

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1908

WILL ELECTIONS

BE JUNE NEXT?

Committee to Deal With Redistribution Has Been Named.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, in the Legislature, Says That Toronto, With Four Cabinet Ministers Living in Its Midst, Did Not Need Eight Members—Business of the Session Pretty Well Advanced — Maintenance of Some of the Public Institutions Criticized by the Opposition—New Constituencies to be Created in New Ontario.

Prorogation of the Legislature before Easter and an early election to follow are the desires of Premier Whitney. These important matters were discussed at a caucus of the party held at the Parliament buildings yesterday, when the Premier urged his supporters to do all in their power to forward business. The Premier expressed his intention of going to the country as early as possible, and it is probable that the general election will be held during the second week in June. As matters stand at present the business of the Legislature is much further advanced than it was last year. At yesterday's session the Premier named the special committee to whom the redistribution bill is to be referred. The Government will be represented by the Premier himself, Hon. W. J. Hanna and Hon. A. J. Matheson, and Messrs. J. R. Dargavel and F. G. Macdiarmid. The Opposition members of the committee will be Messrs. C. M. Bowman, S. Clarke and G. S. May.

In moving the second reading of the bill respecting representation to the Legislative Assembly, better known as the redistribution bill, Premier Whitney announced that the number of members of the Legislature would be increased to something over a hundred. Mr. Whitney said that the representation of Toronto must be increased and a number of new constituencies created in New Ontario. Beyond this and the repetition of the general statement that county boundaries would be followed as far as possible, no real indication of the Government's proposals was given.

The leader of the Opposition, while reserving to himself the right to criticize the measure later, urged that eight members for Toronto would be too many, and that by giving two representatives to each constituency of the city the Government were not allowing any opportunity for representation of the minority.

The House went into Committee of Supply and passed estimates totalling \$1,000,000.

New Bills Introduced.

The following new bills were introduced:—To amend the municipal act—Mr. McCowan. To amend the municipal act—Mr. Morrison. To amend the municipal act—Mr. Preston (Durham). To amend the municipal act—Mr. Ferguson (Grenville). To amend the assessment act—Mr. McDougal. To amend the consolidated municipal act, 1903—Mr. McDougal. To amend the act respecting weather insurance—Mr. McKeown. To amend the municipal act—Mr. Calder (South Ontario). To amend the municipal act—Mr. Fisher. To amend the municipal act—Mr. Downey. To amend the Ontario railway act—Mr. Bradburn. To amend the municipal act—Mr. Bradburn. To amend the act respecting statute labor—Mr. Ross. To amend the municipal