WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

A GOVERNMENT RAILWAY.

Province Urged to Build the Temiscaming Line.

BUDGET DEBATE.

Mr. Pettypiece Deals With Railway Matters.

DR. PYNE'S OPINIONS.

Favors a Provincial Railway and Aid to the University-Contagious Diseases in Ontario.

The debate on the budget was resumed in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Hoyle for the Opposition. Mr. Pettypiece, who followed him, dealt almost wholly, with railway matters. He made allusion to the widespread dissatisfaction regarding freight rates, and strongly urged that the Government not only build and control a line from North Bay to Lake Temiscaming, but should also take over the railway from this city to North Bay. Dr. Pyne and

Mr. Crawford, Opposition members, and Mr. Russell, for the Liberals, also took part in the debate, which will continue to-day. Dr. Pyne approved of the proposal to build a Government railway giving connection with new Ontario, spoke in favor of university aid, and expressed the opinion that the Government should embark in pulp and other industries.

Mr. Hoyle Speaks.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario), in resuming the debate on the budget, quoted The Globe's reference to Mr. Stratton's speech as "the most pugnacious that had been heard from the Government side this session." He declared that pugnacity was not in harmony with the Lenten season, and thought the hon, member should have had some compassion on the Opposition. Taking up the question of the assets of the Province, Mr. Hoyle declared that the money held in trust by the Dominion for Ontario was not available to the Province except for certain purposes and under certain conditions. He accused the Provincial Secretary of omitting to mention the conditions. The Opposition had never objected to reasonable expenditure, but Mr. Hoyle objected to the constant, the incessant, the unscrupulous puffery indulged in by the members of the Government. (Opposition applause.) The Province was overburdened with taxation, for, including the municipal taxes, \$37,000,-000 was collected annually from 2,500,-000 people. When the Opposition came into power after the next election some relief would be given. (Opposition "Hear, hear.")

The Growth of Expenditure.

The Globe as far back as 1880 had protested against the growing expenditure of the Province, and said that the time had come to call a halt. That was with an expenditure of \$2,500,000, but now The Globe swallowed an expenditure of \$4,000,000 without a protest.

He favored the extension of the University of Toronto to meet the wants of the time, and thought its name should be changed to the Provincial University. Ten thousand dollars was a small grant for manual training, which was becoming of greater importance compared with book learning. Law reform was needed. Litigation was on the decline, owing to the annual increase in its cost. One of the main reasons for the increase was the existence of three or four more officials in every county town than was necessary. (Opposition cheers.)

Railway Discrimination.

The Minister of Agriculture should overcome the discrimination in railway rates whereby the farmers of Glengarry County paid as much to send their cattle to Portland as the farmers of Illinois. The Government now spoke of building a railway to Temiscaming, and they had almost missed their op-