PREMIER SORRY

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Address to Premier.

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W. S. Herrington, secretary of the Lennox Reform Association, read an address to the premier.

"You have in your private life," the address read, "set a worthy example to all classes and creeds, and have won for yourself the love and esteem of all who have been privileged to know you. Your public life has been equally pure and praiseworthy, and I wish to assure you that the scurrilous attacks that at the present time are being so unjustly made against you, have but aroused the indignation of the better class of the community. We admire the manly attitude that you have pursued and are proud of the fact that you have declined to resort to the species of warfare that has been waged against you."

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Premier's Speech. Premier's Speech.

The premier, when he arose, was presented with a bouquet by a sweet little lass. It allays, he said, in acknowledging the address and the bouquet, the tortures of public life to have pleasant things said about you. Some unpleasant things have been said about me. I don't worry much about that—it is a part of the game, and I would not give my opponents the satisfaction of thinking they worried me, even if they did.

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"Mr. Madole had given his ideas on some matters. We give the members considerable latitude," Mr. Ross said, "We have hone of them in strait jacket. It is the glory of the Libera! Party that it has given liberty of speech to those inside as well as out." Referring to the bringing on of the elections at this time, Mr. Ross observed. "We trust the people. We have been the victims of scandal, hard things have been said of us, but on Jan. 25 we shall know whether we have the public confidence. I don't want to stand as the leader of a party that is stag sering under a weak majority, the government should have a majority of the whole people at its back.

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The premier said he proposed to discuss some of the political gossip that has been going about, and at Barrie on Friday night he would discuss 'he new Liberal platform. It was said that the Liberal party had been in power too long. The party was pictured as an old war horse 32 years in the saddle, but he was as good a war horse now as he was when the saddle was first on him—a horse that had never lost a Derby yet, tho now and then he may have had a tumble in a steeplechase. The opposition horse had also been in the saddle 32 years, and had never won a race yet, tho he had had a good many jockeys.

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The premier named the successive leaders of the opposition. Marter was the jockey a year and a half and was forced to retire; he had too much prohibition in him. Mr. Whitney had a scheme to groom the opposition horse with men such as Gamey and Dr. Beattle Nesbitt, who said Mr. Ross had not the capacity to legislate usefully or efficiently. There had been scandals during the Conservative administration at Ottawa, when they were in power for 18 years. It was then time for a change. The Liberals were able to make out a good case when they said that in 1896. The premier then referred to the Curran bridge scandal, the McGreevy scandal and some others that had been charged agains, the Conservative party in the Dominion.

Opposition Deserves Some Credit.

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He gave the opposition in the legis lature credit for some resolutions tha had good in them, but they had shown no constructive ability. They had beer obstructive rather than constructive The wonderful resources of the province were also touched on—statistics being quoted to show what the province possessed. The opposition was short-sighted in failing to rise to the importance of the resources of Ontario, Mr. Whit of the resources of Ontario, Mr. Whit-ney had opposed the appointment of a minister of agriculture. If that was the spirit, the people wanted there would be a change. Ontario was as large as a number of other countries Mr. Ross

Mr. Whitney had opposed the government aid to the Soo industries. Mr. Ross said he had set himself to work to make Canada independent of the United States Steel Trust of the furnaces of Belgium and Germany, and for that matter, of Great Britain, in the manufacture of steel rails. He was proud of what the government had done in that very tedious and trouble-some matter of legislation. They had come to that turn in the road where if the government did not assist these industries, they would have been sacri ficed to the millionaires of Wall-street, To-day the industries employ 4000 men and pay in wages a million dollars a year. They are earning six million a year, and have paid the first instal-ment interest on the bonds.

Corruption Charges. Mr. Ross did not want to belong t a government that did not catch the echo of Canadian sentiment, and if Mr. Whitney did not measure up to the standard, the people should not make a change. "And now I am coming to the point where the mercury rises it 130 in the shade," the premier said, as he answered the charge of corruption he answered the charge of the Conservatives had proved no cor ruption against the government. They had proved some corruption agains Liberals, and were holding the govern-

ment responsible.
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"that I should be held responsible for the acts of 220,000 Liberal voters, do you mean to say that the head of a

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tion 277 persons had been reported for corrupt practices, and the prosecutions began when the speaker came into officer. He had prosecuted about 47 of these men.

Mr. Ross explained the failure to prosucute the men in the Soo in this way. The Conservative party had instituted the prosecution, and if they had left it to the government these men would have been tried before this. It was stated that the regular counsel for the government, Mr. Watson, had defended these men, but Mr. Watson was in the Soo on his private business, was asked to take the case and was paid by the men accused. The whole fallure of justice was due to the hase of the Conservatives. The premier held up his hands in horror at the idea of Mr. Monk, the Quebec Conservative leader, sending a Frenchman named Mareault to beat the government at the Soo.

