

## ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THE Legislature of the Province of Ontario is to be called together for the de-patch of business on the 3rd of November next. Quite a number of important Government measures are to be brought before the Legislature, among them the new School Bill, but very little has yet transpired as to their character and provisions. We observe that quite a number of Private Bills are to be asked for, and some of them of very considerable importance. Acts of Incorporation are to be applied for by the Ontario Peat Company, the Mississippi Mining and Navigation Company, the Toronto House Building Association, the Scuggog Land Drainage Company, the Primitive Methodist Conference of Ontario, the Toronto Wharf and Warehousing Company, and the Nazary Institute at Chatham. One Railway Company will ask for a charter, and that is to construct a line from "some point on the St. Clair River, between the village of Mooretown and Baby's Point, passing through or near the town of St. Thomas, to some point on the Niagara River, between Fort Erie and near the foot of Grand Island." This line is promoted by a number of wealthy Americans, who desire another line between Detroit and Buffalo. It is intended, to run out from Detroit to New Baltimore in the same State, and then take a direct line through Canada to Buffalo. Some of the gentlemen favouring this new road are known to be wealthy and highly respectable, and the project meets with considerable favour. The Erie and Niagara Extension Railway Company intend to ask the Legislature to amend their charter, so that they may make their road to the St. Clair River, and the Toronto and Nipissing, and the Port Hope Lindsay and Beaverton Companies, will also solicit changes in the Acts incorporating them. Emanuel Thomas Essery intends to apply for an Act, authorizing his call to the bar of Ontario. Several churches appear to require legislation. The trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Warwick, ask for power to sell a certain park lot, the Presbyterian Church, of the township of Finch, asks also for similar powers; and also the Hamilton McNab Street Wesleyan Church. The township of Marysburg, county of Prince Edward, asks to be divided into two municipalities, and certain townships in Northumberland and Simcoe desire to be set apart as new counties. Acts to confirm certain surveys of lands will be submitted on behalf of the town of Chatham, and the township of Portland, in Frontenac. The town of Woodstock will apply for an Act to permit the County Council of Oxford, to use the free Fair grounds, originally granted by the Crown, for other purposes besides fairs, and Mr. D. A. MacDonald, of Glengarry, desires to be allowed to excavate canals, ditches, build dams, and make such other improvements as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining by such means a supply of water from Loch (or Lake) Garry, in the township of Lennox, for the use of the Alexandria Mills, in the township of Lochiel, in the county of Glengarry. These are among the private measures which will come before the Ontario Legislature at the approaching session, but there will doubtless yet be very many more. The number of Private Bills which come before the Local Houses are far more numerous than those applied for from the Dominion Parliament. If our memory is not astray there were over one hundred Bills applied for from the Ontario Legislature last Session. Of course, a large number of those failed to pass through the House from one cause or another, but still a large proportion of them became law. In fact, fault has been found with the multiplicity of Bills, and there is every likelihood that the coming Session will be quite as prolific in this respect as any which has preceded it.

## ON THE WING FOR RED RIVER!

BY the time this appears in print, the Hon William McDougall will probably be en route for Fort Garry, as the first Lieutenant Governor of Red River. The honorable gentleman has already taken leave of his constituents, and his resignation of his seat for the South Riding of Lanark is understood to have been sent to Mr. Speaker or whoever is the proper officer to receive it. His establishment at Ottawa has been broken up, and if he has not already started for the North-West, the delay is only to complete arrangements which may be necessary.

The Imperial proclamation formally handing over the North-West to the Dominion Government, has not been issued, but we may now expect the Atlantic cable to announce almost any day that the document

has been published, as it is understood that arrangements have been made to pay the £300,000 stg. to the Hudson's Bay Company. As soon as this part of the purchase money should be received in London, it was understood the Territory would be at once formally annexed to Canada.

We hope the prompt appointment of a Lieutenant Governor for Red River indicates that the work of opening up that splendid country is about to be entered upon energetically. Mr. McDougall is a gentleman of undoubted ability, and it is to be hoped he will signalize his governorship by a display of more than usual energy and enterprise. In some Provinces, the less a Governor sometimes does, the better; but this will not be the case with the North-West, for the Governor of that territory ought to lead, encourage and stimulate every effort put forth to develop the great resources of the country.

It is understood that a great part of Governor McDougall's Council will be Canadians from Ontario and Quebec, and the remainder composed of residents. As this body is not to be elective at present, great care should be taken in its selection, and we most earnestly hope the Council is not to be made a refuge for broken down politicians among us, as some of the press have asserted. The residents of the Territory are entitled to a fair representation, and as its government by an irresponsible Council must necessarily be of short duration, it would be in the last degree unfortunate to make it an odious body by objectionable appointments.

The people of Red River will doubtless hail the entrance of Lieutenant Governor McDougall with joy and delight. They have so long groaned under the rule of the Hudson's Bay Company's officers, and so earnestly desired to be united to Canada, that the advent of our first Governor will not only seem something like release from slavery, but give them bright hopes for the future. We incline to the opinion that Mr. McDougall is a good selection for the post of Lieutenant Governor. He is well informed upon all that concerns the Territory—he has had a large share in acquiring it—and if he shakes loose from an occasional disposition to take things easy, may, as Governor, do a real service to Canada and the Territory itself.

