

## MR. PATTULLO'S SPEECH.

An Able Answer to the Critics of the  
Government — Corporations and  
the Assessment Act.

The debate on the budget was resumed in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Pattullo, who was followed by Mr. Whitney. The former spoke for a little over one hour, and his address was a clear and able deliverance. He answered effectually Col. Matheson's criticisms of the budget speech, his references to that gentleman's unfulfilled prophecies of the Government's status in regard to finances being in a particularly happy mood. Mr. Whitney spoke for nearly three hours, traversing aggressively the whole ground of political controversies from the standpoint of the Opposition and adding several planks to its platform. The galleries, both in the afternoon and evening, were filled by large crowds of interested citizens and visitors. Hon. Mr. Stratton continues the debate this afternoon.

Before the budget debate was reached Hon. Mr. Stratton gave notice of motion that the House ratify the agreement made in June last between the Inspector of Prisons and H. A. Nelson & Sons Company relative to the manufacture of brooms at the Central Prison. He stated that it was simply proposed to renew a contract which had been in existence for some years with the proviso that the machinery in use should at the expiration of the contract revert to the Province. This had not been made clear in previous agreements. Four thousand dozen brooms per year were manufactured at the prison and sold at 25 cents per dozen.

Mr. Whitney asked that the matter be held over until he had time to examine the contract, as his recollection of its terms was not clear. This was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Gibson introduced a bill respecting summary convictions. It is designed to make the present law more workable and does not contain any amendments.

### Mr. Pattullo's Speech.

Mr. Pattullo, who resumed the budget debate, said it was an extraordinary fact that in spite of the growing demands upon the treasury the Government was not imposing any direct taxation on the masses of the people of Ontario. It was perfectly true that they were collecting some dues from

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

## MR. WHITNEY'S PLATFORM.

New Planks Announced  
by the Opposition  
Leader.

## FOR LAW REFORM.

Increased Grants to Schools of  
Agriculture.