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The third session of the eleventh Parliament of Ontario opened yesterday afternoon with the customary pomp and ceremonial. Society graced the function with as large a contribution of attractive faces and beautiful gowns as on any previous occasion, and the general interest was manifested by the crowded approaches to the Parliament buildings. Mr. A. H. Sydere, Clerk, and Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Assistant Clerk, acted for the first time in these capacities.

For fully an hour the crowded House discussed the gowns and features of the occasion. Shortly before 3 o'clock the booming of the guns of "B" Battery, R.C.H.A., and the playing of the national anthem by the band of the Queen's Own Rifles, which accompanied the guard of honor from that regiment, announced the arrival of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who was accompanied by his Secretary, Major Macdonald, Lieut. D. Young, and a travelling escort of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Lieut.-Col. Ogilvie and Lieut. Kirkland were in charge of the battery, and Captain R. Pellatt and Lieuts. Smith and Miller of the guard of honor. The Lieutenant-Governor was received at the entrance of the buildings by a number of the officers of the garrison in full regimentals, and Premier Whitney, who escorted him to the chamber, where he read the speech from the throne.

New Members and Legislation.

After that ceremony the House went into session, with Speaker St. John in the chair, and two new members were introduced—Mr. Alex. Ferguson of Cardwell, by Hon. Mr. Monteith, and Mr. J. S. Duff, West Simcoe, and Mr. Allan Studholme, East Hamilton, by

Hon. Mr. Beck and Mr. E. J. B. Pense. In introducing Mr. Studholme, Mr. Beck, "the Minister of Power," referred to him as the member for the "electric" instead of electoral district of East Hamilton. Both new members were heartily greeted, and no one was warmer in the welcome to them than a little group of members of the Opposition standing to the left of the Speaker, and including Messrs. R. Harcourt, G. P. Graham, A. G. MacKay, R. A. Thompson, J. Kohler, C. N. Smith, J. A. Auld, and Lieut.-Col. Atkinson. The House adjourned after the notices of the bills and committees usually given on such occasion until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Mr. G. H. Ferguson, Grenville, will move and Mr. Donald Sutherland, South Oxford, will second the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Whether this will lead to a debate depends a good deal on the nature of the speeches, and also on the programme which may be mapped out by the Opposition at the caucus to be held this morning.

After the ceremony there was a reception in the Speaker's chambers, where light refreshments were served.

Notice of a Government Bill.

That the Government is determined to lose no time in bringing its legislation before the House is evidenced by the notices of motion given last night, one of them bearing Hon. Mr. Hanna's name, being the act to amend the Ontario companies act, which has been already outlined in *The Globe*. Mr. Thomas Crawford also gives notice of an act to amend the workmen's compensation for injuries act.

Speech From the Throne.

The speech from the throne was as follows:—

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—It affords me great pleasure to again meet you as re-

presentatives of the people in Parliament assembled.

"Once more we realize that our thanks are due to Almighty God for a bountiful harvest. The prosperity which has been enjoyed by our farmers for a number of years has been continued for another year, while the steadily increasing enterprise and commercial activity shown by our people afford good ground both for satisfaction and thankfulness and are indications of future prosperity.

The Interprovincial Conference.

"The sittings of the Interprovincial Conference at Ottawa in October last were attended by the Prime Minister and two of his colleagues. The deliberations of the conference will, I have reason to believe, result in an amendment to the British North America act by which the amount of the annual payment by the Dominion Government to the Province will be increased by about \$800,000. A report of the proceedings of the conference will be laid before you.

"On the invitation of the Government of Canada, certain of my Ministers attended at Ottawa with reference to the proposed extension of the boundaries of Manitoba. The claims of the Province of Ontario to its hinterland were pressed upon the Dominion Government, my Ministers urging that the boundaries of Manitoba be extended northward to Hudson Bay by producing the eastern boundary of that Province northward until it strikes the Churchill River, and then by following the middle of the channel of the said river until the latter debouches into Hudson Bay, and that for geographical and other reasons the remainder of the Territory of Keewatin lying east of the suggested eastern boundary of Manitoba contiguous to Ontario and bounded

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