

A SESSION OF TEN MINUTES.

Legislature Slackens After the Budget.

Deputation Asks For Aid For the Salvation Army's Men's Social De- partment—Legislature Notes.

The session of the Legislature yesterday lasted but ten minutes, and was without incident. The attendance of members was small. Many are now preparing speeches for the budget debate, which will be resumed next week.

Mr. Carpenter introduced a bill to amend the factory act by providing that the factory inspectors may sanction an inside staircase shut off from the main building by an iron door, or an outside fire drop.

Mr. Whitney secured an order of the House for a return of a copy of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission for the investigation of the acts of the returning officer, deputy returning officers and poll clerks at the election held in West Elgin in January, 1899.

Mayor Howland and others of Toronto petition against the legislation asked by the G.T.R. and other companies for the revesting of Station street, which would give them power to keep cabmen off the street. The Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway ask for an extension of time for their line, and power to lease to or amalgamate with any railway company whose lines are crossed. The Toronto Suburban Railway Company petition for power to extend their line through the intervening townships to the City of Hamilton, and the Township of Raleigh supports the request of other municipalities for a charter to an electric railway to run from Windsor to Chatham.

The House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

The annual report of the Entomological Society of Ontario was laid on the table yesterday. It contains a great deal of valuable information regarding the insect pests of the Province.

Mr. Wardell will inquire if any aliens were employed on the Algoma Central Railway construction; also if that company has located any of the lands