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(Continued from Second Page.) THE ADDRESS.

Mr. LAUDER resumed the debate he third paragraph of the address. I conted out that if the congratulato aragraphs were taken from the speechere would be very little left. The entire content of the congratulation of the co emption question was certainly spoken of but it was evident that it was to be given the go-by again. The settlement of the boundary and abstration ques-tions was a matter for congratula-tion to the Province. It reflected

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great credit on the Government of the late
John Sandfield Macdonald, and it vindicated the course which that Government
took, and proved that the opposition which
the Reform party effered to that course
was not well founded: During the recess
the little Government of Entario had, he
pointed out, been assisting the late hig
Government at Ottawa, and the AttorneyGeneral must certainly have been sorry to
find that the result of his efforts had been
to leave his party friends in a minority in
his own Province. The Attorney-General,
in his opinion, owed it to the Legislature
to inform it why he and his colleagues left
their offices and neglected their duties in
order to further the interests of the late
Dominian Government. Referring to the
last clause of the address, he pointed out
that it meant "keep yeur hold on your
constituancies," which advice, put into the
mouth of the Lieutenant-Governor, was
very kind indeed. He impressed upon the
Government the necessity of Leeping down
the expenditure, as the sources of revenue
were fact falling away. A further
increase in the expenses would certainly
result in direct tayation and it would be a sorry day for the people of this Province when the taxgatherer went from house to house collecting the sevenue. In view of this fact he would move that the third clause be struck out, and that the follo That while we rejoice with your Honour in the development in any enterprise tending to the avancement of the agricultural interests of the course, we are of epinion that it is of essential importance that the annual expenditure should be keywithin the annual revenue of the Province.

Mr. PARKHILL, whe, on rising, w Mr. PARKHILL, whe, on rising, was received with great applanse, attacked the Government for not praposing to reduce the salaries of Ministers and the indemnity to members, and hoped that some scheme for these purposes would be introduced before the close of the session. He proceeded to criticize the general policy of the Government, and said it was a had day for the Province when they took the places of Sandfield Macdonald's Administration. In touching upon the school trustee elections in rural districts, he said great difficulty was experienced in drumming up voters, and he hoped the franchise would be extended to farmers' sans and income woters. He moved in amendment to the amendment that all the words in the proposed amendment be struck out and the following substituted for the third paragraph:

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ing substituted for the third paragraph:

That wails we rejoice with your Honour on the development of all means tending to the advancement of the agricultural interests, we are of opinion that the administration of the affairs of this Province should be conducted with the utmost economy consistent with afficiency, and in view of the general depression existing in the Proxince, the expenses of legislation and civil government should be reduced, particularly as regards the salaries of Ministers and the indemnity to members at this House.

Mr. FRASER proceeded to discuss the smendments proposed, and remarked that while some hon, gentlemen on the Opposition benehes favoured reduction in the sed by the hon, memb proposed by the hon. member from South Simeoe, they were the very men who favoured the increase. (Cries of "No. no.") This was unfair, and the endeavour to pass such a proposition in the form of a vote of want of confidence in the Government, was unfair and unmanly. The resolution of the hon. member for South Simcoe had been prepared by some one else and handed round to him to move.

Mr. PARKHILL—I move it for the purpose of carrying out a pledge I made to my constituency.

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Mr. FRASER defended the placing of the indemnity at \$800, on the ground that members of the Legislature were as well entitled to \$800 per session as the members of the Dominion Parliament were to \$1,000. And he hoped that members on both sides of the House would stand by one another and uphold the indemnity at the figure decided upon last session by the Legislature. egislature. The House adjourned at 7.45 p.m. TUESDAY, Jan. 14. THE ADDRESS.

Mr. FRASER resumed the debate on the Mr. FRANER resumed the debate on the address. He denied that it was one of the planks of the Reform party that Provincial Ministers should not interfere in Dominion political matters. (Mr. Crooks—Hear, hear.) He also denied that the ministerial hear.) He also denied that the ministerial salaries were increased on the understanding that Ministers should give their whole and undivided time to their Departments. All that was required was that the Ministers should give the time necessary for the conduct of public affairs to their Departments. The grounds of the statement that Ministers had departed from their pledges could only be the words of Mr. Blake in 1871. But Mr. Blake did not deny the Ministers as private citizens, the deny the Ministers, as private citizens, the right to take a part in Dominion politics; right to take a part in Dominion politics; nor did he propose—for he was still a member of both Houses—to close his own mouth in the Commons. All Mr. Blake proposed was a position of neutrality on the part of the Ontario Government as a Government; and not neutrality, necessarily, on the part of the members of the

overnment as individuals.

Mr. SCOTT said it would be impossible Mr. SCOTT said it would be impossible for him to discuss all the matters touched upon by the hon. gentleman who had just taken his seat. Netwithstanding the indisposition of that hon. gentleman, he had managed to deliver a speech of five hours' duration. (Laughter.) The hon. gentleman had congratulated the member for East Toronto, first in his narrow escape from defeat at the recent election, and secondly, because by his presence in the House he offered a standing argument against the position assumed by the Opposition in regard to the Attorney-General's descent from the bench. It did not at all seem to him that the two cases were analogous. The hon. Attorney-

General descended from the bench at the request of a political party, to take his stand in the political arena on the side of a party of whose fortunes it had been said he had never lost sight. The position of the hon, member for East Toronto was a party of whose fortunes it had been said he had never lost sight. The position of the had never lost sight. The position of the had never lost sight. The position of the had never lost and the hon. It is hon, friend did not descend from the bench to take a seat in this House, nor to mingle in political contests. He had never been approached with such an idea. He left the bench to take the high office of Lieutenant-Governor of one of our Provinces, and, after occupying the post for five years, his functions ceased by the lapse of time, and he returned to his native Province to take the ordinary part of a citizen in the discussion of its public affairs. (Cheers.) The hon. Commissioner of Public Works had, moreover, stated that the result of the East Toronto election was not so satisfactory to the Opposition as it was to the Government side of the House. He (Mr. Scott) would reply that from the constituencies of North Essex and South Simcoe a stronger expression of disapproval had been expressed of the Government in September last, so that the inference sought to be drawn from the result of the East Toronto election as to the veering round of public opinion by the hon. gentleman was net warranted. The hon. gentleman had apparently derived some consolation from the remarks of the hon. member for London, who had said he had expected to find in the address some allusion to the disposal of the surplus. The remarks of the