

THE ADDRESS ADOPTED.

The Premier's Able Reply to a
Vigorous Attack by
Mr. Whitney.

A SHARP DEBATE.

Mr. Whitney Talks of Bribery
and Corruption.

A GARBLED VERSION.

**Speeches of the Mover and Seconder
of the Address in Reply—Develop-
ment of Resources.**

Parliament Buildings, Feb 2.

The Legislature, after a debate of about four hours, this evening adopted the address in reply to the speech from the throne without a division. The debate, which was confined to the mover and seconder, the leader of the Opposition and the Attorney-General, was vigorous and characterized by a rather savage tone on the part of the leader of the Opposition, in which wholesale charges of corruption in the bye-elections were made. The Attorney-General's reply was forcible and argumentative, and brought into strong

light the inconsistencies and lack of policy of his opponents. Notice was given of the intention to introduce a number of Government measures on Monday.

The Address in Reply.

Mr. Sam. Russell (East Hastings), upon rising to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne, was received with cheers from the Government benches. He expressed his appreciation of the honor of being selected for the important duty of moving the address, which he accepted as a tribute to the constituency which he represented, and which at the last general election reversed its previous record and sent him to the Legislature as its representative to support the Government which the electors believed had honestly and capably administered the affairs of this Province in the past, and which Government they believed would continue in the future to pursue the policy of development of the resources of this great Province. (Applause.) Turning to the speech from the throne, Mr. Russell discussed its various clauses, and in commencing referred to the omission which occurred in the election act passed last summer, owing to both sides of the House forgetting the necessity of inserting a little clause, which rendered it necessary to prorogue the House.

Tribute to Sir Oliver.

The members would not regret that they had thereby been given another opportunity of greeting at the beginning of this session his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, whom hon. members of both sides were glad to see in such good physical and mental vigor. (Cheers.) Sir Oliver was regarded as one of the greatest statesmen who had ever conducted the affairs of this Province, who had left his impress upon the institutions of Ontario. He ever set his face against anything which would appeal to racial prejudice or religious intolerance, and in that way he bound together the people of this Dominion and of this Province to an extent which no other statesman ever had. In passing, Mr. Russell expressed gratification that Sir Oliver had been succeeded by one who had for so many years been his chief lieutenant, and who was resolute in his determination at all times to perform his duty—resourceful, ever ready in debate, and who commanded the cordial regard of his followers and loyal supporters. (Government cheers.) The Attorney-General, he was sure, must be gratified by the result of the bye-elections which have taken place since the House last met. (Cheers)