

cious Queen Alexandra, and with their Royal Highnesses George, Duke of Cornwall and York and the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and the other members of the Royal family, at the irreparable bereavement sustained by you and them in the death of her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, of blessed memory, and to express our sincerest condolence with you and them upon the loss which has been sustained not only by your Majesty and the Royal family, but by your subjects throughout the British Empire.

In extending to your Majesty our profound sympathy, we cannot but recall the fact that her late Majesty's reign extended over the most important period in the history of this Province, and that nearly every measure for the extension of our constitutional privileges or for the development of our national prosperity was assented to in her Majesty's name. And if this Province is governed, as we believe it is, according to the best precedents of the British constitution, and thus enjoys the inestimable advantages of responsible government, it is owing largely to the far-sighted and beneficent legislation enacted by the Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom, and to which her late Majesty gave her gracious assent.

Your Majesty will, we sincerely trust, accept our assurance that we consider it a great privilege to have lived under your gracious mother's beneficent reign, and, therefore, feeling the more keenly the greatness of your bereavement, we the more earnestly pray Almighty God that He may send your Majesty comfort in your affliction. We trust even in the hour of your deepest sorrow your Majesty will derive some consolation from the knowledge that you have the deepest sympathy of your loyal and dutiful subjects in this Province.

And although we feel that it is hard for your Majesty to turn away your thoughts from the deep sorrow which has come to you, you will, we trust, nevertheless, permit us to convey to you the joy and satisfaction which is felt in this Province upon your Majesty's accession to the throne of your ancestors. Permit us also to assure your Majesty of our devoted loyalty to your person and your throne, and to express our fervent hope that your Majesty's reign will be marked by a desire to preserve peace, to ameliorate suffering, and to promote the general happiness and prosperity of your people.

It was decided to have the resolution engrossed and forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor for transmittal to King Edward.

The following committees were then appointed on motion of the Premier:—

**Striking Committee**—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Davis, Stratton, Carpenter, Charlton, Conmee, Whitney, Marter, Matheson, Foy, McKee and Wardell.

**Library Committee**—The Premier,

Messrs. Gibson, Harcourt, Davis, Stratton, Whitney, Matheson, Foy, Graham, Lucas.

The House then passed an interim appropriation of \$420,000 for expenditures until the estimates are passed, and adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

#### Notices of Motion.

Mr. Whitney will on Friday move for a return of correspondence regarding grants requested by the University of Toronto or by Queen's University; also if it is intended to make provision this session for grants to those universities. He also wants to know if any steps have been taken to prosecute the persons reported for corruption in West Elgin. He wants to know also if Hon. J. T. Garrow is still a member of the Government.

Mr. Crawford will inquire:—Has the attention of the Government been called to the recent fires in Toronto, at Messrs. Matthews Bros., Temperance street, and the Army and Navy clothing store, King street east, where, for lack of fire escapes, several persons were very seriously injured? Have any steps been taken to investigate, and, if so, what has been done?

#### Provincial Board of Health.

An emergency meeting of the Provincial Board of Health was held yesterday morning to discuss the recent outbreak of smallpox along the Canadian Pacific Railway in northern Ontario. From advices received by Dr. Bryce it seems that an unsuspected case of smallpox has existed in Sudbury for several weeks, the victim being in one of the hotels there. Persons seem to have come in contact with him pretty generally, as a railway porter, who at the time was acting there as a waiter, took the disease. The latter is now sick, while in some unaccountable way the man who was not supposed to have smallpox has been allowed to leave the hospital at Sudbury and take train for Ottawa, where he arrived yesterday and was quarantined. From these cases at Sudbury it would seem that others have occurred in that town, in Chelmsford, Bracebridge, Ottawa and Sault Ste. Marie, while suspects are detained at several other points. The local authorities have been awakened to the danger, and with the railway and the Provincial Board of Health are taking steps to prevent the further spread of the disease, although its real extent will not be known until the 14 days' period of incubation has passed.

#### Reading for Far-away Settlers.

The literary needs of the settlers in the remote sections of the Canadian west were discussed at the annual meeting of the Toronto branch of the Aberdeen Association in the Parliament buildings yesterday morning. Miss Dickson, the President, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance. The report of the President showed that during the past year 164 parcels of books and magazines had been sent out each month. Thanks were expressed to Premier Ross for granting the association the use of a room in the Parliament buildings in which to do business. The