

Tuesday. Feb. 13th.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE.

Provincial Legislature to
His Majesty the
King.

THE LATE QUEEN.

Eulogies by the Premier and
Mr. Whitney.

TEXT OF THE ADDRESS.

**Faith Pledged to King Edward —
Board of Health Dealing With a
Smallpox Outbreak.**

In the Provincial Legislature yesterday appropriate action was taken in regard to the death of the late Queen. An address expressive of the sorrow of the members of the House and the people of the Province, condolence with the King and the Royal family, and recording allegiance to his Majesty was moved by the Premier and seconded by the leader of the Opposition. Mr. Ross' speech was befitting to the oc-

casation. It was comparatively brief, but the language was strikingly impressive, and those who had the pleasure of listening to it readily conceded that it was one of the best of many notable utterances which have fallen from the lips of the Premier. Mr. Whitney, who followed, also spoke well, and the House at the conclusion of his remarks adopted the address by a standing vote.

In rising to propose the address Premier Ross said:—

True Queen and Woman.

In offering a few observations in support of the address which is the subject of the motion before the House, I admit at the outset the futility of attempting to pronounce a eulogy upon a Sovereign so exalted and beloved as was her late Majesty Queen Victoria. To most of us she was the only Sovereign who up to this time ever claimed our allegiance, and to recognize her as Queen was as natural as to recognize our own existence. Now that she is gone we instinctively ask ourselves how it was that she occupied so large a place in our minds, and so completely won our affection as well as our loving and dutiful allegiance. In two respects particularly Queen Victoria commanded the homage of her subjects and the admiration of the civilized world: she was a true woman without detracting from her power as a Sovereign, and she was a great Sovereign while retaining all the qualities of womanhood. Indeed, it is difficult to say in which of these capacities she is most to be admired. If gentleness of character, domestic attachment and the broadest sympathy are qualities which constitute the chief glory of womanhood, then indeed does she deserve the highest eulogy that such qualities can draw from the lips of mortal man. In her household, in her intercourse with her people, whether high or low, in her patience with Ministers of State, in her correspondence with foreign Courts, it might truly be said that her life was gentle. With her, courtesy was preferred to authority, and dutiful assent to enforced obedience.

Her Home Life.

Again, when we consider her affection for her husband, the Prince Consort, the tenderness with which she reared her family, and her deep solicitude for them in sickness and bereavement, we have the most striking proofs of her domestic affection. To be loved as a wife and a mother seemed nearer to her heart than to be revered as a Queen. While other Royal households were disturbed by family estrangements and scandalized by domestic dissension, her household was a conspicuous example of filial devotion and conjugal felicity. Then, if the depth of her human sympathy would be known, see her in the garb of widowhood, sitting beside some lonely cottager in the Highlands, telling of her own heart sorrow and mingling her tears with the humblest of her subjects in mutual condolence; or see her passing through the wards