

n the north and east by Hudson Bay and James Bay be allotted to the Province of Ontario. A decision is expected shortly.

More Farm Laborers Wanted.

"Better accommodation has been provided for the increasing number of immigrants, and my Ministers intend to make additional efforts to induce farmers and farm laborers to settle among us.

T. & N. O. Railway Loan.

"You will be pleased to know that the loan of three millions of dollars authorized by the act of last session for the completion of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway was successfully floated in Canada at par and without any expense other than that of advertising.

Revision of the Statutes.

"After the close of the last session of the Legislature my Government, in accordance with precedent, appointed a commission, consisting of certain members of the Judiciary, the members of the Executive Council and others, for the consolidation of the statutes of the Province, and subsequently a supplementary commission was issued extending the powers of the commissioners. Substantial progress has been made by them, but owing to the great volume of work and the care and thoroughness with which it is being done the revision cannot be completed earlier than next year. Certain of the changes recommended will, however, be submitted to you at as early a day as possible during the present session.

A New Judicial District.

"Owing to the steady increase of population in northern Ontario it has become necessary, in the interests of the proper administration of justice, to create an additional judicial district.

The Railway Board.

"In accordance with the legislation of last session the Railway and Municipal Board has been constituted. Although has been in existence only a few months, the board has already considered and disposed of many questions coming within its jurisdiction. It has also proven an efficient agency for enforcing the electric railway rates specified by this Legislature and for adjusting disputes between labor and capital in respect of street railway operation. A report of the work of the board since its formation will be laid before you.

Cheap Electric Power.

"I am glad to be able to inform you that, under the provisions of the act of last session, very satisfactory progress has been made in the direction of procuring cheap electric power for consumers.

Extension of the T. & N. O. Railway.

"Tenders have been called for the extension of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway to a point of junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and the receipts for passenger and freight traffic show a large increase over the preceding year.

Mining Tax.

"The great value of the mineral deposits in the Cobalt district is becoming more and more evident, and the future is full of promise both to the investor in mining properties and the people of the Province. The rights of the Province in these deposits have been kept steadily in view by my Ministers, and accordingly a measure providing for the taxation of mining properties will be submitted to you for consideration. I think it well to draw to your attention the fact that a tendency to hasty and reckless investment and speculation is abroad, and, it is to be hoped, will be kept in check by the good sense of our people.

Public School Act Amendments.

"The amendments of last session to the public school act have given general satisfaction. The experience of the past year with reference to the working of the act has shown certain amendments to be desirable; a measure embodying them will be laid before you. The Education Department is now dealing with the question of the price of text-books, and expects, during the present session, to make a satisfactory ar-

angement with reference to this very important matter.

Prison Labor Problem.

"My Ministers have, for some time past, been considering the question of prison labor, with a view to avoiding all possibility of its being put into competition with free labor. It is a subject of the utmost importance, and cannot be dealt with hastily. Some facts with relation to it will be laid before you.

Some Other Measures.

"Bills will be laid before you relating to colonization roads; providing for the taxation of mining properties; consolidating and amending the companies' acts; amending the act creating the Railway and Municipal Board; the mines act; the public school acts; the act respecting the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway; and the volunteer land grant acts.

A Good Surplus.

"It affords me great pleasure to inform you that the revenues of the Province are largely in excess of the estimates, and more than sufficient to meet the Provincial expenditure during the year.

"The public accounts will be laid before you for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the estimates for the coming year will be also submitted for your approval at an early date."

The Labor Member.

Mr. Allen Stadholme, M.P.P. for East Hamilton, the Labor member, said yesterday morning that, while he was in accord with the general policy of the Government, he did not intend to ally himself with either of the political parties. He would wait developments in regard to the prison labor question, in which he was particularly interested as a Labor man. The speech from the throne foreshadowed some legislation on this point, and he wanted to see what it proposed.

Society at the Opening.