

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor's Speech.*Honourable Gentlemen,*

I congratulate you upon your success in electing Mr. WELLS Speaker notwithstanding the effort of Mr. HODGINS' friends to beget trouble in the Ministerial ranks. Mr. WELLS is a very dignified young man and does credit to his cocked hat. Mr. HODGINS left himself in the hands of his friends and is there yet.

The Election Law has worked severely and hurt the feelings of a great many. Hence my advisers will endeavour to counteract its results by qualifying once more those who have enjoyed a period of temporary disqualification. An Act will be introduced to whitewash BARBER & Co. *Gentlemen,*

I drop the word honourable advisedly as how I speak of railways. My government has been duly persecuted during recess by the everlasting railway men. Mr. LAIDLAW and his friend have been at them and worried them with great rigour. In consequence all railway companies will have another haul from the public chest.

Honourable Gentlemen,

The numerous Emigration Agents appointed by my government are hard at work earning their salaries and have qualified themselves to become M. P.'s in England. There are some rocks in Muskoka yet to be inhabited.

I have visited many public institutions in the Province and have been very much pleased with the jails. These places of confinement are deservedly popular and attract large support.

The Consolidation of the Statutes is proceeding steadily. The Consolidators find great difficulty in keeping pace with legislation but in the course of forty or fifty years they will be ready to report progress and ask leave to sit again for a century.

The creation of the office of Minister of Education has been rendered necessary by the vagaries of Dr. RYERSON. Its occupant will have to pass a preliminary examination in the three R's before being admitted to the Council Table. This severe test will it is hoped secure a competent adviser to the Crown.

There is a large surplus so be active in exhausting it before the next government comes into power.

Coming Political Events.

In advance of all our contemporaries we have secured from the MOWAT Government some indications of the principal measures they intend to lay before the House during the coming session of the Ontario Legislature.

1. A bill to incorporate the Catholic League and to render it imperative on all Catholics to support such candidates as Messrs. O'DONOHUE and MERRICK approve of.
2. A bill to further amend the act further amending all previous amendments to the Municipal Law by rendering Mayor MEDCALF ineligible for the office of Mayor of Toronto until the Conservatives again come into power.
3. A bill to gerrymander all constituencies not sufficiently gerrymandered for Grit purposes.
4. A bill to whitewash BARBER and all good Grits who may be unfortunate enough to be disqualified for bribery and corruption.
5. A bill relative to the protection of insectivorous birds.
6. A bill to facilitate the appointment of Catholics to all situations in the Parliament Buildings.
7. A bill to enliven the proceedings of the Court of Chancery for the benefit of Hon. Mr. McDougall.

The Opposition have not disclosed their policy but we take it for granted from recent utterances of the Hon. M. C. CAMERON that they are prepared to oppose the Government tooth and nail, in season and out of season, at all points and in all points.

The Hon. W. McDougall is preparing bills night and day. A few of his productions so far, are—a bill to abolish the Court of Chancery; a bill to set everybody by the ears; a bill to abolish the Mace and the Speaker's cocked hat.

Mrs. MARROWFAT ON McNUTT.—McNUTT, who was sentenced to death for murdering a sailor in St. John, N. B., has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. Mrs. MARROWFAT hearing of it says she's glad to hear that poor McNUTT's sentence is computed.—She don't believe in capital punishment and thinks the Plenipotentiary for life is hard enough, especially in his case where there was so much interdictory evidence. She says she always had a great sympathy for him and hoped he would have been able to prove a 'lullaby' which would have proved exclusively that he wasn't not there.

Nonsense Verses.

On a street in a suburb called Bloor,
Live some nice girls, quite pretty, but poor:
Who, 'tis well understood,
Would wed if they could,
But no suitors have yet come to Bloor.
(I don't know the reason I'm sure:
Would they come if the maidens were fewer?)
Ed.

There was a young maid of Orillia,
Who when her fond lover said, "Will ye?
Just fix on the day"
Cried, "O get away!"
This bashful young maid of Orillia.

A grandfather living at Mimico,
Invented a patent alchymic hoe,
To make thistles and weeds
Bear the choicest of seeds—
Why *did* ARCHY sell out at Mimico?

There lived a young man in New York,
Who could stand on one leg like a stork,
And what was more queer
With his toe scratch his ear,
Could this agile young man of New York.

There was a young man lived in Coboconk,
Who was given by nature a noble conk,
And whenever he blew it,
An echo rang through it,
That alarmed all the children of Coboconk.

Croaks and Pecks.

Is the religion of the mussulman a shel-fish religion?

PULL-BACK whiskers is the latest style for gentlemen.

PRIVATE BILLS.—GRIP intends to take no notice of other people's private bills. He has enough of his own to think about.

THE reason why Mr. WELLS was elected to the speaker's chair is evident—Mr. ABRAHAM LAUDER was the opposition candidate.

PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH (or some one over his signature) has sent us a poem of 400 verses on the subject of Canadian Independence. We have sent them to Dr. RYERSON.

MR. ANGUS MORRISON is out in his tartan "brecks." In order to get the better of him Mr. MEDCALF is going out to canvass in the gorgeous gown he purchased for the Lord Mayor's Show.

AN EXTINCT INSTITUTION.—The Catholic League has been ruined by the West Toronto election. Mr. O'DONOHUE has resigned the Presidency, and Mr. MERRICK has declined to represent any longer the fictitious membership. Even TERRY CLARKE has resigned the secretaryship. *Vale, extinct monstrosity?*

WATER COMMISSION.—Mr. BAXTER wishes to be elected one of the Water Commissioners on the strength of his vast consumption of the beverage which temperance men do most affect. He has no liking for the salary attached to the position. In the latter respect he is only on a par with Mayor MEDCALF, who despises money, especially public money.

THERE are certain circumstances in which a fertile brane cood itself invente a good hint: for instans, if you c the fello moving on his chare yu might begg him to sta a little longer as if you expected he was going: but it requires considerabel femenin tacket to urg a man to stay in sutch a maner that he shud fele compeled to depart. (From an unpublished volume "Hints, for the use of yung feemails," by *Foking Ferry*.)

THE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—We understand that a Liberal Association has been formed in Toronto for the purpose of undermining Christianity. So far as its members are concerned, the Association has been eminently successful. COMTE's philosophy was discussed at the last meeting, and an organ-grinder present demolished JOHN STUART MILL's arguments against the eminent Frenchman's religious theory.

Mr. MEDCALF is, as usual, a candidate for the Mayorality. He is determined to stand on the strength of his toes which are said to be square. He has carefully put away last year's salary in City Debentures—so it is said. He has distributed none of it in charity—so it is said. He has filled the chair with dignity, urbanity, insanity and humanity—so it is said. He has got up a gorgeous new gown which he keeps for dining in at Lord Mayor's festival and he intends to present it to his successor—so it is said.