



Lacrosse will probably be quite as popular in 1908 as in previous years. This photograph shows a large crowd of spectators at one of the big matches of 1907, at Toronto Island.

## The Whitney Cabinet.

**A** CONSERVATIVE Government for the Province of Ontario was regarded as little less than a dangerous innovation, since the Reform party had kept the even tenor of authority for thirty-three years. Four sessions under the leadership of Premier Whitney have assured even the County of Oxford that there will be no liberty-shattering legislation introduced by the present Ontario ministry. Indeed, both in style and expression, Premier Whitney is proud to be a democrat.

When the cabinet was announced in February, 1905, there were several names comparatively strange to Ontario ears. Dr. Reaume and Mr. Hanna, both from the western peninsula, took their seats in the Ontario Legislature for the first time in 1903 and their rise to cabinet rank had been assured and swift. Mr. Foy had been known for many years as Mr. Whitney's closest political friend and ally and his appointment was a foregone conclusion. Colonel Matheson was also known as a thorough Whitneyite, whose long and strenuous fighting met with appropriate honours in the hour of victory.

The selection of the late J. W. St. John as Speaker proved extremely happy and for two sessions, Mr. St. John, who represented West York, filled the position with dignity and genial courtesy. His death during the session of 1907 removed one whose loss was deplored by every member of the Legislature. Mr. Thomas Crawford of West Toronto has presided since then over the proceedings of the House.

The criticism has been made that too many Toronto members were chosen for high position but the representatives from the capital of Ontario found the long Conservative record of that city a practical, if not convincing retort. The three ministers without portfolio, Dr. Willoughby, Mr. Beck and Col. Hendrie, have done good service, Mr. Beck having attracted more attention than several of his colleagues, through his enthusiastic advocacy of "Cheap Power." The recent demise of Dr. Willoughby is generally regretted as he was one of the best-known and most popular members of the Legislature.

Probably the most admirable feature of the Whitney administration has been the attention given to educational matters and especially the liberal policy towards the University of Toronto. The development of the Cobalt district fortunately aided the Government plans in this respect.

While Mr. Whitney is not likely to secure such a majority as marked the change of 1905, he has no reason to anticipate anything but a return to power with substantial support.

## Pictures for National Gallery.

**T**HE Advisory Art Council visited the Royal Canadian Academy Exhibition in Toronto recently and selected the following works by Canadian artists for the National Gallery at Ottawa:

"The Chess Problem," by Muriel C. W. Bolton, Quebec.

"Early Moonrise in September," by Wm. Brymner, R.C.A., Montreal.

"Departure of Day," by Harry Britton, A.R.C.A., Toronto.

"The First Snow," by Maurice Cullen, R.C.A., Montreal.

"Morning in Spain," by W. H. Clapp, Montreal.

"The Wayside Cross," by F. M. Knowles, R.C.A., Toronto.

"Nocturne," by Elizabeth McG. Knowles, A.R.C.A., Toronto.

"Cap. Tourmente," by Edmund Morrice, A.R.C.A., Toronto.

"Afterglow," by G. A. Reid, P.R.C.A., Toronto.

"Looking East," by Mary H. Reid, A.R.C.A., Toronto.

"Kaulhaven Dordrecht," by S. S. Tully, A.R.C.A., Toronto.

"Klaasje," by Curtis Williamson, R.C.A., Toronto.

The Council is composed of three members, Sir George Drummond, of Montreal, chairman; Hon. Arthur Boyer, of Montreal, and Mr. Byron E. Walker, of Toronto, and is appointed by the Dominion Government to advise on all matters connected with the Fine Arts. In the absence of Sir George Drummond on account of illness, Hon. Sydney Fisher acted in his place.

Fortunately the fire which destroyed a portion of the Academy did no damage to any of the above pictures.

## Lobsters in the Pacific.

**L**OBSTERS in the Pacific are due to Hon. Mr. Templeman, of British Columbia, who while acting Minister of Marine and Fisheries in Ottawa took steps to look after this matter. Up till the other day there had never been any lobsters anywhere near the Pacific, except the cold storage variety. The lobsters of Nova Scotia were a rebuke to the Pacific province. If Nova Scotia could get a revenue of two million dollars in a year from the crustaceans, why not British Columbia? The experiment is being tried under the ægis of the Dominion Fisheries Department. Of course these pioneer crustaceans in the Pacific are purely Canadian lobsters and will not be supposed to wander south of parallel forty-nine. It will now be in order for a Nova Scotia legislator to import salmon into the Bay of Fundy.



Toronto had its Horse Show last week as this photograph indicates. This week Montreal is holding its annual affair of the same nature.