The story of the Minnie M. was told, but in abbreviated form. First, Mr. Ross said the name Minnie M. stood for Minnie Miscampbell, a fit object to carry a load of personators. Some foolish people took this Minnie M. to Michipicoton, he said, and he was very sorry for it, but the government should not be held responsible for it. He defended the attorney-general for refusing to heed the warning sent him regarding the trip of the Minnie M., because every Liberal at the Soo meeting scoffed at the idea.

Bogus Ballot Boxes.

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The premier went back to the "brawling brood of bribers," and then came down to the conspiracy with which he said Mr. Blair, Mr. Graham and others were identified to buy twenty Liberal nembers in order that this corrupt gang should get their hands on the funds that will be required to build the G. T. P.

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The bogus ballot box case was referred to and the premier took the opportunity to say that Mr. Vance was at the investigation to swear that he never had one of the ballot boxes in his possession, and the magistrate was not fair enough to call him. "I don't say we are perfect," Mr. Ross went on, "there's no mere man perfect since the fall, but I want to say to the opposition that no language of mine will be spared to expose the arrant hypocrisy of the men who claim the government benches on the ground of electoral purity.

A Stolen Platform.

The platform adopted by the Con-

The platform adopted by the Con-cervative conference was largely stolen from the Liberal party, the premier said. As to the declaration in favor of public ownership, the Liberal party and been in favor of this for fifty years.

had been in favor of this for fifty years. The resolution on temperance was as colorless as a white ray of light, but not so pure, and might be passed by the inmates of the Central.

The premier brought his address to a close by a quotation from Robert Burns. Jan. 25 was a day dear to Scotland, it being the anniversary of the birthday of Burns. That made the day all the brighter, said he, and it suggested the democratic character of the Ontario government. "Who will not sing "God Save the King," let him hang as high

government, "Who will not sing God Save the King,' let him hang as high as the steeple, but while we sing God Save the King' let's not forget the

BRITT THE VICTOR Continued From Page 1.

nt to close quarters, and Britt missed left for the jaw and blocked two at-npts by Nelson for the jaw with right d lefts. Britt swung his left hard to the jaw, and then sent in two straight lefts to the face and a left hook to the body. However, Nelson kept boring in, but he seemed unable to find the shifty Britt's vulnerable spot. It was Britt's round

Britt backed away and they fought to close quarters. Britt missed his left to the body and then shot left to the face. Nelson went after. Britt with right and left swings, but the local lad danced out of harm's way. Nelson then caught Britt with left and right swings to the face. Nelson backed away and tried his left hook twice for the body, but was unsuccessful. Britt jabbed twice with the left to the face, but Nelson brought his left and right to the jaw. A furious rally ensued, Nelson sending Britt back with right swing to the jaw, and Britt retaliating with several straight jabs to the face. Nelson fought wildly, and slipped to the floor from a misdirected swing. The gong found both men hammering away desperately at each other. It was Nelson's round. Round Eight.

Round Nine.

They at once worked to a clinch and in mixing it both falled to land. Britt then shot two lefts to the face and followed it with three similar blows with great rapidity, but the Dane then gave Britt no chance to rest. Nelson then put a stiff left under Britt's heart. A left by Britt caught Nelson on the top of the head. They exchanged lefts to the head. Nelson forced Britt about the ring, landing left to the body and right and left swings to the jaw. Britt broke ground, looking anxious. Britt kept cool, however, and hooked his left to the body and two lefts to the face. They then fought furiously, Nelson forcing Britt to the ropes as the gong rang. Nelson was very aggressive, and Britt looked worried as he went to his seat. Nelson's round.

Round Ten.

Britt missed two lefts for the face, Nelson kept right after Britt, foreing him to break ground, but did not land. Nelson then worked his left and right to the head, but was met bya vicious left to the jaw. Britt missed a similar attempt and they went to close quarters, Nelson putting short arm rights and lefts to Britt's face. Both then missed straight lefts to the jaw. Nelson forced Britt to a corner, landling a chopp yright to the jaw, and they clinched. Nelson then sent Britt to the ropes with a straight right swing and kept ham ering away fierely at the Californian's head and body with right and left swings. Britt rallied as the gong rang, but was unable to overcome the lead secured by Nelson. Britt again looked worried. Nelson's round.

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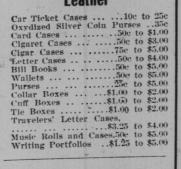
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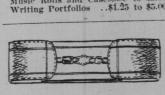
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