

adding that he expected to make a definite announcement next week. He spoke encouragingly of the prospects of getting over a million dollars as bonus to the T. & N. O. Sir James concluded by reminding the House that yesterday was the seventh anniversary of the Government's taking office.

Dr. Jamieson Opens Debate.

Dr. Jamieson, in opening the debate, paid the usual compliments and then launched into a presentation of the Government's record.

He caused a stir by asking for a halt in Hydro-electric extension.

"The development of this system will bring it to such a size as will get almost beyond the control of any ordinary man," he said. "I believe the work of the Commission should be the development of the larger powers and the construction of main transmission lines, but that the development of smaller-sized powers should be left to private enterprise. The Hydro Commission should do the experimenting. They should blaze the way and act in a sort of advisory capacity. I think that is as far as they should go."

Dr. Jamieson considered that it should be the duty of the Government to exercise a certain control over municipalities in power matters.

Tribute to Liberal Leader.

Dr. Jamieson congratulated Mr. N. W. Rowell upon his selection as leader of the Opposition.

"I am glad," he said, "that a gentleman of his great ability and high ideals should occupy such a prominent place"

Applause for Hon. Mr. MacKay.

The South Grey member, in turn, complimented Hon. A. G. MacKay, who, coming into the chamber, received a remarkable tribute, not only from the Liberals, but from the Government members. The rapping on the desks continued for some time.

"He was always an aggressive and hard fighter. He was always a fair fighter," said Dr. Jamieson.

Referring to the figures published in The Globe showing that the Government's popular majority had been cut in half, he declared there was a time when the Liberals were in power and still lacked a popular majority. He predicted that Mr. Rowell would have to displace Moses as the long-distance leader in order to reach the promised land.

"He would have to have the patience of Job and the years of Methuselah," he added.

Hearst a Wise Choice.

Mr. Chas. McCrae (Sudbury) confined his observations almost entirely to Northern Ontario. He felicitated Sir James on the result of the election, and declared that a new spirit had been born since 1905.—He eulogized Hon. Frank Cochrane, and declared that the Government had made a wise choice in appointing Hon. W. H. Hearst as his successor. "If you are deluged with deputations and requests for money from the north country, it is not in the spirit of fault-finding, but in a spirit of optimism and anxiety and desire for the development of that country."

The Liberal Leader.

Mr. Rowell began by referring to the departure of Earl Grey and the coming to Canada of the Duke of Connaught, coupling his tribute to both the King's representatives with a declaration of Canada's unswerving loyalty to the Empire.

"Canada," he said, "is inseparably associated with the future of the Empire, and the future, whatever it may have in store in the change of relationships, in our relative position, must have in store the fact that we will be drawn closer to the mother country and that we will work out our destiny together."

After congratulating Dr. Jamieson upon his address Mr. Rowell proceeded to turn back upon Sir James Whitney his famous "skimpy chicken" criticism, by applying it to the lengthy but uninteresting speech from the Throne, which contained only one egg—the promise of a new policy for the north—and that had yet to be hatched out.

Popular Majority Reduced.

Mr. Rowell remarked the fact that the Opposition took considerable comfort out of the elections returns.

"The Government had a majority over the Liberals in 1908 of 95,634, while at the last election the Government majority was only 59,316, a reduction of nearly fifty per cent. In 1908 the Government's popular majority was 85,000, and last December only 39,000. If we cut it down just an equal amount in the next election we will have a sufficient popular majority to give us a working majority in the House."

The Liberal leader referred to the fact that when Sir James Whitney became leader of the Opposition he had but 24 or 25 supporters.

How Many Years?

"We are equal in that respect," he remarked. "So that if it takes nine years for an unprogressive Opposition



MR. CHARLES McCREA, M.P.P.,

Who seconded the address in reply to the speech from the Throne.

to turn out a conservatively progressive Government how long will it take for a progressive Opposition to catch up to a do-nothing Government? A query that brought a general laugh.

Mr. Rowell gave Sir James and his colleagues an uncomfortable five minutes in discussing the "deferring" of the proposal to turn the administration of Hydro-electric affairs over to a department of Government.

"There were three proposals upon which Sir James and his Government went to the people: the transfer of the Hydro-electric administration, the Dominion subsidy for the T. & N. O., and the co-operation between the Provincial and Federal Governments regarding roads and immigration.

That Change of Front.

"The people have declared in favor of the first of these two great proposals, yet I find no reference to them in the speech from the Throne. Why is it? We have nothing with reference to the transfer of the Hydro-electric. Has the Government



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