

# Legislature Closes In Traditional Pomp Session Is Reviewed

## Royal Assent Given to Legislation and Lieu- tenant-Governor Refers to "Many Excellent Measures" Passed by House

### EASTER FASHIONS ARE DISPLAYED

Boom of cannon, martial display and Viceregal dignity marked the close yesterday of the second session of the Eighteenth Ontario Legislature at Parliament Buildings.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. W. D. Ross, prorogued the Legislature around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, following an address which outlined the main legislation of the session.

Although not quite the brilliant event which marks the opening of the session, prorogation was not without verve and color. The Chamber of the House was nearly filled with members and their wives and friends, representing, at the time, not so much their constituencies as the latest wrinkle in fashion.

#### R.C.D.'s Act as Escort.

The formal prorogation was glamorous also by reason of its military trimmings. At Bloor Street and Avenue Road the Lieutenant-Governor was met by an escort of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. A fifteen-gun salute marked his Honor's progress to the Parliament Buildings, fired by a battery of the Canadian Field Artillery. At the Parliament Buildings the Lieutenant-Governor was met by a guard of honor of the Royal Canadian Regiment, which he inspected.

Premier Henry met the Lieutenant-Governor at the entrance to the Parliament Buildings and accompanied him into the Legislative Chamber. Shortly following his Honor's entrance into the Legislative Chamber were his daughters, the Misses Ross. The Lieutenant-Governor was accompanied by his aides, Colonel Alex. Fraser, Major Eric Haldenby and Colonel W. Rhoades.

Then followed the formal ceremony of prorogation. The Speaker, standing at the foot of the dais, formally asked the Royal assent to legislation passed during the session. Followed the reading and the formal assent to a long list of bills. Then one of his aides, Colonel Fraser, presented the Lieutenant-Governor with the formal prorogation address, which mentioned in commendatory terms most of the legislation passed during the session.

#### Royal Assent to Bills.

It reads in part:

"Consequent upon the appointment of a Minister of Public Welfare, legislation has been enacted to set up the department over which he will preside. In addition to the duties already assumed, the scope and functions of this department will be developed as the work progresses in a field that affords exceptional opportunities for public service.

"Statutory provision has been made for establishing training schools for boys and for girls, on lines similar to those of the boys' training school at Bowmanville.

"Your legislation respecting public hospitals will, I trust, open a new prospect for the progress and development of these essential institutions. The establishment of a uniform system of hospital government throughout the Province will facilitate the more general adoption of modern methods of organization, and

will bring about more satisfactory conditions in the treatment and cure of human ailments.

#### Brighter Business Outlook.

"One of the subjects to which early and sympathetic attention was given is the unemployment situation. In providing funds to finance relief undertakings, and in giving the authority required by municipalities, you have helped to create many useful opportunities for labor.

"While the farmer is encouraged by the present prospect of an early growing season, he is conscious that the whole situation of agriculture requires careful investigation and study. For this reason, provision has been made for the appointment of the Ontario Marketing Board to consider and devise methods of improvement. Besides dealing with the problem of marketing, it is intended to institute a general survey of the Province, so that production may be encouraged in the various localities along the special lines which are most likely to lead to advantageous results.

"The school law has been amended to provide more equitable arrangements for the financial support of secondary education, and to extend the facilities for vocational training by means of joint boards.

"Public opinion will support your efforts to encourage the use of British films in this Province. I trust, therefore, that your legislation in this subject will meet with the cordial cooperation of all concerned.

ture Act, the Supreme Court of Ontario will be reconstituted on lines better adapted to the needs of the Province. For many years the desirability of releasing certain Judges from appeal work and making them available for circuit duties has been apparent. This plan has now been adopted with the hope that it will facilitate the administration of justice throughout the Province.

"Additional safeguards have been applied to the public highways with a view to curbing reckless driving and preventing congestion of traffic.

"Provision has been made for the appointment of a Commission to administer and enforce the Security Frauds' Prevention Act. By setting up an independent and impartial tribunal for this purpose, it is expected that the operation of the law will be finally removed from the arena of public controversy.

"The duty of parents to maintain and educate their children until they reach 16 years of age has been embodied in the statute law of the Province.

"With the progress of industrial training of the blind, these handicapped persons are now able to find suitable employment in a number of occupations. It was, therefore, found desirable to apply the principle of the Workmen's Compensation Act to blind workers, which has been accomplished by an amending act.

"Nearly ten years have elapsed since the law respecting municipal institutions was revised and codified. It is proposed, therefore, during the coming recess to resume this work, and to give all interested an opportunity to present their views on the subject. A Commission will be appointed to study the Assessment Act and report its findings to this Legislature for consideration at a future session.

"Legislation has also been enacted to confer the municipal franchise on farmers' daughters; to make the operation of the Bees Act more effective to facilitate the work of the agricultural representatives; to authorize the appointment of additional County Judges, and to amend the Coroners Act."