

A SHORT SITTING.

The Legislative Business Speedily Transacted Yesterday.

Information Respecting the Provincial Fishery Regulations—Divisional Court Appointment.

Parliament Buildings, Feb. 3, 1899.

The Legislature was in session for a short time this afternoon, and, beyond receiving a number of petitions, very little business was transacted. Before adjournment Col. Matheson inquired whether the public accounts for 1898 are printed yet, and, if so, when the House might expect to receive copies.

The Provincial Treasurer replied that the accounts are being printed and he hoped to have them ready for distribution some day next week, possibly on Wednesday.

The House then adjourned.

Fishery Regulations.

The Globe has been asked to publish the regulations in regard to the use of nets for the information of the fishermen on the rivers and lakes of Ontario. The decision as to what implements shall be used in the fisheries still remains in the hands of the Dominion Government, but the power to issue licenses rests with the Ontario Government under the change recently made. The Ontario Department of Fisheries issues licenses for five kinds of fishing—pound nets, gill nets, hoop nets, seines and set lines. The hoop nets are used for coarse fishing and the capture of fish not protected by the close season; pound and gill nets are principally used for catching trout, whitefish, herring and pickerel. Gill nets are set out in deep water and pound nets run out from the shore. Seines or sweep nets are chiefly used in the River Thames, Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. Set lines are attached to floats and contain a number of baited hooks. They are used most frequently around Pelee Island in the capture of sturgeon and other fish that take bait. The close season for bass and maskinonge is from April 15 to June 15, pickerel from April 15 to May 15, speckled trout from Sept. 15 to May 1, salmon trout and whitefish from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30.