

to advance, while the inquiries made by prospective settlers afford hopeful indications for the future.

Legislation respecting compensation to workmen for injuries, representation in the Legislative Assembly and other matters of public importance will come before you for consideration.

Increase Provincial Revenue.

The growing financial demands of the Province, consequent upon its development and the extension of its public services and activities, call for increased expenditures from year to year. To meet these conditions a larger revenue will be necessary, which, with your approval, will be obtained from a number of available sources on an equitable and reasonable basis.

A serious and protracted illness has befallen my Prime Minister, the leader of this House of Assembly, evoking the deep sorrow and sympathy of the whole community. It is very gratifying to know that the recovery of health and strength seems now to be assured.

The public accounts will be brought down for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the supplementary estimates for the current year will be submitted without delay.

It is my earnest hope and belief that your deliberations will serve to advance the best interests and welfare of this important Province.

Dr. Preston Sworn in.

As has already been forecasted, Dr. R. F. Preston (North Lanark), Conservative Whip, was sworn in as member of the Government without portfolio yesterday morning. All the members of the Cabinet in the city visited the General Hospital in the morning and had a pleasant interview with Sir James Whitney, and then went to Government House, where Mr. J. Lonsdale Capreol, Clerk of the Executive Council, administered the oath of office to Dr. Preston in the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Opposition is Ready.

Already there are indications that the Opposition is to give the Government an active time. Questions will be asked on the part taken by Provincial License Inspector W. K. Snider in the recent votes on the Scott act in Welland, Peel, and Huron counties, by Mr. William McDonald (Centre Bruce).

Mr. T. Marshall (Monck) has a series of questions regarding the cost of the new Government House, and the length of time it has taken to complete, with a query of the Minister of Public Works as to the nature and expense involved in his recent visit to Europe.

Mr. Udney Richardson (East Wellington) will seek information as to the cost of the work of the Statute Revision Commission, and when the statutes will be available for distribution. Colonel Mayberry (South Oxford) is asking similar information about the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) will re-introduce on Friday his bill of last year to extend the municipal franchise to married women who own property.

Prominent Spectators.