

as the Administration of Justice is concerned, have become synonymous terms.

### **BENEFICENT MEASURES.**

The ballot in elections, improved methods of conducting elections, sensible provisions for disposing of disputed elections, the law for settling at rest forever the Municipal Loan Fund difficulties, numerous Acts relating to labor, the Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Law, the Employers' Liability Act, the Factory Act, the Shops Regulation Act, the Railway Accidents' Act, Acts for facilitating the adjustment of disputes between masters and workmen and the settlement of industrial disputes of a general nature, providing for Councils and conciliation, law for the Registration of Voters: all are illustrations of how fortunate the Liberal Government has been in giving to the people measures, which they were prepared to receive and which they have accepted with satisfaction.

In this age of Benefit Societies what could have been more timely than our Insurance Corporations Act of 1893? In Massachusetts and other States the legitimate benefit societies were being swamped by the endless varieties of fake concerns, which unscrupulous adventurers were organizing and, which, day by day, were springing up, resulting in a general crash and the loss of millions of dollars by the poor wage earner. What legislation could have been better timed than the Ontario Act of 1890 stopping the further incorporation of these societies here and the Act of 1892 requiring all such societies, whether home or foreign, to comply with certain conditions and register in the Department at Toronto?

### **PRACTICAL PRAISE.**

Much of our legislation has been copied by other Provinces and by state legislatures, which is the best testimony that we have been sensible as well as progressive. At the same time, there has been a complete absence of anything like a clamor or demand for the repeal of any of the laws we have enacted, which also is conclusive evidence of the people's general approval.

Laws relating to educational matters have, within the last ten years been thoroughly revised. Laws, affecting the interests of farmers and the great agricultural industries of the Province, have been enacted and generally approved by the people. An evening might be taken up in the discussion alone of these matters.

### **GOOD ROADS.**

During the past session a measure, relating to good roads was passed through the House under the personal supervision and guidance of the Premier which is likely to produce most beneficial and lasting results. If the Province, by a contribution of one million dollars, shall have succeeded in stimulating the municipalities generally to a policy of action in improving the condition of our country roads, the final abolition of the last relics of toll gate mediævalism, and the adoption of modern methods of road construction, the Premier, personally, will have earned the gratitude of the pub-