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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The usual brilliant social functions marked the opening of the Legislature. Sir Oliver was described as a "dapper little Governor" and few of his late political opponents would grudge him the honor and exaltation he must have felt as Queen's representative in opening the chamber he so long led.

He read the speech from the throne, a very lengthy one, and largely taken up with felicitations, happily for us. We give a condensation.

He began with a reference to the Legislature he felt of meeting the Legislature again though in a different capacity. He hoped the friendship and goodwill he had so long enjoyed would still remain, and hoped his long familiarity with public matters would enable him to render his native province good service in his new position.

A paragraph expressing pleasure at the presence of Lord and Lady Aberdeen and bidding them hearty welcome. He hoped the new departure would be of practical advantage and prove agreeable to their Excellencies.

Warm acknowledgments of Divine goodness in a bounteous harvest and gratulation at signs of returning prosperity in every branch of business—except—the sawn lumber business.

Rejoiced at the increased interest that has been shown to Canada by the mother country as well by the people as by the authorities and further shown by the denounced treaties.

"Some" Progress had been made by arbitrators as to the unsettled accounts between Province and Dominion.

Judgment was not yet been delivered in the Privy Council appeal re the Fisheries and the appointing of Queen's Counsel.

The new County Councils were working well at a greatly reduced expenditure. Gratified to learn this.

Regretted the United States Congress had seen fit to increase the lumber duties: these to be almost prohibitive.

The mining industry was making steady progress. At some length the wonderful interest in Ontario's minerals this year, and the increased revenue therefrom is touched upon, not for getting the reference to the long dispute with the Federal government as to our right there.

The commission appointed last year to consider the reforesting of pine lands, and was making substantial progress.

Among other measures to be laid before them was a bill relating to timber and timber licenses; a bill affecting the election laws; a bill to prevent gambling at agricultural and other fairs; a bill affecting the business of druggists; a bill to prevent the spread of disease among fruit trees; a bill relating to extra-provincial insurance companies; and a bill respecting goals and goalers; and a bill relating to forestry.

The work of revising and printing the newly Revised Statutes was nearly completed and these would soon be issued in two convenient volumes, a bill to confirm the work of the commission was promised.

The usual promise of laying before them the Public Accounts up to Oct. 31 was made. Nov. and Dec. to be presented shortly after New Year.

The estimates for the various public services for the coming year would at an early date be submitted for their approval. They will be found to have been prepared with all the economy consistent with the efficiency of the public services.

At the conclusion, a magnificent portrait of Sir Wm. Ralph Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario, was presented to the Province, to be hung in the Legislature buildings. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Whitney, several members of the government, and others.

The address in reply to the speech was moved by Mr. German of Welland, Mr. Farwell, E. Algoma seconded, and it was now the fighting seconded. Mr. German was most effective in his charge that Mr. Whitney had made unwarranted statements in his campaign. Mr. Whitney denied the accuracy of Mail-Empire reports, read by Mr. German, and the inevitable retort came why had he not put the paper right, or corrected the impression in a subsequent speech. After Mr. Farwell had poured in some hot shot, Mr. Whitney asked for an adjournment of the debate and proceeded to ask a question if there was any reason why this parliament should not last its full time. Mr. Hardy was amused and surprised, but assured him there would be four full sessions and the date of the elections (what Mr. Whitney was driving at) had not yet been considered. Mr. Hardy's assurance of four sessions anyway caused great amusement on the government benches, and the opposition, one account says plainly felt that Mr. Whitney's want of tact had helped the government.

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Thursday, the Leaders had their first tussle, and making all allowance for prejudice, Mr. Whitney at the close of Mr. Hardy's speech must have felt "pretty small."

Mr. Whitney scored the government for delay in arbitration proceedings for the provinces, on the County Councils Act, because they had not definitely announced their timber policy, because of the early session, defended his party against the charge of "lip loyalty," said Mr. Dryden had made mistatements on the stump during the summer, touched on the "Englede deal," and left the piggery question to be dealt by Mr. St. John. He spoke for an hour and a half, and received fair encouragement from his friends.

