Mr. Pattullo Made a Capital Maiden Speech.

Mr. John Auld, the New Member for South Essex, Seconded the Address The Opposition Leader Speaks Patron Leader Baycock Gave Some Tally, But With Reserve-Kind Words for the Late Mr. Balfour Premier Bardy Talks About

the Changes in the Government. Toronto, Feb. 12. After the usual preliminary routine at the Provincial Legislature yesterday afternoon, Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition, interrogated the Government respecting the changes which had taken place in the Cabinet since the last session. He votced the desire of the general public, as well as the Opposition, in asking that the Attorney-General would favor the House with as full and complete information with as full and complete information of that destiny does not now nor will as migat be possible, having regard it ever look southwards. [Cheers.] to the circumstances in which he found himself placed. For some time past, since the acression of his honpower as leader of his party and the Government of the province, a great tured to assert that the high character, many rumors had been heard as to the wise leadership, tact and marvelous many rumors had been heard as to the wise leadership, tact and marvelous skill in constructive legislation of Sir Oliver had been productive of much ment wound be ahowed to live out the familiength or lits life, as limited by the law. To the personal knowledge of the speaker, statements have been made by the supporters and friends of the honorable hader that the general electrons are represented by the supporters and friends of the honorable hader that the general electrons with the legislation of Sir Oliver had been productive legislation of Sir Oliver had been produ nader that the general electhe counsel and conndence of honorable meinbers on the Government benches have given the statement a positive denial. It is a matter that interests the people, and if there is any doubt or uncertainty

General which appeared in The Globe newspaper a month or six weeks ago, in which the honorable gentisman denied any truth in the statement that the House was to be dissolved imme-diately after the next session. He asked for information on the question. The Attorney-General concurred in the views of the leader of the Opposition that if there is any explantion to be given to the people of the province upon the question referred to the present was an opportune time to give it. He did not know that he could add very much to what has already appeared in the newspapers with respect to the changes in the Government. Sir Oliver Mowat had been inwited to join Hon. Mr. Laurier's Cabi-net. He had accepted the call, was ap-

especting it the people are entitled to

and this required that he should vacate the seat which he had so long occupied in the House This change involved an almost en-

pointed to a position in the Senate,

changes that had laken place and they had, he ventured to assert, met with the approval of the country. He could not say that the acquistion of these new colleagues had in any sense changed the pelicy of the slavement, or that the policy of the slavement was affect of by the change

In regard to the other question, he had nothing to add to the statement in the interview, which his honorable friend had yread, and did not know that he cuid make it any court. He had been asked for a full and frank avowal and could not give any franker expression of the intentions of Government than that there was intention of dissolving the House intentions of the any earlier period than that at which in the curse of nature and its natural existence honorable gentlemen have a right to expect. He could not say that something might not arise withmained of its *natural existence was impossible for him to say anything further as to any necessity which may arise for dissolution. In conclusion, arise for dissolution. In conclusion he repeated the words of the interview that he knew of nothing which will interfere with the duration of this Par-Mament to its natural length.

A MAIDEN EFFORT.

Mr. Pattutio of North Oxford Bellvered an

The address in reply to the Speech a. Pattullo of North Oxford, who us comment as being given to the cons d expression and fluency of delivery was above the average upon such of casions. In opening brief aliusion was made to the history of the constituency, Which had given to public life such men as Sir Francis Hincks, Hon. George Brown, Hon, William Mc-Dougall and Sir Oliver Mowat. The universal sorrow which pervade throughout the province at the unfor-tunate illness of Lieutenant-Governor

BABY NEARLY DIED.

Sirs.-By baby was very bad with numer complaint, and I thought he sould die until I tried Dr. Fowler's attract of Wild Strawberry. With he first dose I noticed a change for he better, and now he is cured, and at and healthy.

MRS. A. NORMANDIN,

ted States constitute a people kindred in origin, in language, and should be kindred in thought, and sentiment, and linked together in bonds of perpetual friendship. There are some sinister influences at work which may possibly defeat the objects of those good and true men who have arranged the treaty, but whatever the result the people of England will have the proud consciousness of having done their consciousness of having done their duty and strained self-interest in order to do so. There is no good Canadian that does not desire peace and friend-liness between these nations, but it is

