FIRST SESSION--FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

The Speech from the Throne THE PROROGATION.

The Speaker took the chair at 11 a m. EXECUTION CREDITORS.

The bill to abolish priority of and among etion creditors was read the third time and pa An amendment proposed by Mr. Meredith, teffect that when a debtor makes an assignment goods in the sheriff's hands on an execution ab be released by the sheriff to the assignee on ment of his fees, was lost. THE EXEMPTION BILL

In Committee of the Whole,
Mr. MOWAT moved an amendment to his
Exemption Bill, providing that the personal property of railway, gas, water and road companies
should be exempt, tut that the income from the
shares should be taxed.
Mr. MSREDITH moved in amendment to the
amendment that the dividends of these companies
should be exempt, and the real and personal property taxed, with the exception of banks and
railways, the personal property of which was to be
exempt. railways, the personal property of which was to be exempt.

Mr. NEELON thought some measure of relief should be given vessel owners.

Mr. WOOD said it was too late in the session to take up that subject.

Mr. Meredith's amondment was lost, and Mr. Mowat's motion was then carried.

The provisions as to bonus by laws were midlified, so as not to come into force till the new year.

The section abolishing the grouping clause for railway aid purposes was made operative at once.

The Committee rose, and asked leave to sit again. The House adjourned at 1 pm.

Afterneen Session.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 p. m.

THE TAX EXEMPTION BILL.

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The House again went into Committee of the Whole on the Exemption bill.

Mr. GIBSON (Huron) moved in amendment the 7th section that the provision directing the limited assessment of farms, gardens, and nurserie in towns and villages, should not apply except in ages where such property exceeded ten acres.

Carried.

Mr. CALVIN moved an amendment providing that the indebtedness on personal property be deducted before taxing. (Cheers.)

Carried... The Committee rose and reported the bill as mended.

On the order for the third reading.

Mr. MERREDITH moved in amendment that the hauss providing that there shall be no deductions rom iscomes over \$1,000 be struck out.

The House divided, with the following result:— The House divided, with the following result:

YMAS—Messra Creighton, Fronch, Jelly, Kerv,
Lauder, Long, Meredith, Mertick, Metalie, Monk,
Morgan, Near, Parkhill, Sinclair, White, Young—16.

NATS—Messrs Awrey, Badgerow, Bell, Biezard,
Broder, Calvin, Cascaden, Chisholm, Orooks, Field,
Freeman, Gibson (Huron), Graham, Harcourt,
Hardy, Hawley, Hay, Laidlaw, Livingston, Lyon,
McCraney, McKim, Mowat, Nairn, Neelon, Pardee,
Patterson, Paxton, Peck, Robinson (Cardwell),
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Mr. MSREDITH moved in amendment that the bill be recommitted, with instructions to strike out the provisions for exempting personal property of companies investing the whole or part of their means in gas and water works, and plank or gravel roads, and also for making the increase derived from the stock liable to taxation.

Mr. Mowal said that the effect of the amendment of the hon. member for Frontonac would be to make a great difference in the assessment of our municipalities by exempting the indebtedness on all kinds of gersonal property. There had been no agitation for this provision, and he thought it would be tinwise to pass it.

Mr. WOOD accordingly moved the recommittal of the bill for the purpose of striking out the clause Mr. MEREDITH said that when the circular on the exemption question was sent out to the municipalities, not a single city reported in favour of taxing the indebtedness of personal property. He hoped the House would not stullify itself by revoking what it had done.

Mr. MLLER said it was the general practice in cities, towns and villages to do the very thing that Mr. Calvin's clause proposed. He regretted, therefore, that the Government had not left this to be an open question.

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open question.

Mr. CALVIN said it was an unjust law to tax the indebtedness, and the people would not observe it if the Government insisted on retaining it. He hoped the Attorney-General would consent to try the effect

of his clause.

The House divided, and the amendment of Mr. YEAS—Mossrs. Appleby, Awrey, Badgerow, Bal-lantyne, Biozard, Cascaden, Chisbolm, Crooks, Field, Gibson (Huron), Graham, Harcourt, Hardy, Hawley, Lididaw, Livingston, Lyon, McCraney, Mowat, Pardee, Patterson, Parton, Peck, Bobinson (Cardwell), Rebisson (Kant), Singlair, Sardnesen Waters, Watterworth, Weils, Waters, Waterworth, Weils, Waters, Waterworth, Weils, Water, Calvin, Creighton, Nays-Messra. Bell, Broder, Calvin, Creighton, French, Hay, Jelly, Kerr, Lauder, Long, Meredith, Metcalfe, Miller, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Near, Neelon, Parknill, White, Wigle—21.

FRIDAY, March 5. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS. Hon, Mr. MORRIS asked if it was the intention of the Government to invite plans from the various architects for the new Parliament buildings.

Mr. MOWAT said his present intention

was not to invite competition for plans, although an architect other than that of the Department might be consulted. THE EXEMPTION BILL.

The original exemption bill having been passed with some slight mistake in the language, Mr. Mowat re-introduced it in a corrected form. It was carried through

the various stages and passed. The House then adjourned. THE PROROGATION.

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THE PROROGATION.

At three o'clock his Honour the Lieut.Governor, accompanied by Commander
Law, A. D. C., drove down to the Legislature, where he was received by a guard of
honour furnished by the Queen's Own
Rifles, and was greeted by a salute fired by
the Field Battery. The galieries of the
Chamber were well filled, and on the floor
were the Misses Macdonald, Mrs. Morris
and Miss Morris, Mrs. Mackersie, the
Lord Bishop of Toronto, Vicar-General
Rooney, Vice-Chancellor Sprage and the
Members of the Heuse.

