

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Conmee Resumes the Debate on the Budget With a Very Able Address.

THE NEW ONTARIO.

An Urgent Plea For its Opening Up and Development.

HON. MR. GIBSON CHEERED.

Mr. Hoyle Demands the Abolition of the Junior Judges and County Courts.

Parliament Buildings, Feb. 14.

As soon as the Speaker took the chair to-day the Attorney-General, who was accompanied by Mr. Mutrie, introduced Hon. J. M. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, who, having subscribed to the oath, was invited by the Speaker to take his seat. Mr. Gibson, who appeared to be in excellent health and spirits, was received with enthusiastic applause from the Government benches. As soon as he was comfortably seated Mr. Whitney crossed the floor of the House and offered his congratulations.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Conmee, who made an able and well-sustained argument in defence of the contention of the Provincial Treasurer with respect to the surplus and the healthy condition of the finances of the Province. He traced the history of the trust funds held by the Dominion for the Province from their creation, in corroboration of the assertion that they are available assets of the Province. Mr. Hoyle replied on the Opposition side of the House and attacked the Government's financial policy, and explained that the Opposition's idea of a surplus is a cash surplus, such as the John Sandfield Macdonald Government had. He attacked the expenditure on the administration of justice as extravagant, demanded the abolition of the junior County Judges and of the County Courts, an expansion and enlargement of the Division Courts, and the division of the Province into 45 judicial districts, regardless of county boundaries. He also declared that if given power Mr. Whitney's first act would be the establishment of an Advisory Board of Education. In order to allow the members to attend the State dinner at Government House the debate was adjourned until to-day, when Mr. J. R. Stratton will follow Mr. Hoyle.

Standing Committees.

The report of the committee to strike standing committees was presented this afternoon. The composition of the various committees is as follows:—

Privileges and Elections—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Blezard, Bridgland, Caldwell, Campbell, Conmee, Charlton, Davis, Dryden, Farwell, Graham, Harcourt, Pardee, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Ross, Taylor, Douglas, Smith, Leys, Guibord, Aylsworth, Allan, Duff, Fallis, Foy, Fox, Gallagher, Hodgins, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Marter, Miscampbell, Morrison, McDonald, McLaughlin, White, Whitney. Government 23. Opposition 17.

Municipal Committee—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Aylsworth, Barber, Blezard, Bowman, Brown, Burt, Clarke, Carpenter, Davis, Dickenson, Douglas, Dryden, Ferguson, Garrow, Guibord, Hill, Hislop, Holmes, Leys, Lumsden, Malcolm, Mutrie, McKay, McKee, Macnish, Pattullo, Pardee, Richardson, Stratton, Taylor, Truax, Pardee, Campbell, Beatty, Auld, German, Pettypiece, Russell, Bridgland, Smith, Allan, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Brower, Carnegie, Carscaken, Crawford, Dempsey, Duff, Eilber, Fallis, Foy, Fox, Hodgins, Hoyle, Jamieson, Jessop, Kidd, Kribs, Little, Lucas, Marter, McDonald, McLaughlin, Pyne, Reid (Addington), Thompson, Tucker, White, Whitney. Government 41. Opposition 30.

Private Bills—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Auld, W. Beatty, Caldwell, Brown, Burt, Douglas, Carpenter, Clarke, Conmee, Davis, Dickenson, Farwell, Ferguson, Garrow, German, Gibson, Guibord, Hill, Holmes, Hislop, Leys, Loughrin, Lumsden, McKay, Mutrie, Pardo, Pattullo, Richardson, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Truax, Campbell,