the destiny of Canada is now and al-ways will be in the hands of Canadian people, and the speaker for one, as a young Canadian, believed that the star Attention was next drawn to the fact that owing to the removal of Sir Oliver Mowat to another throne and perhaps a wider domain the political history of the Province was entering upon a new era. The speaker ventured to assert that the high character, June next; at any event, if not then, later in the year. On the other nand, later in the year. On the other nand, later in the year, later in the year is a connected to the policy is beyond the indications in the address. Having asserted that he spoke from the standpoint of an independent member of the House he declared that he was strongly of the opinion that the great work, the supreme duty of the Government and of the House for years to come, is in connection with that district. It did strike him that it is not so much a new policy that is wanted as a rapid and continuous development, extension and improvement of what the Government has already been doing. The establishment of a pioneer farm near Wabigoon had done much good. The first duty of the Government is to exert its influence and resources to the utmost to place "hardy" settlers as full information on the subject as can be reasonably given. The speaker quoted an interview with the Attorneyexert its influence and resources to the utmost to place "hardy" settlers in every part of New Ontario where

This change involved an almost entire reconstruction of the Executive Council. Sir Oliver resigned in the month of July, and next day he (the speaker) was honored with a request to accept the responsibility of forming a Ministry. He had invited all his old colleagues to remain with him and they accepted.

The death of the newly appointed Provincial Secretary, under circumstances which created a profound sorrow, was alluded to in fitting terms and a glowing tribute was paid to the abilities and character of the speaker's late colleague. The vacancy thus oreated was filled by the appointment of Hon. Mr. Davis. These were the changes that had taken place and they had, he ventured to assert, met with had, he ventured to assert met with a control of the first day of the Government, it was asserved, to start or promote a boom, and attention was called to the fact that the situation at Rat Portage and elsewhere had, he ventured to assert, met with him and the discovery of gold, and much as the discovery of gold, and much as the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be passed the claims of the original prospector would be realized as superior to the speculator. It was not the doubt of the Government, it was not the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be a country so much as the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be a country so much as the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be a country so much as the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be a country so much as the discovery of gold, and the hope expressed that in any tegislation which might be doubt and the hope expressed that in any tegislation

gions, which can only result in appointment
The recent demands upon the Federal Government from British Columbia for better railway facilities were referred to, and the fact was pointed referred to, and the fact was pointed out that New Ontario also has a claim upon the Federal treasury for the same facilities. New Ontario was pictured as the spinal column of Confederation, the Maritime Provinces as the head, Quebec and Ontario the heart and lungs and the limbs and feet belong to the West.

seconds the Address in Reply to the speech - Everything Lovely.

Mr. John Auld. South Essex, in seconding the reply, said he thought the Premier had made no mistake in choosing Mr. Pattuile to move the address in reply. The circumstances which had caused the speaker's entrance into the House were particularly painful to himself. The late Hon. Mr. Balfour and he had been partners in business for upwards of 25 years. The deceased was bard-working and raithful, and had served his constituency and his Province well. He was loved by Liberals and admired by Conservatives, and it ever there was a self-made man it was the late him.

A. J. Balfour. seemed strange, he added, not to see the face of Ontario's Grand Old Man present as in former years, but every one was pleased to know that he had been called to a sphere where his abilities would be given I gner scope. The cry of the Opposition had been "Mowat must go," but they did not dream of where he would go, they had not thought he would join the trio of Laurier, Mowat and Victory and sweep the Conservative party from power just June. No doubt the sattleand sweep the Conservative party from
power last June. No doubt the sattlecry now would be "Hardy must go,"
but if the last two bye-elections were
any criterion it did not look as though
his exit would be a hasty one.
Referring to the Speech from the
Throne Mr. Auld compared the plenty
in Canada with the famine in India.

throughout the province at the structurate libress of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick was fittingly expressed and a sheere wish for his speedy recovery and return to Ontario, where he and his good lady, to whom a graceful tribute was paid, would reselve a warm welcome.

Sir Casimir Gzowski's eminent services to Queer and state were the subject of a passing compliment, and subject of a passing compliment and sub

all of the reference is the Speech to the celebration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign was expected. The full significance of an instance for which no parallel existed in the annals of time could only be appreciated in the light of the full consideration of the events of that long reign, the vast extent of that long reign, the vast extent of that empire over which Her Majesty reigns, and her own character and influence as a mother and ruler. The speaker agiserted amid applause that all parties, races, creeds and classes are loyal, not only to the interests of Canada, but to the interests of Great Britain and devoted to the person of Her Majesty. Whatever there may be in the womb of destiny for this splendid Canada of ours, only one feeling seemed to pervade the people—that of catisfaction with our in-

stitutions, hope and confidence in the tuture, satisfaction with the ruier of the Empire, and universal loyalty toward the has of England and towards England's Queen.

