

was general in character, with a view to mapping out the campaign to be carried out in the course of the session, the details of which will be settled at subsequent caucuses. Redistribution questions were touched upon, and, as indicated by Premier Whitney when the bill was introduced in skeleton form a few days ago, the question will be submitted to a joint committee drawn from both sides of the House before definite proposals are brought down. Of course in such a committee the Government will have a majority, and the Opposition will be powerless to do more than express their opinion. An effort will be made to close the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne this week.

### **They Must be Sick.**

Under the new bill to amend the act respecting the Legislative Assembly sickness is the only excuse, under certain conditions, which will be accepted for the absence of members from their duties if they wish to escape from having their sessional indemnity reduced. Section 69 provides that a deduction of \$4 a day shall be made from a member's sessional allowance for every day that he does not attend sittings of the Assembly or of some committee thereof. For each day during the session, after the first on which a member attends, on which there is no sitting of the Assembly, in consequence of its having adjourned over that day, or if the member is within ten miles of the place of session, or prevented attending by sickness, the indemnity will be paid.

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