Heward, R.C.D., Chaplain Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Royal Grenadiers; Major Mutton, Q.O.R.; Captains Gunther and Thorn, Q.O.R. The usual formalities were gone through, and the Provincial Secretary having informed his Honor that the Legislature had not yet elected a Speaker, his Honor retired to permit the House to perform that important duty. The attack made by Mr. Whitney upon the Government when speaking to the motion to elect a Speaker came in the nature of a surprise to the majority of the visitors and to the occupants of the Government benches, who had not looked for anything more than a formal sitting, in view of the announcement made in the morning that the Opposition would not oppose Mr. Evanturel's re-election. The protest entered by the leader of the Opposition did not provoke any reply from the Government side, and the anticipations of a stormy debate which the incident aroused were not fulfilled. Mr. Whitney, while disclaiming any intention to obstruct the business of the House, conveyed an intimation in unmistakable terms that he will offer a vigorous opposition to the Government's programme.

After his Honor had retired from the chamber the election of Speaker was proceeded with.

Nomination of Speaker.

The Attorney-General, in nominating Hon. F. E. A. Evanturel for re-election as Speaker (which he did amid applause), referred to the long list of eminent men who have been chosen to preside over the deliberations of Parliaments under the British constitution. Their names, he said, are historical; their duties have become well