It was especially fitting, in this connection, that an event of world-wide importance in the treaty of arbitration between the two great English speaking nations of the world should mark the year in which the celebration to which he referred occurred. If the treaty is productive of peace between Great Britain and the United States it will be a fitting climax to a long and glorious reign.

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Passing on Mr. Auid was also satisfied to know that the financial position of the Province was as good as ever. Concluding, he congratulated Mr. Whitney upon his elevation to the late County Councils Act. He thought it should be a matter of satisfaction to the Government to see how smoothly and satisfactorily the act was working. He believed that a similar bill, to reduce the membership of Town Councils, would also be a move in the right direction.

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The new member for South Essex sat down amid mingled laughter and applause, and was followed by the Opposition leader.

A VIGOROUS CRITICISM.

The Opposition Leader Criticizes the Past

Actton of the Government. Mr. Whitney was received with applause from the Opposition benches. in a brief but vigorous speech he cilticized the past action of the Government, and gave promise of interesting debates when the Opposition attack their policy in detail. After welcoming the mover and seconder of the address and congratulating them upon their speeches, taking up the reference by Mr. Auld to the legislation respecting County Councils, he declared that he had spoken to hundreds of electors from all portions of the province since it was passed by the House, and he had not yet found one who approved it was passed by the House, and he had not yet found one who approved of it. It had not reduced the cost, as the Government had claimed it would, and the honorabje gentleman was also and the honorable general and the honorable general as possible when he stated, that the people were satisfied with it. With regard to the winning of cases against the Dominion Government, were they not all the one people, of the same speech?

Why is that there was such jibling Why is it that there was such jibing and je ring at winning a case from their own brethren and people? Prob-ably now that Sir Oliver Mowat was in the Federal Government, he would dependent member of the House he now turn around and upset all these declared that he was strongly of the victories which he had won when At-

to the leadership of the Government and party settlers in every part of New Ontario where there are tracts of good land to be found. IThe speaker's reference to the class of settlers which were needed was received with much laughter by the House, the members accepting it as a pun, and it was some minutes before Mr. Pattullo saw the joke and applogized for not having seen the point earlier.]

The attention of the Dominion Government should be drawn to the fact that New Ontario is a part of Canada, and that a fair proportion of the expenditure and of the organized efforts of the Federal Government be devoted to Brigging desirable Immigrants into Ontario as the discovery of gold, and the responsibility cast aften the organized efforts of the responsibility cast aften the proposed of the forey was a well-deserved reward for past services. With regard to the mining industry, the Government should give more than careful consideration to its needs in order to encourage it and increase in opportunities of the people of this province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the propose of the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard to the province to benefit by their mineral resources. With regard t

thing be done to increase the facilities afforded in the Public school education. The education of 95 per cent. of the people commences and ends in the Public schools, and an improvement is absolutely necessary. In support of his contention he quoted from a speech of Mr. Pattullo during his campain which formed a concise, condensed ladictment of the Government is a speech of the concise condensed ladictment of the Government is a speech of the concept thing be done to increase the facilities

from. Mr. Haycock also tendered his hearty congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address.

MR. HARDY'S CONGRATULATIONS.

He Paid the Isnal Compliments to the Mover and Seconder.

Hon. A. S. Hardy arose to conclude the debate for the afternoon. He congratulated the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Speech. The two new members wie a decided acquisition to the House. He was pleased particularly with their references to New Ontario. There would be no greater task before the Legislature than the carrying out of the suggestions the andresses contained. He was gratified for the kinuty explainsions of passhal regard which air. whitney had bestowed upon brain, the also thanked Mr. Haycona, Inc. others, leader. He did not know which are might call the leader of the party ne saw opposite him. [Laugate...]
Mr. Whitney: There is a hypnen between us Hon. Mr. Hardy: Which, I take it,

is a bond of union.

Continuing, the Premier added his quota to the tributes already sestowed upon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. No one had ever filled the position better. The country had been pained to learn of his unfortunate state of healths and hoped to soon see him ratury healthy and vigorous. him return, healthy and vigorous.

The resolution endorsing the address in reply to the Speech from the Thr. was then adopted without a vote.

GOVERNMENT BILLS. The Attorney-General has given notice of the following motions: Bill respecting the fisheries of On-

Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the unorganized dis-Bill to reduce the number of councillors in towns.

Bill relating to contracts by married

Bill respecting wages and estates of deceased persons; and Bill relating to the audit of muni-

The Minister of Education will introduce a bill respecting technical schools, and also a bill to set apart certain of the wild lands of the Crown for the use of the University of To-Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) has bills re-

specting loan corporations and to regu-late the immigration into Ontario of certain classes of children.

