

# PARTIES AGREE ON PEACE OF WORLD.

## Resolution Carried in Provincial Legislature.

### ARMAMENT REDUCTION.

#### Government Adopts Mr. Mc- Naught's Bill.

Will Amend Act Respecting Pawnbrok-  
ers in Order to Give Authorities Con-  
trol of This Business—Must File Re-  
ports With Police—Mr. Harcourt  
Goes South.

International arbitration and a rea-  
sonable reduction of armaments by  
concurrent international action was the  
twentieth century sentiment in the  
shape of a resolution that met with un-  
animous approval yesterday afternoon  
in the Provincial Legislature. The re-  
solution was framed by the Canadian  
Peace and Arbitration Society. The only  
other feature of the session was the  
adoption by the Government of Mr. Mc-  
Naught's bill to amend the act respect-  
ing pawnbrokers, which has been framed  
with a view to effectively regulating the  
business and safeguarding the public.

Mr. Richard Harcourt leaves for  
Washington and points in the south to-  
day, and will not again occupy his seat  
during the present session.

#### Some Government Bills.

Mr. Whitney introduced bills respect-  
ing the form and interpretation of the  
statutes, also respecting the printing  
and distribution of the statutes; re-  
specting fines, penalties and forfeitures,  
and respecting the consolidated revenue  
fund. The bills are all of a formal  
character.

#### Act Respecting Pawnbrokers.

Mr. McNaught, in moving the second  
reading of his bill respecting pawn-  
brokers, said that there should be suf-  
ficient protection to the public and that  
the business should be as far as pos-  
sible in the hands of honest men. In  
Toronto the business had not in all  
cases been conducted with due regard  
to the law. Pawnbrokers not licensed  
were more independent in the conduct  
of their business than second-hand deal-  
ers, who were under the supervision of  
the police. Their places could not be  
searched without a warrant, and privi-  
leges now extended to the officers by  
honest pawnbrokers would become com-  
pulsory in all cases. The act, he ex-  
plained, provided for a license fee of not  
less than \$250 and not more than \$500,  
and, in addition, the pawnbroker must  
give satisfactory security in the sum of

\$1,000. They must make a daily report  
to the police, with particulars of all  
loans made during the previous 24 hours.  
No other business may be carried on in  
conjunction with the pawnbrokage,  
and police shall have access to the pre-  
mises at all times. In cities of over  
100,000 population the authority under  
the proposed act shall be conferred in  
the Board of Police Commissioners. In  
all other cases the authority is confer-  
red on the municipal Councils.

#### Government Adopts Bill.

The Premier said that, so far as the  
Government were concerned, the bill  
would be satisfactory and would be ad-  
opted. Mr. McNaught was compliment-  
ed for the care he had devoted to it.  
In answer to Mr. Graham, he said that  
the various amendments would be made  
in committee.

Mr. Ferguson, in moving the second  
reading of his bill to amend the muni-  
cipal drainage act, said his object was  
to protect drainage schemes which had  
already been carried out in the eastern  
part of the Province, in case a question  
should arise in future as to the legality  
of the work. The bill was given its  
second reading and referred to the Mun-  
icipal Committee.

#### For Peace of the World.

The Premier called the attention of  
the House to a resolution prepared by  
the Canadian Peace and Arbitration So-  
ciety. Its sentiments, so well expressed,  
met with the approval of the Govern-  
ment as well as of the Opposition. The  
resolution is as follows:—

"Whereas it is expected that a second  
International Conference will soon as-  
semble at The Hague, and it is an-  
nounced that forty-six powers will  
meet to discuss questions of mutual  
interest instead of twenty-six as at the  
first Hague conference;

"And whereas it is a great and note-  
worthy fact that this will be the first  
occasion on which the civilized nations  
of the world have met together in a  
time of peace of their own free will to  
legislate with reference to their mutual  
relations;

"And whereas the British Govern-  
ment and House of Commons have tak-  
en a deep interest in making the pro-  
gramme of the coming conference prac-  
tical and useful in promoting the wel-  
fare of humanity;

"Resolved, that the Legislature of  
Ontario heartily approves of and urges  
three main measures which will greatly  
conduce to the peace and welfare of the  
world, viz.:

"A plan by which The Hague confer-  
ence may become a permanent and re-  
cognized Congress of the Nations.

"A general treaty of obligatory arbi-  
tration for the acceptance of all the na-  
tions.

"A plan for the reasonable reduction  
of armaments by concurrent interna-  
tional action."

Mr. Graham, the Opposition leader,  
in seconding the motion, said that his  
real opinions about war might not be  
considered orthodox, and he would not  
venture to express them for fear of of-  
fending his military friends on both  
sides of the House. It had been said  
that war would never be discon-  
tinued until the world was fully organ-  
ized, and the world would not be fully  
organized until all nations were gov-  
erned by representative government. In  
the coming peace conference some forty-  
six countries would be represented, and  
many different ideas would be present-  
ed, and perhaps they would be able to  
work out a solution of the problem. If  
the plan of reduction of armaments  
worked out on the basis of population  
the military power of Britain would  
have to be reduced. If on the basis of  
the merchant marine that had to be  
protected, the United States military  
power would have to be reduced to nil;  
a few gunboats would be sufficient. In  
days gone by the greatest monuments  
were erected to bloodshed and war; the  
time was arriving when the finest  
monuments would be erected to com-  
memorate peace. He believed in hav-  
ing all disputes between nations settled  
by arbitration.