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CHIEF JUSTICE MOSS.

Chief Justice Moss, who yesterday, because of Sir Oliver Mowat's illness, opened the Legislature in the capacity of administrator appointed by the Crown, was born at Cobourg on March 8, 1840. After some years spent in the business of his father, who was a brewer, he studied law and was called to the Bar in 1869. He enjoyed a widely extended law practice, having at different times been in partnership with the present Mr. Justice Osler, his brother, the late Chief Justice Moss, the late Chief

Justice Harrison, Chief Justice Falconbridge, and Mr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., Principal of the Law School. He took silk in 1881, became a Senator of Toronto University in 1884, and a year or so ago was made Vice-Chancellor. In 1897 he was appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeal, and on the retirement of Chief Justice Armour a few months ago he was made head of the Ontario Bench. Urbane and courteous, Chief Justice Moss is widely respected no less for his social qualities than for his legal and intellectual attainments.

## HOUSE OPENING MOST BRILLIANT.

Beauty and Fashion Crowd the Chamber.

MR. CHARLTON IS SPEAKER.

Unanimously Elected on Premier's Motion.

Speech From the Throne Covers Wide Range of Important Matters—The Address To-day.

Society and the public generally united to make yesterday's opening of the Legislature a truly picturesque and popular function. There was no public mourning to restrain the profusion of color, as during the two preceding years following Victoria's death, while the excitement of meeting a new House brought the leaders of fashion to honor the event. It was voted by the experienced to have been the most brilliant opening on record in Ontario. The members, as usual, were driven from their territory by their wives and daughters. The central space on the floor was crowded with invited guests of honor, while the galleries were filled an hour before the time for opening. The blinds were drawn, and the lights blazed forth upon delicate evening toilettes and beautiful faces. The ceremony was longer than the ordinary opening, owing to the necessary election of a Speaker. Mr. Charlton was the unanimous choice. In making the nomination Premier Ross delivered a brief laudatory address, while Mr. Charlton's acknowledgment was most graceful and tactful.

### His Honor's Rebuff.

His Honor approached the throne, while the audience, with some consternation, heard Hon. Mr. Stratton say:—"I am commanded by his Honor the Administrator to state that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of this House shall have been chosen according to law; but to-day, at the hour of 4 o'clock, his Honor will declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature."

The announcement was unexpected, and many of the ladies laughed, and wondered if something had gone wrong. They were shortly reassured, however, when, the Administrator having retired, the Premier rose to speak.

### A Speaker Nominated.

Premier Ross then said:—"Mr. Clerk and gentlemen of the Legisla-