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# THE DECKS ARE CLEAR.

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**An Unexpected Ending  
to the Budget Debate  
Last Night.**

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**MAJORITY OF 11.**

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**The Prohibition Bill to be In-  
troduced To-day.**

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**HON. MR. DAVIS' SPEECH.**

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**A Telling Criticism of the Opposi-  
tion's Amendment—Mr. Crawford  
on His Connection With the Da-  
kota Ranch.**

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A most unusual proceeding characterized the finish of the budget debate in the Legislature last night, when the discussion came to an end without the customary closing speeches from either Mr. Whitney or Premier Ross. Old officials state that this is the first instance of the kind in the history of the Provincial Legislature. At 9.30 Mr. Crawford concluded his address, and neither Mr. Whitney, who was expected to close the discussion on his side, nor any other member rose to continue the debate.