

ernment, however, had not dismissed them when they came into power, as they had the right to do. Even after their defeat at the polls the Ross Government had appointed officials, and yet the present Administration were accused of introducing the spoils system.

The debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. S. Clark (Northumberland).

The House then adjourned.

### Private Bills.

The following private bills were introduced and read a first time:—By Mr. P. H. Bowyer (East Kent), a bill to amend the municipal drainage act; by Mr. J. S. Duff (West Simcoe), a bill respecting the town of Collingwood and the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, Limited, and a bill respecting the village of Markdale; by Mr. W. G. Neeley (Nipissing East), a bill respecting the Southwestern Traction Company, Limited; by Mr. R. R. Gamey (Manitoulin), a bill to authorize the Canadian Trust Company to do business in Ontario; by Mr. T. G. Carscallen (Lennox), a bill to confirm a by-law passed by the town of Napanee; by Mr. J. W. Pearce (North Hastings), a bill to amend the assessment act; by Mr. J. J. Preston (East Ontario), a bill respecting the united counties of Northumberland and Durham, and a bill respecting the renewal of certain debentures of the town of Port Hope; by Mr. J. Torrance (North Perth), a bill respecting the town of Listowel.

### London Will Help University.

The legalizing of contributions by the city of London to the Western University will be the purpose of a bill to be introduced in the Legislature this session by Mr. C. E. Hodgins, M.P.P. for South Middlesex. The bill is practically a following up of the proposals, which will also come before the Legislature, to grant considerably increased powers to the university. Hitherto the college has been of a denominational character and known as the College of the Episcopal Church. The university will in future be undenominational, and the funds provided by the city will be used for the maintenance of two professors.

### Mr. Lucas Chairman.

The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature met yesterday morning for organization purposes. Mr. I. B. Lucas (Centre Grey) was elected Chairman.

On Thursday the Hon. R. Harcourt will ask the Minister of Education what was the average salary paid to male and female teachers in the rural schools for the years 1905, 1906 and 1907.

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*No Bill introduced  
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