His HONOUR was then pleased to give
his assent to the following bills:—
Act to provide for the amalgamation of
the City Gas Company and the City Steam
Heating Company of London, Ontario, and
to extend the powers of the amalgamated
companies.

Act to incorporate the Bayfield and
South Huron Railway Company.
Act to provide for the division of the
English Loan Company, and to amend the
charter thereof.
Act respecting water works for the town
of Wingham.
Act to incorporate the Southern Fire Insurance Company.
Act to amend the several Acts relating
to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway.
Act to incorporate the Southern Fire Insurance Company.
Act to amend the Acts respecting the
Presbyterian coagregation of Lobo, known
a Melville church, to sell certain lands.
Act to incorporate the Port Rowan and
Lake Shore Railway Company.
Act to amend the Acts respecting the
Prince Edward County Railway Company.
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Act to confirm a certain by-law of the Town of Owen Sound.

Act to amend the Acts incorporating the North Simcoe Railway Company.

Act respecting the Grand Junction Railway Company.

Act respecting the Stratford and Huron, and the Port Dever and Lake Huron Railway Companies.

Act respecting the Sisters of Saint Joseph, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton.

Act respecting the construction of a branch of the Belleville and North Hastings railway to the Village of Tweed.

Act respecting the Toronto and Ottawa Railway Company.

Act to amend the Act incorporating Alma College.

Act to enable the trustees of St. Andrews' church, Chatham, to raise ten thousand dollars to build a church, and for other purposes.

Act to legalize certain by-laws of the town of Orillia, and of the County of Simcoe.

Act to incorporate the Grand Ontario Central Railway Company.

Act to amend the Acts relating to the Credit Valley Railway Company.

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the author of the Moscow attempt morning however, he was set at His liberation was due to the decis Council of Ministers held in the f

lentity and participation not prov result gives general satisfaction, lieves the Ministry from a great hility. As soon as the prisoner wa liberty, he was conducted to Dies crossed to London this evening.

UNWELCOME VISITORS. The Figure states that M. Mc

A POLITICAL ISHMARLITE.

Arch-agitator.

[BY CARLE TO THE MAIL.]

PARIS, Ma

had an old man over seventy year to do with students?" you may very little to be sure, but he much to do with the Hartmann agits M. Blanqui is always ready for a qu with the administrators of the law, wh Republicans or Monarchists. From appearance, nobody would suspect fierce unflamable fires smoulder in the agitator's heart. Forty years of imp ment have been powerless to que them. He is a political Ishmaelite, hand is against every man, and man's hand is against every man, and man's hand is against him. It was on to see the aged rebel at the mee Amid the tempest which raged arhim, he sat perfectly calm. More once the rush of students threaten bury him under the ruins of the comm table. Half choked with dust, deaf by the uproar, he yet refused the gls water which I offered him. He we fain have declined the escort which fo his way out of the room for him. HALF AN HOUR WITH THE OLD DEMAGE The day after the meeting I calle the old demagogue, and had half an half with him. In private life he slittle aign of a turbulent or sanguinature. I found him in a little back of an humble building on the Boule Mont Parnasse. The room was very hundreds of cottage parlours in Eag It was furnished in the simplest fas with cheap engravings on the walls. It was furnished in the simplest fast with cheap engravings on the walls, a rough print of the Republic, typified female with a cap of liberty, hung the mantelpiece. A little old man, for and bent, sat behind the fire, appare lost in thought. He had white hair whiskers, and something innocent sides in look and manner. You make faucied him a plain, well-to-do sant, with a love of established order, a becoming respect for Monsieur le Milt was not easy to get much talk or him, and it was difficult to hear what did say. He has lost the voice fire that made him a power the. Revolutionary Clubs of I When I called he was evidently about go out, for he had on a huge pair of When I called he was evidently about go out, for he had on a huge pair of cloth gloves. More, I noticed a bulled by the second of the Gamp pattern, a very bad hat on the mantelpiece. hardly acknowledged my considerate quiry whether he had recovered from amotions of the previous night. "I no emotions worth mentioning to record from," said M. Blanqui, coldly. I ahim if he knew Hartmann. "No," said He was not convinced that the man had been arrested was Hartmann. It all the same if he were, Banqui prote against the arrest of any man.

A HATER OF KINGS, CHRISTIANS. AND IN-A HATER OF KINGS, CHRISTIANS, AND IN

I need not give our conversation in ext I need not give euronversation in exterm. Blanqui was studiously guarded on important subjects. He was talkative of when the topic was indifferent. Evides the memory of that interview in private the orrespondent of the I don Times still rankled in his mi "What was the truth about interview," said I. "Why," he plied, "M. de Blowitz called stopped for about half an hour. I very little. He said a great deal. He was romance out of the conversation. a romance out of the conversation.

journalists always fancy that you are given bear wonders. journalists always fancy that you are go to hear wonders when you call on peop Briefly. M. Blanqui has no reverence anything. He despises the present Fra Government, which, he thinks, will soon lead France to a monarchy, or be staway with much besides. He hopes a century hence there will be no kings Christians, and no interviewers. He that Nihilism grew out of the religioustics of a Russian religious sect, a tising self-mutilation. tising self-mutilation.

"Well," said M. Blanqui, with a to of sarcasm, as I rose to go, "you have get much out of me."

"No," said I, "but I have seen so thing of your private life, which is a wanted."

DIPLOMACY ON THREE WHEELS. Prince Hohenlohe met with an acci Thursday, which would have some turbed the arrangements of M