

filled up by the unanimous appointment of Mr. Mackintosh, advocate, a question from a country member eliciting an explanation as to the duties attaching to the office.

#### THE LEVEE.

His Grace the Lord High Commissioner held his levee in the Picture Gallery of Holyrood Palace at 11 o'clock. The list of presentations, which embraced over 400 names, included several noblemen and baronets, and a large number of naval and military officers, municipal dignitaries, and representatives of various bodies. There was a good attendance of the clergy and private gentlemen, and most of the foreign consuls resident in Edinburgh were also presented. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh wore his uniform as Lord-Lieutenant of the City of the County; and the Magistrates and Councillors of Edinburgh, as well as those of Leith, appeared in their official robes, being accompanied by the halbardiers and other City officers. The Lord High Commissioner, as in former years wore his goldlaced uniform of an ambassador, and on entering the gallery, preceded by the ushers and a couple of pages, was accompanied by the Solicitor-General; Dr. Hamilton Ramsay, purse-bearer; the Rev. Dr. Russell, chaplain, and other members of his suite. The Lord Provost and Magistrates were the first to be presented, and were followed by the representatives of other public bodies. The presentation proceeded, however, without regard to rank, and the ceremony was concluded in little more than twenty minutes.

In the list of distinguished noblemen and gentlemen who had the honor of being presented to his Grace the Lord High Commissioner we find the names of the Rev. A. W. Herdman, late of Pictou, and Rev. P. Galbraith of London, Ont.

#### THE PROCESSION.

Never, perhaps, was the procession, which has so long been associated with the opening of the Assembly, favoured with finer weather than that which beamed upon it yesterday; and accordingly the spectacle exhibited all the brilliancy assumed under such conditions by burnished helmets and showy costumes. To this circumstance, too, may no doubt be ascribed the evident increase in the number of people who gathered in the vicinity of Holyrood and at various points along the route, as compared with the turnout last year when drizzling rain so effectually took the gloss off the display. For more than an hour before the procession started, the Palace-yard presented an animated appearance, from the arrival in rapid succession of persons desirous of attending the levee, and the marshalling of the military and other bodies intended to take part in the procession. In line, fronting the entrance to the Palace was stationed a guard of honor, consisting of three and fifty men of the 71st Highlanders, together with the band and colours of the regiment. Near by was the escort party, furnished by the 21st Hussars, the band of which regiment was also in attendance. As soon as the levee had been concluded, the procession was got under way, Lieutenant McLellan, of the city police, acting as marshal, and start being effected in the following order.

Six City Police in Full dress, three abreast.

The Moderator of General Assembly.

The Solicitor-General.

Bailie of Holyrood.

Provost and Magistrates of Portobello.

Provost and Magistrates of Musselburgh.

Provost and Magistrates of Leith.

The Sheriff of Mid-Lothian.

The Master, Treasurer, Clerk, and Assistant.

Merchant Company

High Constables.

Edinburgh Municipal Officers, with Mace and Sword.

The Magistrates and Councillors of Edinburgh.

The Right Hon. the Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Six City police, three abreast.

Detachment of 21st Hussars.

Band of 21st Hussars.

Carriage and Four with Mace-Bearer and Pages.

Six Trumpeters, in State Dresses.