If he remains at Fort Garry for a few years, we fear he will have no easy task. It is easy to perceive questions which may become troublesome. Notably among these is the danger and trouble with the Indians, but the new Lieutenant Governor has already had some experience in dealing with the red sons of the forest, and it is to be hoped, if any difficulties do arise, he may be found equal to the occasion.

The departure of our first Governor to the North-West Territory marks an epoch in the history of British America. We trust and believe it bodes good both for the Dominion and the Red River people. We have altogether too long neglected that immense belt of fertile country, and it is to be hoped, from the departure of Lieutenant Governor McDougall, we are about to turn over a new leaf. The responsibility of this will rest largely upon that gentleman himself. If he discharge his duties satisfactorily, the people of Canada will not fail to manifest their appreciation. If he fails to do so, we feel assured, from the temper of the community regarding the North-West, he will be held to a strict account.

## JOTTINGS FROM THE LONDON FAIR.

LABOR ATTENDANCE—GREAT SUCCESS!

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE great farmers' gathering of the Province of Ontario, closed on Friday last, at two o'clock, and was in every respect a most eminent success. The fine harvest which has just been securely housed, was certain to render this season's show successful, for not only is there sure to be on such occasions a better display of Agricultural wealth, but the attendance is always greater than when the crops are interior. The presence of His Excellency, Sir John Young, and His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, no doubt also contributed largely to render the Exhibition more than usually successful for many of the thousands who jammed every nook and corner of London on Wednesday and Thursday, were doubtless attracted by a desire to see these distinguished personages.

A COMPLIMENT FOR THE LONDONERS

Before proceeding further, let your correspondent say, that the ladies of the "Forest City" deserve credit for the admirable manner in which the arrange-

ments were made, and the whole affair managed. The fair grounds are quite equal, if not superior to those of Kingston, Hamilton or Toronto—indeed the grounds of the latter are the worst of the lot. The handsome little city was decorated most charmingly with flags, streamers, devices, &c., of every hue, and its attractive appearance called forth many complimentary remarks from the crowds who thronged its streets.

## EMINENT PERSONAGES PRESENT

Probably at no previous gathering in Ontario were there ever so many distinguished personages present—not even when the Prince of Wales visited Hamilton. Besides the Prince and Sir John Young, there were Lady Young, Lieutenant Governor Howland and Mrs. Howland, Colonel Elphinstone, Sir John A. McDonald, Hon. Sandfield Macdonald, Hon. George Brown, Colonel McNeill, Captain Turville, D. Bell, Esq. President Buffalo International Fair, George M. Bedford, Esq., Bedford, Kentucky, Hon. John Carling, Hon. D. L. McPherson and Hon. M. Cameron, a large number of members of the Senate, House of Commons and Local Legislatures, and other prominent citizens. The Governor-General and Prince Arthur must have been a little bored with the number of addresses presented to them; but they both appeared highly gratified by the loyal demonstrations which met them on every hand, and were both loud in their praises of the magnificent display made by the farmers of Ontario.

## POLITICS vs. AGRICULTURE.

When so many politicians were in the city together, I need scarcely say that the present aspect of politics was much discussed. At the Tecumseh House, which was the headquarters of the "big-wigs," (as a humorous friend calls them) knots were frequently to be seen on Wednesday and Thursday, eagerly canvassing the situation. The departure of Lieutenant Governor McDougall for Red River, the Cabinet vacancies, the acceptance of the post of Finance Minister by Sir Francis Hincks, and the question of Independence, were the chief topics, although the chances for and against the Local Ministry of Ontario weathering the coming Session, was not overlooked. Such discussions evince a healthy tone of public opinion, but do not generally produce much in the way of immediate results, for we know from the poet—

"A man convinced against his will  
Is of the same opinion still."

## HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS.

The Live Stock may be said to be the principal attraction to the farmers at these gatherings. The display this year affords evidence of progress. We have seen a larger number of horses and cattle but never finer specimens. Much regret was expressed that the fine herd of Durhams owned by Mr. Cochrane, of the Province of Quebec, were not present, having been ruled out in consequence of not being entered in time. The Prince of Wales' prize for the best herd of Durhams was awarded to Mr. John Snell, of Edmonton. The display of sheep was excellent, and the pigs surpassed quite those shown on any previous occasion. Some of the animals in this class were monsters in size. In sheep, the Leicester seem still to take the lead. The general verdict appears to be that, taking them all in all, they are the most profitable breed the farmer can raise. I speak within bounds when I say, that the Live Stock exhibited at London cannot be surpassed by any state of the American Union, and would reflect credit upon any country in the world. This is high praise, but despite the sneers of croakers, is not more than our farmers deserve.

## INSIDE THE CRYSTAL PALACE

There was a most brilliant Exhibition of manufactures, the fine arts, machinery, musical instruments, and the thousand and one articles, which are generally to be found there. Nothing was more noticeable in the whole Exhibition, than the rapid improvement which Canadian manufactures are making. It would be insidious to particularize, but I may mention the Eaton Manufacturing Company of Sherbrooke, which was very conspicuous in its display of tweeds and other cloths. In the Fine Arts department it was gratifying to notice fewer of those duds which used to occupy so much room, and in their places many pictures of real beauty and merit. There is room yet for improvement, but it is satisfactory to know that our farmers' sons and daughters are improving in taste and refinement. The jam in the Palace on Wednesday and Thursday was almost insupportable, so eager were the thousands of people to