

# PROHIBITION

## PETITIONS.

Methodist Church Boards  
Appeal to the  
Legislature.

## NIAGARA POWER.

New Agreement Submitted by  
Premier Ross.

## BUSINESS BEING PUSHED.

Budget Speech May be Delivered  
Next Week—Standing Committees  
Appointed—Legislature Notes.

The session of the Legislature yesterday lasted but twenty minutes, and was attended by a scanty House. Considerable business was, however, transacted, and promise given that the work would be facilitated more rapidly than usual. Another large batch of petitions from Methodist congregations, in accordance with an organized plan, asking for a prohibitory liquor law, were received. An important bill introduced by the Premier confirms a new agreement with the Canadian Niagara Power Company, extending the time for the completion of their work. The public accounts are expected by the end of the week, and in the event of their being presented the budget speech may be expected early next week.

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### Niagara Power Agreement.

Premier Ross introduced a bill to confirm an agreement between the Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Canadian Niagara Power Company. The agreement is dated June 19th, 1901, and is signed by J. W. Langmuir, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and W. H. Beatty, President, and A. Monro Grier, Secretary of the Power Company. It provides that the period for completion of the works specified in the agreement of April 7, 1892, be extended to July 1, 1904, under certain conditions. The company must expend within Ontario \$500,000 in work, materials, excavations, foundation and erection of buildings, etc., by July 1, 1902, and a further sum of \$1,000,000, making \$1,500,000, by July 1, 1903. The company shall make default unless they develop 50,000 horsepower by July 1, 1904, and have on that date an outflow tunnel sufficient for not less than 100,000 horsepower, and actually ready for use 20,000 electrical horsepower. The company must also give a surety of \$20,000.

### The Imperial Statutes.

Hon. Mr. Gibson introduced four bills resulting from the compilation of the Imperial statutes. They are on the lines suggested by the report of the committee, already published in *The Globe*. The first is entitled "An act respecting Imperial statutes, relating to property and civil rights, incorporated into the statute law of Ontario," and is designed to bring the volume presented to the House into force. The act to amend the marriage act presents a schedule to be attached to the affidavit made by applicants for marriage licenses, setting forth the degrees of affinity and consanguinity as follows:—

"A man may not marry his grand mother, grandfather's wife, wife's grandmother, aunt, uncle's wife, wife's aunt, mother, stepmother, wife's mother, daughter, wife's daughter, son's wife, sister, granddaughter, grandson's wife, wife's granddaughter, niece, nephew's wife, wife's niece, brother's niece.

"A woman may not marry her grandfather, grandmother's husband, husband's grandfather, uncle, aunt's husband, husband's uncle, father, stepfather, husband's father, son, husband's son, daughter's husband, brother, grandson, granddaughter's husband, husband's grandson, nephew, niece's husband, husband's nephew, husband's brother."

The two other bills introduced by the Attorney-General are entitled "An act respecting mortmain and the disposition of land for charitable purposes," and "An act to provide for the revision of the statute law." They include provisions compiled from the Imperial statutes touching these subjects.

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