

## LOTS OF WORK FOR LEGISLATURE.

Premier Promises That Next  
Week Will be Busy,

### BUDGETSPEECH THURSDAY

Hon. Mr. Hanna Introduces the  
New Hospital Bill.

Several Bills Read a Second Time and  
a Number of New Measures Intro-  
duced—Members Seeking Informa-  
tion on a Variety of Subjects—No-  
tices of Motion.

At the close of a session lasting three-quarters of an hour yesterday in the Legislature Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Ross had a little passage at arms arising out of a remark of the latter that the Legislature would sit for six weeks or longer. Mr. Ross had no complaint about the progress made with the estimates, but thought Government measures should be brought down. The estimates were of secondary importance, and did not require the same consideration as the Government measures. He did not expect the House to sit on Friday nights for the present. Premier Whitney stated that after Monday the order paper would be taken up and all business dealt with as it was reached. The estimates do not appear on the order paper on Mondays. Mr. Harcourt suggested that the County Councils bill might be brought in, and the Premier assured the House there would be plenty of business next week. In this connection, The Globe understands, the budget speech may be expected from the Provincial Secretary next Thursday.

#### First Readings.

The following bills were read a first time:—

To amend the Ontario elections act by prohibiting Sheriffs and other paid Government officials acting as returning officers—Mr. Duff.

To amend the Ontario game protection act—Mr. Pratt.

To authorize town of Trenton to issue debentures to retire previous debentures—Mr. Morrison.

To amend the general road companies act—Mr. Racine.

#### The New General Hospital.

Respecting Toronto General Hospital—Hon. Mr. Hanna.

The Provincial Secretary stated that the second and third readings of this bill would be taken at the earliest opportunity when printed.

This measure, which has previously been fully outlined by the press, is identical, with few exceptions, to the amended draft measure adopted at a conference between the general committee having the new hospital project in charge and Hon. Mr. Hanna, held at the Parliament buildings in January last. A new section attached to the clause giving the board of trustees powers of expropriation is in effect as follows:—Should the trustees under the powers of this act expropriate the block of land lying south of College, west of Elizabeth, north of Hayter and Christopher streets, and east of University street, or any portion thereof, then

those portions of Avenue street, Avenue lane, Centre avenue, and Christopher street, lying within said limits, shall be closed, and the fee therein shall be vested in the trustees.

The measure provides among other things for the appointment of a board of twenty-five trustees, eight by the Government, five by the university, five by the city, and seven by the subscribers. All the usual powers of hospital trustees are conferred upon them. The hospital, the act says, shall be the Provincial Hospital.

#### A Number of Returns.

Hon. Mr. Reaume, at the request of Mr. McGarry, submitted a return of the game wardens, deputy game wardens and fishery overseers in the county of Renfrew during 1902-1905, with particulars of their remuneration and expenses.

Mr. McDougall's motions for a return of the accounts for supplies made by the license inspector at Mattawa to the Government, and for the particulars of appointments in East and West Nipissing, were carried.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Ross, which was agreed to, for a return of correspondence anent the settlement of the Indian claim of northern Ontario known as treaty NO. 2, Hon. Mr. Matheson stated that the treaty known as the James Bay treaty differed from treaty No. 3 in the fact that the Indians were only paid their allowance by the Province, and the Dominion paid the cost of negotiation, surveys, supplies, etc.

Hon. Mr. Ross also moved for a return of all persons who have retired from the service of the Province, voluntarily, on dismissal, after having their resignations called for, or in regard to whom investigation had been made, with the reasons in each case.

#### Bills Advanced a Stage.

Mr. Hoyle's bill to amend the assessment act received its second reading. It eliminates the word "trade" from subsection eight, section ten.

Mr. Pratt's bill to amend the toll roads expropriation act provides that where a toll road in an adjoining county is taken over under stress, the cost of the portion wholly within a township shall be borne by the township. It was read a second time.

Mr. Eilber's bill providing for the collection of maintenance in Houses of Refuge of persons with private means was endorsed by Hon. Mr. Hanna and Mr. Harcourt, and received its second reading.

#### Notices of Motion.

The following notices of motion were given:—

Mr. Fraser—To amend the act to prevent the wasting of natural gas, and to provide for the plugging of all abandoned wells.

Mr. Auld will ask: If the timber on lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Chesley additional have been sold. If so, he wants full particulars as to method of sale and prices. He also asks if there have been any other applications to purchase this timber, and how many acres of land it covers.

Mr. McDougall asks for a return showing all timber licenses granted on timber of land covered by timber sold by the present Government without advertisement, giving situation, amount, price, names of purchasers or licensees. He also asks if the Government has up to the present date granted any timber licenses or sold timber or land covered with timber without advertisement, other than that situated in the township of Rolph. If so, he wants details.

## NURSES SUPPORT THEIR BILL.

Deputation Waited on the Provincial Secretary.

An influential deputation, representing the various hospitals and other nursing institutions and interests of the Province, waited on the Provincial Secretary yesterday, the Hon. the Speaker introducing the party. Their object was to support the bill recently introduced to incorporate the graduate nurses of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Speaker said that it was not a close corporation that was intended, but one similar to that of the architects, shorthand writers and stationary engineers. The diploma of the association would be a guarantee of good work.

Miss Eastwood, Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, thought it was necessary to distinguish between specially-trained nurses and the product of correspondence schools.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Hanna, Hon. Mr. St. John stated that asylum nurses would be provided with specialist certificates. Hon. Dr. Willoughby approved of the bill.

## TORONTO FIREMEN'S REQUESTS.

Ask, Among Other Things, for Govern-  
ment Aid to Their Fund.

Representatives of the Toronto fire brigade waited on Hon. Mr. Matheson yesterday and asked for Government aid toward the firemen's benefit fund. They based their claims on the fire protection afforded Government buildings and property, for which the Government did not pay anything. They also urged that favorable consideration be given by the Government to two clauses in the city of Toronto's bill, in which the firemen are particularly interested. One provides for the giving by the city of a substantial amount to a permanent benefit fund, the other for the imposition of a tax on premises used for the storing of gunpowder, benzine and other explosives. At present permits are granted for the use of premises for such purposes.