Mr. Hardy entered on his reply, "con amore." Congratulated mover and second on their address, and blamed Mr. Whitney for his ungraciousness in not making the customary reference. A few compliments to Sir Oliver and the Ottawa Royalties, and Mr. Hardy "went for" the opposition leader unmercifully. Now was the time and place to make his charges. He dared not: he sat in his seat fearful that his mistatements would be nailed. One reason of the calling of the session in Dec. was it suited the agricultural members, and more attention was given to the Local House when the Dominion House was not in Session.

Most effectively Mr. Hardy took up point after point, of the campaign powder of the opposition and exploded it in smoke, the culmination being reached when he proved that Mr. Whitney himself was a member of a Michigan lumber firm, all Americans but himself. Mr. Whitney claimed his name appeared merely for technical purposes, then, said Hardy it is there for purposes of fraud and to hoodwink the law.

THE COUNTY RATES.

Editor DURHAM REVIEW.

DEAR SIR.—As the County rates are somewhat higher than they were last year, it may seem that the new Council is more expensive than the old, and indeed, I understand some people are using it as an argument against the new order of things in County Council government. Now all the members of the old Council are well aware of the facts, and all who were at the nomination meeting at Durham last December heard the matter fully explained but I suppose the great majority of ratepayers are not acquainted with the reasons that render it necessary for a rise in the County taxes.

The following communication from S. J. Parker Esq., County Treasurer was presented to the Council at the December Session of 1896 and was read in open Council, and fully discussed by its members, and will I trust fully explain to all why the County rates have been raised for this year.

I may say that the Council did not raise the full amount of the deficit this year, but distributed it over two or three years.

County Treasurer's Office, Owen Sound, Ont., Nov. 30th 1896. To the Warden and Council of the County of Grey.

GENTLEMEN.—In view of the probable request at the present Session for further grants, I deem it necessary to draw your attention to the state of our finances at the present time.

For several years my estimates have received more or less pruning, and that without a corresponding diminution of the expenditure, resulting in a gradual over-lapping of our accounts, so that the rate provided for one year has been encroached upon to meet the deficit of the previous year. To-day we have in the Banks and on hand \$1195.00, and expect in a few days \$810.00 from the Ontario Government on account of Criminal Justice expenditure for 3rd quarter of 1896. Our probable payments for the month of December, under every head, will aggregate the sum of \$8965.00 leaving an unprovided balance of \$4090.00, which must be met out of the rate provided for the expenditure of 1897. Any grants your Council may make this Session will increase the deficit by the amount of said grants.

I remain, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant, S. J. PARKER, Co. Treas.

[Sgd.] S. J. PARKER, Co. Treas. NOTE.—At the December Session of 1896 the County Council made a grant of \$929.00 to the 31st Battalion, which added to the deficit as shown by the Treasurer, of \$4630.00, would make the deficit \$5059.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Letter of County Treasurer to the County at December Session of 1896. JNO RUTHERFORD, County Clerk.

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THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

The Directors of this moribund affair refuse to believe it is dead and have made a provisional agreement with an English company to build the road or such sections of it as commends itself to their engineer. We have to wait till spring however, and seeing we have waited so long we can easily do that.

Whatever success it may attain in the future the credit we believe must go to Mr. McNamara, Walkerton, Pres. of the company, whose persistence in the effort to make it a success has not been small.

The Telescope, from which we quote, deals at length with the steps taken to secure incorporation; how Mr. Pew was thrown out of the affair through the exertions of Dr. Landerkin, Mr. Cargill and others; the breach of faith on the part of the hazy "Miller Bros." who, when all was done that they asked in the way of survey, etc., refused to go

All this is well known, but the following extract gives us something we did not know of Dr. Rolston: "Some of the municipalities interested gave the company two thousand dollars to pay the cost of this survey etc., but their treasurer had scarcely received the money when Dr. Rolston, Pew's partner in promoting the enterprise, sued them for the whole amount, claiming that it belonged to him for going through the townships advocating the scheme. He was of course beaten in the suit. But he made another move and sued some of the directors personally. He was beaten again, and then the survey went on to completion."

Mr. McNamara will endeavor to impress on the new engineer that the road between Walkerton and the C.P.R., at Fisherton should be first built, as it is sure to prove a profitable investment from the beginning. The Review wishes Mr. McNamara all success in this latest effort to secure this useful road.