

BLANKET PERMIT FOR BORROWING.

Provincial Treasurer's Resolu- tion in the Legislature.

HON. G. W. ROSS IN HIS SEAT

Chatham License Scandal to be Investigated.

Proposed Removal of Toronto Insane Asylum—Excellent Progress Made With the Estimates—Public Ac- counts Committee Chairman.

Excellent progress was made with the estimates at yesterday's sessions of the Legislature, and a good deal of other business was also disposed of. Hon. G. W. Ross, the leader of the Opposition, was in his seat for the first time this session. He looks exceedingly well, having apparently benefited greatly by his stay in Jamaica. A large bouquet of American Beauty roses, the gift of some of his admirers, adorned his desk. At the close of both the afternoon and evening sessions many of the members from both sides of the House cordially welcomed him. A feature of the business proceedings was a resolution, of which Hon. Mr. Matheson gave notice, which apparently gives the Government the right to borrow money for any purpose. Other interesting points were the statements by Hon. Mr. Hanna that the allegations regarding the Chatham license commissioners were to be thoroughly investigated, and that the idea of disposing of the Toronto asylum and rebuilding away from the city had at least been thought of. Mr. Gamey's motion to expunge from the records the commissioners' finding on his charges will not be discussed this week.

A number of petitions were presented from labor organizations, asking for legislation to compel manufacturers to give necessary statistics to the Labor Bureau.

Bills Read a First Time.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Hon. Dr. Pyne—To amend the public libraries act by compelling all members of library boards to be British subjects.

Hon. Dr. Pyne—To amend the act respecting the institutions for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind.

Mr. Hoyle—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Preston (South Brant)—To confirm an agreement between the G. T. R. and the city of Bantford and to confirm by-laws relating to the sewer system of that city.

Mr. Auld—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Lennox (North York)—To amend the act respecting the speed of motor vehicles on highways.

Mr. Munro—To amend the assessment act.

Mr. Lennox (North York)—To amend the act respecting Police Magistrates.

Mr. Downey—To amend the consolidated municipal act of 1903.

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