

the proposed air ship line from Colingwood to Toronto. Mr. Sprott resented indignantly the contempt for his native burg implied in the appellation, "a suburb of the town of the Square Meal, Meaford," and indulged in such unrestrained denunciation of the injustice involved, that he had to be curbed into moderation by the chair. Mr. Wood, member for Logic-engine, spoke at length on the proposed measure to increase the O. N. C. fees to \$100. He showed advanced psychological development, but was promptly subdued by Mr. Welsh, who took ten minutes and a half to read the list of books to be assimilated at the O.N. C.

Mr. McDonald, member for Ladyville, an able champion of ladies' rights, indulged in some words with Mr. Keith concerning the proposed School of Domestic Science, of which the latter gentleman is to be matron. The wordy warfare rose so high that the prerogative of the Speaker was again called into exercise, to obtain order. After Messrs. Hedley, Ferguson, Dobson and Dolan had given vent to various high-flown sentiments, wise and otherwise, the house adjourned.

Discussion was resumed on the motion to draft a reply to the Speech from the Throne, on Friday Nov. 30th, with a full House. Many ladies had in the interval profited by the bye-elections and the privilege newly accorded to the fair sex of a seat on the *floor* of all deliberative bodies.

Mr. Kingston, member for the Penitentiary indignantly protested against the attitude of the Department of Agriculture towards the farmers' help problem, and ridiculed the Government for blindly adopting the A. W. Gunn, Bu-Chanan and Canon Bland, without ascertaining whether an adequate supply of these engines of war could be obtained. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. T. M. Galbraith, rose to vindicate his position, and in his over-zealous ardor, indulged in utterances the truth of which were quest-

ioned. Complications arose and finally the lady-at-arms, Miss Butterworth, was instructed to extract the prevaricating member, and he took his departure at the point of the bayonet. It was forthwith decided that this lamentable occurrence should not be recorded in the annals of the House.

After Mr. Simpson and Mr. Parker had contributed of their wisdom to the discussion, and the member from Raevingtown had become hopelessly entangled in the mazes of his French authority, Miss O'Connor from O'County defended the proposed import duty on tobacco, proving psychologically that it was injurious to the health, (the duty, not the tobacco.) Mr. Morrison's obnoxious color was only equalled as a disturbing influence by Mr. Clarke's Irish story. Finally the question was put and the Government sustained by a sweeping majority.

Miss Keddie now arose and in a brilliant piece of studied eloquence proposed "A Bill for the Amelioration of Existing Evils in the O. N. C." Miss Tucker ably seconded the motion. We regret that lack of space will not permit us to record these thrilling speeches, nor the clauses of the Bill in question. Suffice it to stay that they dealt mainly with the imposition of a Stamp Tax. At the mere utterance of the word, the Speaker showed increased animation and interest in the proceedings and his stern features relaxed into a genial smile when Miss Timberlake's eloquent appeal on behalf of the innocent individuals at whom the measure was aimed, reassured him with the hope that the machinations of the framers of the bill against the peace of the "Upper Ten", would yet be thwarted. Miss Weir contributed further to the defence of these much maligned individuals, and then the debate was adjourned.

THE MONTHLY extends sincere sympathy to Miss Sinclair in her recent bereavement.