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Washington, Jan. 9.—It is understood that Mr. Spencer Eddy, who has been acting as United States charge of legation at Constantinople, is about

#### SUBMIT IT

That is What Premier Roblin Litends to do With Manitoba Prohibition Act.

Winnipeg, Man. Jan. 9 .- Mr. Roblin stated this morning that the Govent should and would hold a referendum on the putting into force of the Liquor Act. "That is what the government thinks also," said the Premier; "and in my interview on Monday I plainly led up to that conclusion, and I was so understood b many.

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Mr. Roblin's attention was called to his reference on Monday to the imporatnee of action by Ontario. "I believe what I said of the importance of co-operation," he replied, "and the action Ontario takes, will have a great effect in facilitating or otherwise the operation of the Act in Manitoba. If Ontario is going to take action, it would be in the best interests of all concerned for this to be known before anything is done in Manitoba."

"But you will not want longer than

#### WHITNEY'S POINTED CRITICISMS OF SPEECH FROM THRONE

Several Significant Omissions-Government Warned That Opposition Will not Swallow Measures Introduced at End of Session.

islature can now get down to business, I address was this afternoon dis-

THE DATE OF THE ELECTIONS. At the conclusion of the debate today Mr. Whitney said different sugtions had been thrown out as to date of the general election. Some of the papers of both parties had would take place immediately after the session. He wanted to know if the Premier could say anything April and May, he argued, were immonths for a general election. The Premier replied that the question not yet been disposed of by his leagues and he could not say anydefinite. Perhaps at a later age in the session he might be able

THE RAILWAY GRANTS.

Mr. Whitney said the Opposition lown early, for the Opposition had made up its mind that it would pass no more grants in the last 48 hours of make investigation. The length of the ession also depended on the nature of the bill which the Government inroduced to increase the representa-

tion of the House the throne, expressed the view that if Canadians were badly governed it was their own fault. The natural fault of Canadians was that they were too pessimistic and too much given to grumbling. Dealing with the development of New Ontario, he said the Niagara peninsula was finding a market for fruit there. In his constituency they had one of the seven wonders of the world, Niagara Falls, and they would shortly have the eighth. they would shortly have the eighth. had no coal within her borders, but this handicap would be remedied by power to generate electricity. He described minutely the great electrical power works on the American side of the Falls, and claimed that the experiment there would enable a similar enterprise to be established on the Canadian side with a relatively smaller outlay of capital. At the present rate of progress the power generated at Niagara would within 10 years turn every wheel in Toronto and other cities of the Province. In onnection with this development, he advocated the promotion of technical education. As to prohibition there were two questions. Should the Legislature enact and put in force a pro-hibitory law or should there be a referendum? This raised the further question as to whether there should be compensation for those in the liquor business. In any event the issue was an important one and should not be made a political foot ball. "I not be made a postrical foot ball. "I hope the coming provincial campaign will be short and decisive," concluded Mr. Gross. "Let us hope it will be a dean and honest one." "Hear, hear," from the Opposition benches.

Mr. Whitney was greeted with prolonged applause by the Opposition members. He began by asking why no reason had been given for calling no reason had been given for calling the Legislature together at so incon-venient a period of the year. Was it a desire to avoid the consequences of the fearful and wonderful legislation passed last session for the purpose of prolonging the life of the Legislatures Hear, hear. He believed it was, and he thought the Minister of Justice of mother country, he was sorry that was called any contingent had been sent collect ment of New Ontario. He took them up seriatim and showed they all had practically fallen to the ground. Mr. Gross, he said, had referred to an election in West Huron since the last session to find out what Ontario intendit o do?"

"Certainly not," answered Mr. Roblin, "The enforcement of the Act will be submitted to the will of the people as soon as possible after the close of the session. Provision will be made for this at the coming session of the legislature, but, as I said before, the government will not alter the Act in any way."

