

PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**Small Attendance of Members
and Spectators.**

THE BILLS ASSENTED TO.

**Long List of Measures Passed
During the Session.**

**The Address of His Honor the Lieuten-
ant-Governor—References to the In-
terest Displayed in the Electric
Power Problem—Premier Whitney
Remains in the City.**

Fifteen minutes sufficed for the pro-rogation proceedings of the first ses-sion of the eleventh Legislature of On-tario yesterday afternoon. The at-tendance of members was small, and there were only a few spectators on the floor and in the galleries of the spacious chamber of the House. The guard of honor consisted of 100 men of the Royal Grenadiers, under command of Capt. G. H. C. Brooke and Lieuts. Porter and McGillivray, accompanied by the band of the regiment. His Honor, accom-panied by Capt. Macdonald, his private secretary; Premier Whitney, and sev-eral officers of the garrison, entered the chamber on the stroke of 3, and after assenting to the bills passed during the session delivered the address proroguing the Legislature, and shortly afterwards left the building. The address was as follows:—

Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: In relieving you from the labors of the session I thank you for the attention you have given to your public duties, as well as for the beneficial legislation which I have just sanctioned. Since the opening of the session the Province has been honored by two visits from their Excellencies, the Governor-General and the Countess Grey. The evident interest taken by both their Excellencies in all that touches the prosperity and well-being of the Province and its people has been highly appreciated, and the grace and charm of her Excellency have endeared her to us all.

Important Measures Commended.

Public approval will no doubt be given to the act amending previous legislation in the interests of our veterans. The extension of the time within which claims may be made was very desirable, and there is good ground for confidence that the other provisions of the act will bring about good results.

It has given me much pleasure to as-sent to the act respecting the University of Toronto. The passing of this act is the second great event in the history of our Provincial university. The situ-ation had become indeed acute, and the effect of the act will undoubtedly be to place the finances of the university on a sound, stable and permanent footing, relieving all anxiety as to the future, and by means of it we will be enabled to do our manifest duty towards the youth of the country and to hold our own, in an educational sense, among the other communities on this continent.

Electric Power Problem.

I have noticed with satisfaction the interest you have displayed with refer-ence to the possibilities which the fu-ture may have in store with regard to electric power, as well as the determ-ination on your part that the inter-ests of the Province in this very im-portant question shall be carefully safe-guarded.

I observe with pleasure the various amendments you have made to the stat-ute law, the municipal law and the suc-cession duties act, all of which I believe will be found to be beneficial.

Much Private Legislation.

The activity in business circles, to-gether with the increasing wants of our people, are shown by the growing volume of private legislation. Some of this legislation is of the most im-portant character and bears evidence of having received that careful supervision which, always desirable, has become for several reasons very necessary.

I thank you for the liberal appropri-ation you have made for the public service. The supplies granted by you will be expended with economy and in the public interest.

In closing the session I desire again to commend your zeal in the public ser-vice and to join with you in expressing the hope that God's blessing will con-tinue to rest upon our country and our people.

Bills Assented to

The acts assented to and