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## Opposition Members Receive Replies to Their Inquiries—Their Penchant For Animas Again Displayed.

Parliament Buildings, Aug. 10.

The chief feature of the debate in the Legislature to-day was the revelations which the Premier promised in reference to Mr. Whitney's assertion that the liquor influence was manipulated in support of the Government candidates at the last election. Mr. Graham, the new member for Brockville, in a clever speech, read a strictly confidential circular sent by the Secretary of

the License Holders' Protective Association to the local Secretary of Dundas County, Mr. Whitney's constituency, instructing them that as the present member voted in favor of the trade and against municipal control it is unnecessary to ask him the questions which are to be put to other candidates whose views are unknown, as it would be unwise to embarrass him in his campaign, and they knew his friendly attitude to the trade. The principle is also laid down in the circular that "common gratitude as well as sound policy dictates that we should stand by those that stand by us." A series of resolutions which accompanied the circular directed that where the old members of the Legislature voted against municipal control they should have the undivided support of the trade, and their opponents should not be given an opportunity of answering the test questions. Several inquiries by members of the Opposition were replied to by the Government, and it developed that a one-eyed sheep with horns, but of doubtful value, will be a leading feature of the Opposition's next campaign platform.

### Inquiries.

Mr. Miscampbell—Is there a Crown Lands agency at Fort Frances, in the District of Algoma? If so, who is the agent? What remuneration does he receive? What is the income, according to the Department of Crown Lands, from the agency? Is any other, and what, duty besides that appertaining to Crown Lands agency business performed in the office, and, if so, by whom, and is any remuneration given therefor?

To this the Attorney-General made reply:—"There is a Crown Lands agent at Fort Frances, in the District of Rainy River, not Algoma. The agent is Mr. C. J. Hollands. His salary is \$300 per year, he finding his own office, fuel and light. He was appointed in 1892 as agent for the town plot of Alberton (Fort Frances), at a salary of \$100 per annum. In 1894, owing to the excitement in mining in that region, he was appointed to give information re mining lands and was furnished with maps, etc., and his salary was increased to \$300 per year. The receipts of his agency for last year were \$8,291 71. The cost of his agency for the five years since his appointment is \$1,321 93. The revenue collected during the same period by him amounts to \$29,858 45. Mr. Hollands is also a Police Magistrate for all that part of the District of Rainy River to the south of the 49th parallel of latitude, at a salary of \$400