

grudgingly assume every burden, and make every effort that may be required of them for the security of the Empire and the preservation of the liberties of the world.

An Abundant Harvest.

"Our thanks are due to Almighty God for the abundant harvest of the past year, which has contributed greatly to the prosperity and comfort of our people.

"I desire to express the deep regret of the people of Ontario for the destruction by fire of the historic Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, an event rendered more melancholy by reason of the sacrifice of life which accompanied it.

Prohibition and Power.

"Legislation will be submitted to you creating a Trades and Labor Branch of the Public Works Department; respecting further aid to settlers in the northern portions of the Province; respecting power development; to provide additional revenues; relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor within the Province, and for the submission of the same to the electors, and for other purposes.

"The public accounts will be submitted to you without delay, and also the supplementary estimates for the present year, and the estimates for the ensuing fiscal year.

"It is my earnest hope that your deliberations will, under the guidance of Providence, materially assist our Empire in the struggle in which it is now engaged, and contribute alike to the moral and material welfare of this Province."

Three-minute Ceremony.

At three minutes past three the Lieutenant-Governor took his departure, the Premier and Mr. Rowell nodded compliments across the floor, and at five minutes past three the Speaker took the chair. Prayer followed, and then the Speaker made notification of the Algoma and Peel vacancies, now filled. Dr. J. M. Robb, the new member for Algoma, was thereafter introduced by the Hon. Howard Ferguson, who stated that he had taken the oath, and signed the roll, and now claimed the right to take his seat.

The Speaker and the new member then shook hands.

The Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hanna, intimated a bill respecting the administration of the oaths of office to persons appointed Justice of the Peace, and that it be read a first time. He also moved that the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-day.

The House adjourned at 3.12, till three o'clock this afternoon.

Those Machine Guns.

Members of the Opposition have lost no time in getting in their hand. Mr. Nelson Parliament (Prince Edward), it is understood, will ask the Government how many machine guns were ordered, how many were delivered, and the cost. Mr. Samuel Carter (South Wellington) will introduce a resolution for civil service reform and the abolition of the patronage evil, also that the tenders for material for the public service be opened in public. Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex), undaunted by previous adverse votes, will bring forward a bill asking equal municipal voting rights for married women as are given to widows and spinsters.
