

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 1901.

AMID BLACK AND PURPLE.

The Ontario Legislature
Opened With Mourn-
ful Colors.

DARK COSTUMES.

Sir Oliver Mowat's Speech
From the Throne.

MEASURES FORECASTED.

Grant For Technical Education to
be Increased Three Times—De-
bate to Conclude To-day.

There was a lack of color at the opening of the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon, but the ceremony was more impressive than its brilliant predecessors of other years. The great chamber draped in black and purple, the black dresses of the ladies and the

dark suits of the men were unrelieved by any dash of color save the sacret and blue and gold uniforms of the little group of officers who escorted the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Oliver Mowat, to and from the chamber. The crowd was not nearly so great as in former years, though the interest of those present seemed to be deeper. All the members present wore black silk bands on their left arms, and the officials wore black gloves. The prayers of the Speaker, with the substitution of the words "his Majesty," "the King and the Queen" and "the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall" for those used on previous occasions for so many years, had a most unfamiliar sound. The speech from the throne was followed with earnestness, and it was remarked that the Lieutenant-Governor's enunciation was very clear and distinct. The military escort for the day was furnished by the Royal Grenadiers, and was in command of Major Brock and Lieutenants Shanley and Osborne. They marched to the buildings headed by the brass and drum bands.

After the prayers had been read Sir Oliver Mowat entered the chamber with Premier Ross, and escorted by Commander Law, A.D.C., and Lieut.-Col. Graveley and the following staff:—Col. Otter, Lieut.-Col. Mason, Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Lieut.-Col. Clarence Denison, Lieut.-Col. Bruce, Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. Lessard, Lieut.-Col. Young, Major Galloway, District Staff Officer, and Lieut. Porter. Among others on the floor of the chamber were:—Hon. A. S. Hardy, Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Chancellor Wallace, Rev. Dr. Badgley, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. Black, Rev. Dr. Parker, Sir John Boyd, Mr. Justice MacMahon, Col. Sweny, Lieut.-Col. Davidson, Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Ryerson, Lieut.-Col. Shaw, Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lieut.-Col. McGillivray, President Loudon, Dr. Parkin, Prof. Ramsay Wright, Sheriff Mowat, Crown Attorney Curry, Dr. O'Reilly, Dr. Kennedy; Mr. S. Nordheimer, German Consul; Mr. J. Enoch Thompson, Spanish Consul; Mr. Geo. Musson, Brazilian Consul; Messrs. J. Herbert Mason, J. A. McAndrew, G. R. R. Cockburn, D. Patterson, E. H. Keating, James Bain, jun., A. F. Rutter, S. C. Biggs.

The speech from the throne was as follows:—

Speech From the Throne.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

Since we last met, the British Empire has been called to mourn the death of our late Sovereign, her gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Never in the