

### Ontario at the Pan-American.

Honorary Commissioner James of the Pan-American Exposition reports that, notwithstanding the report from Buffalo that the space available has been much more than applied for, many manufacturers and others in Canada are beginning to make application for room. From this time forward the officials at Buffalo will exercise discretionary power in accepting exhibits, and on that basis there is a small chance for Canadians getting some space where the character of the exhibits appeals to the taste of the officials of the Exposition.

Word has been received by Mr. T. W. Gibson, Director of the Bureau of Mines, that Ontario has been allotted 1,296 square feet in the mines building at the Pan-American. Mr. Gibson had asked for 1,500 feet, but will try and worry along with the space allotted. The replies to requests for mineral specimens are coming in most satisfactorily, and indicate most representative exhibits in all our minerals, including gold, silver, nickel, copper, iron, talc, corundum, graphite, mica, petroleum in all its stages, clay products, the leading mines and development companies throughout the Province entering heartily into the project. All specimens have to be on hand by March 15, to enable the department to properly catalogue, classify and have them in place on the opening day, May 1.

### The Women's Institutes.

The interest in the women's branches of the Farmers' Institutes, a new movement inaugurated by the Department of Agriculture last year, has increased very rapidly, and, from a start of two, they have grown to nineteen. The object is to give instruction to farmers' wives and daughters in domestic science and other subjects of interest to women in rural districts. To this end the department has just published a handy pamphlet, in which is given in concise form a number of papers on breadmaking, the improvement of rural homes, foods, butter-making, poultry raising and dressing.

### Tuesday's Speeches.

Upon the resumption of the Legislature on Tuesday afternoon the first order of business will be the moving

by Premier Ross of a resolution of condolence with his Majesty the King at the death of the late Queen, and also of congratulation upon his accession to the throne of his ancestors. Mr. Whitney will second the resolution, and others may speak upon it before it is passed. It is now intended that the Premier will deliver his budget speech on Tuesday, February 19th.

### A Bunch of Wolves.

A great centre of attraction in the Parliament buildings yesterday afternoon was Mr. E. B. Weart of French River, in the Parry Sound district, who came down with seven wolf skins to claim his bounty of \$15 on each. Two of the animals were very large and

had been shot. The other five were poisoned, being much less coy than the famous Lobo of literary fame. All were taken in the Townships of Mowat and Blair. Mr. Weart reports that wolves are now a scarce commodity and are seldom seen, whereas it used to be a common thing to see them going about in packs of a score or more.

### Good Roads in the Peninsula.

Mr. A. W. Campbell, Good Roads Instructor, reports that the Township Council of Bertie, after an enthusiastic meeting at Ridgeway, has decided to abolish statute labor. The County Council of Welland has arranged for a series of public meetings on the roads question on February 20-3. The letter heads of the committee read simply:—"In the interest of good roads."

### Notes.

Warden Gilmour of the Central Prison has invited a number of the members of the House to visit that institution on Tuesday next at 11 a.m.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, the member for Kent, who was reported to be seriously ill, has arrived in the city, his health having much improved.