

New Members Introduced.

The speech concluded, Sir Oliver withdrew, followed by his staff. The Speaker took the chair, and read notices of the vacancies that had occurred during the year in North Renfrew, Welland and North Waterloo. The new members for those constituencies were then introduced as follows:

Mr. J. W. Munro, North Renfrew, by Hon. Mr. Latchford and Mr. Loughrin.

Mr. J. T. Gross, Welland, by Hon. Mr. Harcourt and Mr. McKee.

Mr. L. J. Breithaupt, North Waterloo, by Hon. Mr. Davis and Mr. Bowman.

Premier Ross then introduced the customary bill to provide for the administration of oaths of office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace.

Resolution of Condolence.

The Premier also gave notice of a resolution to be moved on Tuesday next, to be presented to his Majesty King Edward VII., expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the House in the death of her late Majesty, also conveying to his Majesty their congratulations upon his accession to the throne of his ancestors.

After the Speaker had drawn the members' attention to the necessity for taking a new oath of allegiance, the House adjourned at 3.35.

Government Bills.

Notices were given yesterday of a large number of bills to be introduced by members of the Government, as follows:—

Mr. Ross, on Tuesday next—Address to his Majesty King Edward VII.; bill for the improvement of public highways; bill for the encouragement of the trade in dressed meats; bill to amend the audit act.

Mr. Davis, on Tuesday next—Bill for the appropriation of certain land for the volunteers in South Africa and the active militia who served on the frontier in 1866.

Mr. Harcourt, on Tuesday next—Bill to amend and consolidate the high schools act.

Mr. Dryden, on Tuesday next—Bill to amend the factories act; bill to encourage the manufacture of beet root sugar.

Mr. Stratton, on Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Ontario companies act; bill to amend the act respecting extra Provincial companies; bill to amend and consolidate the laws respecting liquor licenses.

Mr. Latchford, on Tuesday next—Bill to amend the fisheries act.

The bill to consolidate the high schools act is one introduced every few years, the work having last been done four years ago.

Mr. Latchford's amendments to the fisheries act will be in the nature of defining certain jurisdiction in regard to the fisheries of the Province.

Notice is given of an amendment to the factories act. This will refer, among other things, to fire escapes on factories, the jurisdiction as to which is not now very clear.

Grant for Technical Education.

The grant for technical education will, it is stated, be three times as large as last year. This, Mr. Harcourt says, is due to the increasing interest in the work on the part of the high schools of the Province. "I look forward to technical instruction in every high school in Ontario at a very early day," said Mr. Harcourt yesterday. Some amendments to the present act, which make it optional, are probable at this session, with a view to encouraging technology and to assist in administering the present law.

To-day's Debate.

The speeches by the mover and seconder of the address from the throne, Dr. Bridgeland and Mr. Breithaupt, will be delivered this afternoon, and will probably be followed by Mr. Whitney and the Premier, who are expected to wind up the debate to-day. The House will then probably adjourn until Tuesday.

Provincial Board of Health.

The first quarterly meeting for 1901 of the Provincial Board of Health commenced yesterday afternoon, the President, Dr. E. H. Vaux of Hamilton, occupying the chair. In his annual address the Chairman said that the efforts of sanitarians were at last receiving proper recognition from the public, and they stood to-day in a position which a few years ago seemed to be beyond their reach. During the past year there had been no serious emergencies to deal with, although the year had opened and closed with smallpox epidemics. Referring to the outbreaks of this disease, he said that there had been thousands of cases in the United States, though the death rate of 4 per cent. was remarkably small. He referred to the outbreak of smallpox at Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Fort William and other places, and to the vigorous and successful measures taken to cope with them. Continuing, the doctor said that although there had been outbreaks in twenty distinct centres in Ontario, the Board of Health and the department under Dr. Bryce had dealt with the situation promptly, and had succeeded in checking and stamping out the epidemic. Such a result showed, he thought, that the board and the municipal health authorities were working together very harmoniously. In regard to other contagious diseases the year's record had been satisfactory. Scarlet fever and diphtheria had not shown any noticeable prevalence. In fact, diphtheria during 1900 had shown a falling off except in the City of Toronto, where the deaths from this disease reached the remarkable total of 149. The total number of deaths in the Province from this cause was 486, Toronto thus contributing about one-quarter. Since the 1st of January the disease had caused 21 deaths in Toronto. In regard to tuberculosis the year seemed to show an increase rather than a decrease. The public, he was glad to say, had become greatly agitated on this question. The problem was one that municipal authorities were bound to recognize and endeavor to solve by all proper methods. In this connection he said that Hon. Mr. Stratton's bill of last session, giving encouragement and aid to municipalities de-