Mr. Dryden will introduce bills to amend the Agricutural and Aris Acti to further improve the act respecting the Department of Agriculture, to im-prove the Trades Disputes Act 1824, and to amend the Municipal Act.

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MRS. A FORD.

Western Wing of Parliament Buildings Burned.

The Blaze Supposed to Have Been Caused by the Carelessness of a Clerk Who Was a Smoker-Hydrants Found to be Frozen and the Flames Went Merrily and the Fire Department Was Sadly Handicapped Beip Fr. a Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.-(Special.) - The. vorst fire which the Capital has had for many a long day is raging tonight, and as the result thereof the taxpayers of the Dominion will eventually have to meet a bill of a quarter

of a million dollars. At midnight to-night the entire roof of the Western Departmental building and offices on the fourth floor are in flames, the efforts of the Ottawa brigade being directed towards keeping the flames from descending to the

lower stories of the buildings. The only portion of the building which has escaped, with the exception of some water in the offices, is the Mackenzie wing from the big tower

In this portion of the building are the offices of the Departments of Railways and Canais and Inland Revenue The rooms burnt out were those occupied by the engineers' and architects staff of the Public Works Department including hundreds of valuable plans and records; certain offices occupied by some of the cierks of the Marine and Fisheries Department, and the en-tire offices of the Mounted Police De-

partment. All the offices below these, occupied by the Departments of Public Works, Marine and Fisheries, Mintia. Trade and Commerce and Customs are de-

and Commerce and Curvey and Control of the fluged with water.

The fire was first discovered on the fourth flat of the Public Works Department, and is supposed to have a control of the carelessness of one of

been caused by carelessness of one of the clerks, who had been smoking. For a long time the smell of smoke could be detected before its origin was discovered.

It unfortunately happened that the condagration broke out in the most conflagration broke out in the most vulnerable point of the whole build-

itself.

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The Patron leader was next heard from. Mr. Haycock also tendered his ment were clearing out furniture and efficis from the offices of the Minister and Deputy Minister.

Mr. Tarte was on deck and got all

his private papers out. When your correspondent entered the Minister's room with him at 5.15 p.m. water was room with him at 5.15 p.m. water was coming through the ceiling in torrents. Despite all efforts of the brigade, it seemed impossible to check the progress of the flames. The inflammable nature of the upper structure made if a ready prey, and the fire gradually worked round to the southwest corner of the building. Then it swang round of the building. Then it swung roun to the southern facade and licked its way along the roof eastward. Over the main south door there is a small tower, and it was thought at this point the fire would be confined, as there was supposed to be a fire wall rhutting off the draughting room of the Public Works Department from the Marine and Fisheries. But even this gave way and the flames gradually crept along to the southeast corner and then ran northerly the entire length of the wing which fronts on Parliament-rquare, consuming in its progress all the offices of the Mounted Police Department.

Thousands of people assembled or

Parliament Hill to see the magnificent sight. The Parliament Buildings and the Eastern Block were magnificently illuminated and the reflection could be seen for miles around.

As the Government carries no interest on the buildings in Ottows the

surance on its buildings in Ottawa the entire loss will fall on the country. It is believed \$100,000 might repair day's damage, but a wooden roof the building will never be tolerate and the general impression is the Government ernment will have to put on a meta one similar to that of Langevin block which is of iron and copper.

At 1 o'clock this morning the burn at 1 o clock this morning the oursing building presented a magnificant spectacle; the entire roof was still burning, but the freedoes not appear to have reached the storey below, except at one point in the Public Works Department, and here it appears to have been checked in one room. When the fire reached the Mounted Police Department the assembled crowd were Department the assembled crowd were startled by repeated popping of of ammunition. To check the conflagra-tion a portion of the roof on the south side of the building, equal to 60 square feet, was cut away, but nothing was gamed by it. Two-thirds of the records of the Public Works Department have been destroyed but the photographic nega-tives of different public buildings were

The original records of the C. P. R. with good judgment, the officers of the Militia, Merine and Fisheries, Trade and Commerce and Customs De-partments got their books, record-and papers either out of the buildings or into the vaults, so that, except for

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He Is anything wanting to make your happiness complete, my dear? She—Yes; about fourteen yards of silk at \$6 a yard.—Yonkers Statesman.

Miriam—Don't you think my new hat is a poem. Ned? Ned (critically) — From its height, dear, I should com-pare it instead to a short story)

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