

ALL READY FOR THE HOUSE.

Ontario's Legislature Reassembles To-day.

Members Gathered Yesterday and Quite a Number Took the New Oath of Allegiance.

All is now ready for the opening of the Legislature to-day at 3 o'clock. For several days the work of preparation has been actively pushed, but yesterday there was a great bustle throughout the buildings in putting finishing touches on the chamber and corridors. As far as is consistent with the official mourning prescribed for all legislative bodies at the present time, the opening will be a brilliant one. The interest taken by the public has been great, as was shown by the demand for tickets of admission. The chamber and galleries have a large seating capacity, but it is expected to fall much short of the demands upon it.

Mr. Whitney arrived at his office yesterday, and met a number of his principal supporters during the day. He declined to prophesy as to the length of the session, but said he knew of nothing to make it unduly long. When asked if he had any new lines of policy to announce this year he replied with a twinkle in his eye:—"Notwithstanding the statements of The Globe and other papers, we have a policy now, and it has been fairly well made known during the past three years."

Mr. Speaker Evanturel arrived, and took up his quarters in the west wing. Mrs. Evanturel will follow on Thursday.

During the day a number of members visited the office of Col. Clarke, Clerk of the House, and took the oath of allegiance as follows:—"I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King Edward VII." Mr. Speaker, Premier Ross, the members of the Cabinet and Mr. Whit-

ney were duly sworn. The signature is on a roll of parchment, which will be retained in the archives, as have the rolls of all preceding Parliaments. Chief Whip McKee, Mr. Aylesworth, Mr. Conmee, Col. Mutrie, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Russell, Mr. Fallis, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Crawford and several other members arrived during the day.

Sir Oliver Mowat will be escorted by a company of 100 men from the Royal Grenadiers, and the opening proceedings are expected to be very brief. After the speech from the throne is read the introduction of the three new members, Messrs. Munro of North Renfrew, Breithaupt of North Waterloo and Gross of Welland, will take place. It is probable, also, that Premier Ross and Mr. Whitney may offer a few words on the subject of Queen Victoria's death. The chamber has been draped in black and purple.

In the corridor to the north of the chamber entrance there was hung yesterday a portrait of General Wolfe, painted by Mr. J. W. L. Forster, the well-known portrait artist. It is a three-quarter length life-size figure, and is rich in color and a fitting complement to the collection of Canadian art surrounding it in the main corridor.