

position to continue their English studies when leaving the elementary schools. He wished to ask the Government what steps had been taken to promote the interests of the separate schools of the Province. He thought they should receive consideration as well as the public schools. He would trust to an inquiry under the Minister of Education, as had been suggested, to demonstrate the truth of his assertions.

Premier Whitney declared it was impossible for the Minister of Education to answer such questions at such a time. What did he expect, after waiting for three months, by bringing up such a matter in the last half-dozen hours of the session? He would not dwell on the point that the hon. gentleman was out of order. He might not wish to create ill-feeling, but he was taking a good way to do it. The Minister of Education had nothing to do with matters between the hon. member and The Orange Sentinel.

Hon. Mr. Ross said Mr. Labrosse had waited three months, and having seen nothing done, naturally called attention to the alleged negligence of duty of the Government.

#### University Bill Amendments.

On the third reading of the university bill a series of amendments were offered by the Opposition, and negatived on the division already recorded.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt's amendment was to provide that any expenditure which had the effect of impairing the permanent endowment of the university should be first approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Graham desired that the veto power in the appointment of the staff should remain with the Lieut.-Governor in Council. No connecting link existed with the Legislature except through the Executive. That control, which would not be arbitrarily exercised, should remain. The Government were taking power to dismiss the entire board, but there might be minor matters in which a lesser remedy than that would be necessary. He moved that all appointments be subject to the approval of the Lieut.-Governor in Council.

Mr. MacKay objected to the fixed revenue based on a percentage of the succession duties in an average taken from three years. If the Government sought to fix the amount they should have taken something less variable than the succession duties. The bill had been more precisely and concisely drafted, he said, than any among the other Government bills, and clearly conveyed its import. But why should the Legislature not pass in review year by year the estimates of Toronto University, as they did those of other institutions? They would not do their duty if they failed to stand by their responsibility, and ask the Board of Governors to send in their estimates to be passed or varied as the will of the House arranged. The intention of the clause was to do the best thing for the university, but he felt bound to say that to pass it would be the worst thing possible for it.

Hon. Mr. Ross took exception to section 40, giving the board power to change, alter or modify the constitution of any of the university bodies except the Senate. In two or three years they might find that the bill had been entirely changed from its present form. In sub-section 17 of section 54 the Senate was given power to make such changes as might be deemed expedient. He moved that these clauses be struck out.

#### The Retiring President.

Premier Whitney took occasion to pay a tribute to President Loudon at this point. Several months ago, he said, he had received a letter from the President stating that he could no longer connect himself with the fortunes of the university. He then expressed his strong love and interest in it, and showed conclusively how warm was his feeling. In response Premier Whitney told him had he not received the letter it would have been impossible for him to suggest the President's retirement. The Province was to be congratulated on President Loudon's services, in which he had sacrificed himself if any man ever did. He concluded with a warm tribute

to the distinguished gentleman.

Premier Whitney added, not officially or as a member of the Legislature, but in his private capacity, that he hoped the Governors would not change the name of Toronto University.

Hon. Mr. Ross said he had, as a former Minister of Education, a long and close association with President Loudon, and he was able to concur in all the complimentary remarks of the previous speaker. When the task of selecting a President had arisen, the names of other gentlemen, including that of Professor Schurman, now President of Cornell University, were mentioned, but President Loudon being a native of Ontario, and his merits being recognized, the choice had fallen on him, and there had never been any reason to regret it. The Opposition leader went into some details of the work of President Loudon, to whom he referred in terms of warmest praise. He expressed the fervent hope that the university would continue to progress and prosper in the future as in the past.

The bill was then read a third time. Hon. Mr. Foy introduced a bill to confirm the order in Council passed last August withdrawing the Gillies limits and Kerr and Cobalt Lakes from prospecting, and vesting the minerals on the right of way of the T. & N. O. Railway in the commission. The bill was also read a second time and referred to committee.

#### Expenditures Growing Rapidly.

In Committee on Supply on the supplementary estimates Hon. Geo. W. Ross declared the increase in the estimates to be alarming. With the statutory expenditures, which did not appear, the total expenditure was estimated at \$6,813,393, which was a very large sum. It was \$1,417,317 more than last year's expenditure, and \$1,547,000 more than the last year of the late Government. He believed that there must be a certain margin for the growing needs of the Province, but the increase was out of all proportion. Appointments to office accounted for much of it. The \$100,000 for normal schools and other educational votes were defensible, but in other respects, if it turned out that they were confronted next year with a deficit, the credit of the Province would suffer. He liked enterprise and generosity, but deprecated—he was going to say the prodigality of the increase in offices. It was all very well for those who got them, but the taxpayer would take another view. What he said was as a word of warning to his hon. friend. The example of economy set by the late Government had been thrown away.

