

REPORT OF A SPEECH
DELIVERED BY
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AT THE
REFORM DEMONSTRATION,

Toronto, June 29th, 1889.

At the annual demonstration in connection with the Toronto Reform Association, held at the Exhibition grounds, on Saturday, June 29th, 1889, SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, as Chairman, introduced the Minister of Education to an immense gathering of enthusiastic Reformers. When the hearty applause which greeted his appearance had subsided, HON. G. W. ROSS said :—

One of the greatest responsibilities resting upon the Government of the day is to submit annually for the approval of Parliament such legislation as will contribute to the development of the country, the better administration of justice and the promotion of public morality. In the discharge of this duty, the Government of which I have the honor to be a member has modified the municipal laws of the Province, the laws with respect to property and civil rights—in fact all the laws coming within the constitutional limitations of the Provincial Assembly. It has neither permitted a revolutionary radicalism to accelerate unduly the wheels of legislation, nor allowed slow-paced Conservatism to retard their progress. You may examine if you choose the Revised Statutes from beginning to end, and I venture to say you can scarcely find a single page that does not testify to the fact that the Government recognized its first duty to be to keep pace with the