

Mr. Legh (Conservative) moved the reply to the Queen's speech, saying there was not much to criticise in it. He referred particularly to the paragraph about Armenia.

### **Harcourt Asks Questions.**

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, leader of the Opposition, congratulated Mr. Legh upon touching on Armenia, and trusted the question will not be allowed to sleep, and that the Government will be firm in insisting upon the reforms it recommended.

Regarding Ireland Sir William said: "The late Government, unfortunately, was unable to settle the great question in connection with that country. Ireland was never more peaceful than now, and is the Government wise in adjourning for six months without expressing its intentions in this matter?"

Mr. Balfour, the Conservative leader, agreed with the Opposition leader's remarks in regard to Armenia and said the Government is doing its best to carry out the policy of the Earl of Kimberley, the late Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

In regard to Ireland, Mr. Balfour said there appears to be no pressing anxiety to bring forward land legislation before the next session. It must be dealt with then.