

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1911.

## GOVERNMENT LACKS DEFINITE POLICY

Hon. A. G. MacKay Urges Need  
of Technical Education.

LEADERS CROSS SWORDS.

Debate on Speech from Throne  
Finished.

Liberal Leader Criticizes Attorney-  
General's Department — Model  
Schools Should be Reopened—Sir  
James Whitney Defends Govern-  
ment's Record.

In a vigorous forty-minute address Hon. A. G. MacKay, voicing in the Legislature yesterday the reply of the Liberal Opposition to the contents of the speech from the Throne, put the Government of Sir James Whitney under the fire of a masterly criticism of its weaknesses. In his rapid-fire address the Liberal leader gave the House an intimation of the fight the Opposition is going to make upon a number of important questions. The Attorney-General's department he denounced as inefficient, a victim of inertia and absolutely incapable of apprehending criminals.

### Villains and Scoundrels.

Sir James Whitney's reply was in his characteristic manner. He brushed aside the criticisms of the Hon. Mr. Foy's department and came to the defence of Hon. Dr. Pyne. The Prime Minister declared that one of the reasons the Liberals were put out of power was because they would not prosecute the "villains and scoundrels" who worked under the protection of the Liberal Government.

### No Division on Motion.

The motion for the adoption of the speech from the Throne was carried without a division.

The Treasurer caused some surprise by bringing down the public accounts, such an early appearance of the financial statement almost constituting a record. Sir James Whitney moved the adjournment of the House until Monday.

### Lack of Content in Speech.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition, continuing the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, after brief references to the death of King Edward and to the approaching celebration of the centenary of peace between Canada and the United States, said that the most noticeable feature in the speech as regards its reference to the past Administration and the expected legislation of the present Government was the "absolute lack of content, and particularly of intent on the part of the Government."

With reference to prison labor, he suggested to the Provincial Secretary that some means should be devised to apply at least a part of the earnings of prisoners to the maintenance of those dependent upon them.

### "Gingerly and Uncertainly."

The question of technical and industrial education was touched on in the speech, Mr. MacKay regretted to say, "very gingerly and uncertainly." One would gather that "the grey dawn was at last striking upon the Govern-