Hon. Mr. Matheson declared there was no such increase as a million and a half in the expenditure. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were to be spent on capital account—\$100,000 for normal schools, \$50,000 for Queen's College, \$50,000 for veterans' land grant commutation, and large sums for public works. He admitted the estimates were somewhat large, but they had to consider the prosperous times. As to the present year, there was a surplus of \$40,000 in the main estimates.

Mr. Graham, on the vote for the salary of the Superintendent of Education, expressed the hope that the gentleman to be appointed would be more in touch with the public school system than with higher education. Premier Whitney—Hear, hear.

#### Larger Votes Asked.

Mr. Kidd regretted that the Government had not been more generous with the Ottawa Central Fair Association. He thought the \$4,000 allotted looked small beside the grant to Toronto.

Mr. May said he had waited on the Minister with an influential deputation and asked for a grant of \$10,000. London and Toronto had each received that amount, and he thought the east should receive just as much consideration.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Dargavel also joined in the debate.

Hon. Mr. Monteith pointed out that for dairy instruction work \$55,700 had already been spent in the east, as com-

pared with \$16,200 in the west. He disliked to discuss these matters from a sectional point of view, but the aim was to spend the money where it would do the most good.

Mr. Kidd returned to the charge and demanded the balance of \$10,000, the portion of \$30,000 set apart for agricultural purposes, to which Ottawa was justly entitled.

Mr. Harcourt thought the Government should specify the location of the normal schools, in accordance with the usage, before a vote was asked for their erection.

Mr. Mackay asked the Minister of Education to note that the people had themselves selected Owen Sound for the site of one of the schools, and it would be a decided jar to turn them elsewhere. Owen Sound Collegiate Institute had in four years trained 435 teachers. The next school in importance had only trained 196.

Mr. McCoig pleaded for further allowances for drains in Essex. He was grateful for the \$4,000 to the white bread drainage, but desired help for the pipe drain in Raleigh.

Mr. Preston (Brant) regretted the omission from the estimates of a vote toward the Bell telephone memorial at Brantford, of which the Premier was a patron.

To a question by Hon. Mr. Ross regarding an item of \$10,000, Hon. Mr. Matheson said that there were applications for such allowances, aggregating \$20,000, from relatives of deceased persons who had been appointed by the late Government.

#### The Statute Amendment Act.

Among the amendments included in the statute amendment act were extensions of time to the following railways:—

Central Ontario till December 31, 1908.

Bracebridge & Trading Lake December 31, 1906.

Bruce Mines & Algoma June 30, 1909.

Manitoulin & North Shore two years from December 1st, 1907.

In the act respecting the securities for the Soo guarantee the date 1906 was changed to 1907, so that the value of the securities should remain.

Hon. Mr. Foy added a clause to the statutory law amendment act giving the Lieutenant-Governor in Council power in certain circumstances to dismiss officials.

Mr. Graham said the act should be entitled an act to dismiss officials without cause. In 1880 power was taken to dismiss on report of inspector or County Court Judge any future clerk or bailiff appointed by the Government, but no official could be dismissed who had been appointed previous to 1880. The

present act would enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to dismiss without any cause.

Hon. Mr. Foy said it merely placed clerks and bailiffs in the same position as Sheriffs, Registrars and other officials.

#### Bills Read a Third Time.

The bills read a third time during the three sessions were as follows:—

To amend the act respecting joint stock companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water—Mr. Cameron (Huron).

Respecting County Councils—Hon. Mr. Monteith.

The university act, 1906—The Premier.

Respecting the Education Department—Hon. Dr. Pyne.

Respecting mines—Hon. Mr. Cochrane. This was among the measures carried on division.

To amend the act to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles on highways—Mr. Hanna.

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

To amend the act respecting Boards of Education in certain cities, towns and villages—Mr. Macdiarmid.

To provide for the transmission of electrical power to municipalities—Mr. Beck.

To incorporate the Port Elgin spur line—Mr. Bowman.

Respecting the Ontario & West Shore