

Wednesday, April 6th.

CAVALRY AND GUNS ARE IN THEIR PLACES AS HOUSE PROROGUES

Lieutenant-Governor Offici-
ates at Customary Cere-
mony in Queen's Park

FEW CITIZENS PRESENT

A quiet end was written, offici-
ally, yesterday to the first session
of Ontario's Seventeenth Legislature.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor
W. D. Ross came and went amid the
time-honored formality of booming
guns, cavalry escort, guard of honor,
glitter of dress and ceremony, and
in between the times gave Royal
assent to the 157 bills fashioned by
the House during its sessional period
of Feb. 2-March 31. And so another
page in the legislative history of the
Province was turned.

Few Visitors Present.

Few spectators followed the pro-
rogation proceedings. The Legisla-
tive Assembly itself was fairly well
represented—Toronto members, in
particular, rallying to the occasion—
but the galleries held only a handful
of people. Usually the pomp and
ceremony of an opening or proroga-
tion of Parliament is like a candle-
flame to the moths, but yesterday's
affair proved an exception to the
rule, and the general public stayed
away.

The Speech from the Throne oc-
cupied but a short time in reading.
Given over almost entirely to a
commendation of Government ad-
ministration, it did not fail to ap-
prove of the sessional "preparation
and enactment of legislation to con-
trol the sale of liquor." The work
in that regard, declared his Honor
the Lieutenant-Governor, has been
"marked."

Speaks for New Law.

"By your careful adherence to the
principles approved by the electors,"
the Speech continued, "you have en-
listed a degree of public support for
the measure which should ensure the
most favorable conditions for its
operation and enforcement. It is
earnestly hoped that the new law
will promote better conditions
throughout the Province in connec-
tion with the consumption of liquor,
and my Ministers count upon the co-
operation of all well-disposed people
for that very desirable purpose."

Touches Other Legislation.

The Speech from the Throne also
touched upon the "unanimous deliv-
erance" of the House on the Diamond
Jubilee of Confederation; the gen-
erous appropriations voted and the
legislative enactments made in favor
of the agricultural industry; the pro-
vision for the encouragement of ath-
letics among the school children of
the Province; the extension of
Hydro-Electric power undertakings,
and extension of Hydro service to
rural districts; the "further recog-
nition of the importance of our for-
est resources and of the industries
dependent upon them," as supplied
by the new Forestry Act; the ex-
tensions of the T. & N.O. Railway
toward James Bay and into Rouyn;
the establishment of customs smelt-
ing and refining plants to aid the
Northern Ontario mining industry;
the changes in the Highways Traffic
and Public Vehicles Acts; the merg-
ing of the Provincial Board of
Health with the departmental organ-
ization, and the early completion of
the work of revising the statutes.