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HON. E. J. DAVIS, x

In the Legislature.

AN ARRAY OF FACTS AND FIGURES

In the Ontario Legislature, on March 24th, 1897, the Opposition moved the following resolution, which, after having been debated at considerable length, was voted down by the handsome majority of 23:

"That this House is of the opinion that the Tender System "of purchasing Supplies for the Public Institutions of the Province, and for the Stationery required for the public use, "should be adopted in lieu of the system at present carried on."

Several of the public institutions of the Province being under the administration of Hon. E. J. Davis, as Provincial Secretary, he, in a speech in reply, went somewhat fully into an enunciation of the Government's policy in connection with the purchase of supplies. On rising, Mr. Davis was greeted with applause. He said:—

Mr. Speaker:—The resolution moved by my hon. friend is not a new one altogether in this House. We have discussed its merits on more than one occasion, but I find in the resolution we are now asked to support some variations from the resolutions of the past. The last clause is new; and I wish to say there is a principle involved in this resolution—a principle that I think the House and the country ought to have the fullest possible information upon, and I propose, realizing this prin-

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