

# DRAINAGE BILL.

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Government's Scheme For Granting Aid Attacked.

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## MR. ROSS' EFFECTIVE REPLY

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**Attorney-General's Appreciation of Patriotic Grants — Opposition Criticisms of the Good Roads Engineer.**

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The Legislature made considerable progress yesterday. Several Government measures were advanced a stage, among them being Mr. Ross' drainage bill and the Attorney-General's bills to legalize patriotic grants by municipalities, and to provide against the disfranchisement of Ontarians absent with the forces in South Africa, respectively. Hon. Mr. Gibson took advantage of the patriotic grant bill to eulogize the generosity of Canadians in regard to contributions to the Patriotic Fund, and to compliment the work performed by The Globe. He also spoke appreciatively of the services of the Red Cross League under Dr. Ryerson. The House then went into Committee of Supply, and an exhaustive discussion took place over the proposition to create Mr. A. W. Campbell Provincial Engineer of Highways and Colonization Roads. Hon. Mr. Latchford spoke of the possibility of the appointment of a deputy for the Department of Public Works, who would also assist in the duties connected with colonization roads. Mr. Campbell is at present acting as Good Roads Instructor, and an onslaught was made upon him by Col. Matheson, supported by other Opposition members. The grounds of criticism seemed to be more fanciful than real, and the Ministry, backed up by the members to the Speaker's right, were able to show that Mr. Campbell is rendering excellent service to the municipalities of the Province in leading them to improve their roads and highways.

Mr. W. A. Charlton took his seat in the House yesterday after a fortnight's illness from grip and bronchitis. He was warmly congratulated upon his restoration to health.