

Friday, April 18th

He was determined, he said, and members of the Government were determined, that they should maintain in Ontario at the highest possible standards not only the ideals of public life, but the standard of public conduct. If they were to secure capable men, upright men, men of integrity, to carry on the public affairs, they had to see to it that their repute and good name would be secure from even being associated with unworthy men in the high places or the low places of the Government.

Investigations to Go On.

The Public Accounts Committee properly had suspended operations, he said, but that did not mean that the Government would suspend its activities. There had been a large number of audits made, and there would be a larger number made from now on. He said he felt confident the public would assume cheerfully the necessary expenditure to put the affairs of the Province on a sound, honest basis, "and to see to it that only men of integrity and trustworthiness have a voice in the affairs of Ontario."

"We will go on with the investigations," the Premier concluded. "The courts are open to us, and, if the discoveries warrant, we will not hesitate to set the law in motion and see to it that every man guilty within the law will have justice meted out to him as set out in the law."

SMALL ATTENDANCE AT FINAL SESSION

Business Being Concluded,
Sir William Mulock
Prorogues House

155 BILLS GAIN ASSENT

At 15 minutes past four yesterday afternoon the first session of the Sixteenth Legislature was formally prorogued by Administrator Sir William Mulock. Probably because of the inclement weather, the attendance of visitors was small. The galleries, except the Speaker's Gallery, were nearly empty, and only about a dozen dignitaries occupied seats on the floor of the House.

Many Justices Present.

There was, however, an unusually large attendance of members for such an occasion, partly due, no doubt, to the fact that the Public Accounts Committee had been in session up to a few minutes before. Most of the Cabinet members were present, and the three Leaders. Among those on the floor of the House were several Justices of the Supreme Court of Ontario: Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto, and Dr. H. J. Cody. Wives of members of the Cabinet and their guests occupied seats on the floor of the House immediately in front of the members' desks nearest to the Speaker's chair.

One hundred and fifty-five bills were assented to by Sir William Mulock, the titles of all being read out by Assistant Clerk C. F. Bulmer, Sir William occupying the Speaker's chair and Mr. Thompson standing to the side of the dais. Following the assent Speaker Thompson informed Sir William that moneys necessary for the carrying on of public business to the end of October, 1925, had been voted, and assent also was given to this act of the Legislature. Following the reading of the Speech by the Administrator, Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, read the formal document declaring that the Legislature was prorogued.

Formal Assent Given.

The customary procedure was followed in the prorogation ceremonies, Sir William walking up the aisle to the Speaker's chair accompanied by the Premier, his aides following, the members standing. At the request of Sir William all were seated, and the Speaker notified Sir William that certain measures had been passed during the session and asked him to give assent. The Assistant Clerk then read off the long list of titles, at the conclusion of which Clerk Sydere said: "In his Majesty's name his Honor the Administrator doth give assent to these bills."

Sir William Mulock's reading of the Speech was noted for its clarity of tone, every word being easily heard from any part of the House. Following the prorogation a reception to Sir William, attended by members and their wives, was held in the Speaker's apartments.