Give the child a good time. There will come a day when even a pleasant remembrance will be a precious possession, and joyous memories are born in youth.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—The Ontario Leg- ; that the Government would not redistribute the seats so as to conter an unfair party advantage in any other portion of the province. Hear, hear. He noticed that no illusion had been made in the debate to the North Waterloo and West. Elgin election iniquities. Liberal laughter. Honorable gentlemen opposite did not like to hear about this, but the Opposition would genter be silent as long as the perpeabout this, but the Opposition would never be silent so long as the perpe-trators of these crimes remained un-punished. Loud cheers. Mr. Whit-ney noticed the absence of any referney noticed the absence of any reference in the speech to the remarkable occurrences in West Elgin and Water-loo. Opposition applause. Jeers from the Government side. The Government, bowever, might as well make up their minds that until the great wrong which had been done—and the ministers would do themselves greatly more credit if they treated it in a more

ministers would do themselves greatly more credit if they treated it in a more serious manner—until something had been done to efface the marks of disgrace on the political history of the province, the perpetrators of which had been protected and shielded by gentlemen opposite, the Opposition in this House would never be silent on that nestion on every possible occathis House would never be sitent on that question on every possible occasion. Mr. Whitney resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Hon. G. W. Ross, at the outset, denied that he had received any official or unofficial communication from the Minister of Justice that the Act man.

Minister of Justice that the Act pe ed last session extenting the life of Parliament was unconstitutional. He (Mr. Ross) that taken pains to enquire into the question of constitutionality, and had consulted Sir John Bourinot, who had replied that the Act was in no sense at variance with safe con-stitutional government. The Premier, continuing, said the Ontario cash bal-DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Mr. Gross (Welland), in moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne, expressed the view that if Canadians were badly governed it was cash balance. The Opposition for instance of the cash balance last year, while now; it was \$1,300,000. But if the Opposition had had their way there would be so cash balance. The Opposition for instance cash balance. cash balance. The Opposition, for instance, had endeavored to have cut in two revenues from the succession duties. Had the Opposition's policy been followed the Government would have had no money for good roads, for the bounty on sugar, for the development of New Ontario. The Government may not have been successful in hav-ing Canadian nickel used by the Britvast nickel deposits of this country vast nickel deposits of this country, and they had got the nickel mines developed to an enormous extent. And then as to cold storage, the Government had succeeded in drawign the at-tention of the country to the advantages of cold storage. A British re-mount station had not been established in Ontario, but the action of the Government had been responsible to some extent for the fact that 8,000 horses had been purchased in the Dominion for the Imperial army. As to Mr. Dryden's Dakota ranch, he had yet to learn that It was an offence against any law for a man to invest his money in an enterprise in another country.
If that were the case then the Americans had greatly sinned in investing money in our nickel mines. They would find offenders all through the city of Toronto. Referring to the scrap iron bungle, Mr. Ross said the intentions of the Government last session were honest. They wanted to sion were honest. They wanted to abolish the scrap iron assessment, and they did not know yet that they had failed—judges differed. If they had failed they would try again; if they had succeeded and the law stood the test of the court of appeal, the deed was done, thanks to the assistance of the Municipal Association of Ontario, whose recommendation had been followed, when the Government passed the act law session. "This Govern Mr. Mutrie (Wellington), seconded

the act last session. "This Government will never be convicted of false pretences," said Mr. Ross, and the Opposition laughed. The Premier asserted that the Ontario Government had done more to investigate election corruption and punish offenders than any government in the history of the country. The scream of corrupt practices had lost its force. Since 1898 there had

Canada deserved the thanks of the people of the Dominion for notifying the Government of Ontario that its bill was simply a monstrous attempt to defy the provisions of the British North America Act. Opposition cheers. As to the aid rendered the any contingent had been sent collect on delivery. Mr. Whitney took up the various points of the official pro-gramme put forward by the Ross Government—the development of the nickel industry for British naval pur-poses, the establishment of a dressed beef industry, the cold storage and the drainage schemes and the develop-ment of New Ontario. He took them up seriatim and showed they all had practically fallen to the ground. Mr. been twenty-four by-elections, and the Government had carried seventeen—four of them by acclamation. The electorate evidently believed that they were more likely to get honest elections under a Liberal regime than under gentlemen opposite.

The address was then adopted and the House adjourned until Monday.

THE WALLA-WALLA DISASTER.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 9 .- The official investigation into the cause of the collision between the steamer Walla Walla and the French bark Max, off Cape Mendocino, last Thurs-day was commenced to-day before the local inspectors. Capt. Benoist, of the cident his mate was on watch. There lights of a steamer on the starboard ing the light of Cape Mendocino and those of the steamer he went into his cabin to dress. While he was so engaged the collision occurred. The lights of his room were burning brightly. Immediately after the filling rapidly he was too busy in issuing orders for the closing of the compartments to pay any attention to the other vessel. He ordered a torch lit to show the steamer where he was, but not seeing anything of the latter 15 minutes after the accident he con-



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