

NOTABLE SESSION BROUGHT TO CLOSE.

Legislature Concludes With an
All-day Sitting.

PROROGATION ON MONDAY

The Electric Power Bill Passed
Without Division.

Opposition Divided House on County
Councils Bill—Amendments Defeat-
ed to University and Education
Acts—President Loudon's Resigna-
tion Announced.

The Fruits of the Session.

University reconstruction, in-
suring better machinery of admin-
istration and an annual income
of \$250,000.

The retention for direct opera-
tion by the Province of a portion
of the rich Cobalt mining area.

The appointment of Provincial
commissions to control railway
matters and the price of electric
energy, the Power Commission
having authority to expropriate
development and distributing
plants, if necessary.

An increase in the Provincial
expenditure from \$5,396,016 last
year to \$6,288,393 by way of prov-
ing that the Tories are not going
out of office because of too close
adherence to their pledges of
economy.

Revision of the liquor license
law, with change in the vote for
the adoption of local option from
a simple majority to that of a
three-fifths majority, and estab-
lishment of high license.

Floating of the first direct Pro-
vincial loan in London at a rate
below par.

Provincial Long-distance Tele-
phone Co. granted incorporation,
without preservation of the public
rights in the franchise.

Adoption of the principle of dis-
covery of minerals in place in the
new mining regulations in grant-
ing claims. Definite announce-
ment that Ontario will collect no
royalties on minerals.

Restoration of the old and dis-
credited constitution to County
Councils.

The establishment of a new To-
ronto General Hospital in associa-
tion with the medical faculty of
Toronto University.

The Legislature concluded its business
at 11.15 last night and prorogation will
take place at 11 o'clock on Monday
morning. The attendance of members
during the closing hours of the session
of 1906 was comparatively small, and
there were very few persons in the
gallery when the House adjourned
with the singing of the national an-
them. During the afternoon the Pre-
mier announced that he had received a
letter some time ago from President
Loudon of the University of Toronto, in
which that gentleman said he had decid-
ed to resign. Both the Premier and the

Hon. Mr. Ross spoke warmly of Presi-
dent Loudon's work for the university.
To the newspaper men who questioned
him last night the Premier pointed out
that to the new Board of Governors of
the university, which had not yet been
appointed, would fall the duty of select-
ing a successor. The Government had
no knowledge of a report that Presi-
dent Loudon would be reappointed. The
number of the governors to be appoint-
ed has been increased to eighteen, which,
with the two ex-officio members, will
make twenty in all. Of these six will
retire in two years, six in four, and
six in six years.

The power bill was read a third time
during the afternoon and passed with-
out discussion and without a vote. The
university bill, the mines act, the coun-
ty Councils act, on which the first di-
vision of the day was taken, the Op-
position amendment being voted down
by 51 to 12, and the education act were
among many other measures read a
third time. An amendment to the city
of Toronto's bill giving the city power
to sell feed in the cattle market was de-
feated in committee.

Long-distance Phone Bill.

Mr. MacKay, in committee on the
Provincial long-distance telephone bill,
desired to call attention to a point he
had raised in the Private Bills Commit-
tee, when a majority had voted him
down. He would say nothing as to the
effectiveness of the company as a club
to control the Bell Telephone Company.
The Dominion or some other Govern-
ment might desire to nationalize the
phones, and in that case he would have
it made clear that no allowance should
be made for the franchise. He offered
as an amendment that in case hereafter
of any public acquisition of the com-
pany's business, in determining the value
of the same, no allowance should be
made for the franchise.

Premier Whitney was prepared to go
a good deal further than the bill, if it
would acquire for the people of the
Province fair treatment from the Bell
Company. He would vote against the
amendment, but would not make it a
party vote. He feared no competition
would be possible if it were carried.

Mr. Preston (Brant) wondered if the
same argument would be used if the
Province was about to take over the
telephone companies. Would the Pre-
mier care to load up the possibility of
the people acquiring the existing corpo-
rations?

Mr. Ferguson, the promoter of the bill,
defended the measure as it stands as
being necessary to get relief from in-
tolerable conditions. Long-distance lines
which would give connection on fair
terms to farmers and other local tele-
phone companies were needed at once,
and would be obtainable under the bill.

Mr. MacKay pointed out that to give
the company a franchise which was of
no value, unless it was given a fictitious
value by the Legislature, was a grave
error of policy. They were charging noth-
ing for the franchise and should not
have to pay for it when they took it
back.

The amendment was negatived and the
bill reported.

Sleigh Runners Not Regulated.

Mr. Tucker's bill to regulate the width
of sleigh runners was amended in com-
mittee by the withdrawal of all the
clauses except that repealing the legis-
lation of last session, which in effect
fixed the width of sleigh runners at
four feet from outer to outer rim.

A bill respecting joint stock and other
companies was introduced by Hon. Mr.
Hanna. This bill is not to be passed un-
til next session, but in the meantime
it will be distributed for consideration.
The measure is a consolidation and re-
vision of a number of companies acts.
The bill as explained some time ago
gives greater powers to the Government
than now in control of methods and re-
gulations respecting the incorporation of

these companies.

In committee on the city of Toronto's
bill Mr. Crawford moved an amendment
allowing the city to sell feed in the
cattle market.

Hon. the Speaker, in the interests of
the Junction Union Stock Yards, op-
posed the amendment in a speech re-
counting the arguments already publish-
ed. He thought the city could arrange
for the sale of feed with a private party.

Mr. McNaught appealed to the com-
mittee to vote for the amendment.

At 1 o'clock adjournment was taken
till 3.

The Afternoon Session.

On the resumption of business Hon.
Mr. Monteith repeated his objection, as
voiced before the Private Bills Commit-
tee.

Mr. Crawford declared there were in
the Union Stock Yards Company only
twenty-two drovers and seven breeders
out of 334 stockholders, and they held
only \$12,000 out of \$361,500 paid up
capital. The philanthropists associated
with the Union Stock Yards, he said,
were dry goods merchants, lawyers, and
professional and business men rather
than farmers.

Hon. Mr. Foy pointed out that the
opposition to the amendment was in-
consistent. The arguments might ap-
ply to the existence of the market, but
all that was asked was to sell feed at
prevailing market prices. If the city
was entitled to a market at all it was
entitled to do all the business incidental
to that.

The amendment was lost on a vote of
23 to 22. The bill was then report-
ed.

Mr. McNaught endeavored to have
Mr. Hanna's motor car bill amended
on third reading by having the minimum
\$10 fine changed to not more than \$50.
Premier Whitney declared he did not ap-
prove of all the provisions of the bill,
but it was accepted as a compromise,
and if any change were made the whole
question would have to be reopened.
The amendment was lost in committee
and the bill read a third time.

Division on Party Lines.

Mr. Reed opposed the third reading
of the County Councils bill, and moved
an amendment that the bill be referred
back to committee, with instructions to
change clause one, so that any ratepayer
be eligible for election to the County
Council.

Mr. Auld thought the bill would be
worse than the old act of 1896.

The amendment was lost on a division
of 12 to 51, with 17 pairs, and the bill
was read a third time on the same di-
vision.

Mr. Auld moved that the bill respect-
ing the Education Department be re-
ferred back to committee, with instruc-
tions to amend, so that all persons hold-
ing qualifying certificates should be en-
titled to vote for the election of the
Advisory Board. The amendment was
lost on the same division.

Mr. Preston (Brant) moved that the
section providing for the appointment of
a Superintendent of Education be struck
out. This was also declared lost on the
same division.

Mr. Labrosse Protests.

Mr. Labrosse said that he had a year
ago stated that the English language
was taught daily in the bilingual schools
of eastern Ontario and in all the classes.
The Orange Sentinel had questioned this
and made cowardly and malicious state-
ments, against which he wished to pro-
test. He repeated that the English lan-
guage was taught as he had stated last
year, and it was absolutely false to say
that 80 per cent. of his compatriots
were unable to read or write. He
would say further that the greater num-
ber of them could read and write in both
languages. So advanced were the pupils
that most of those entering the model
school of Plantagenet were ready to
undergo the non-professional examina-
tions and immediately begin professional
work. The help wanted from the Gov-
ernment was to put their children in a