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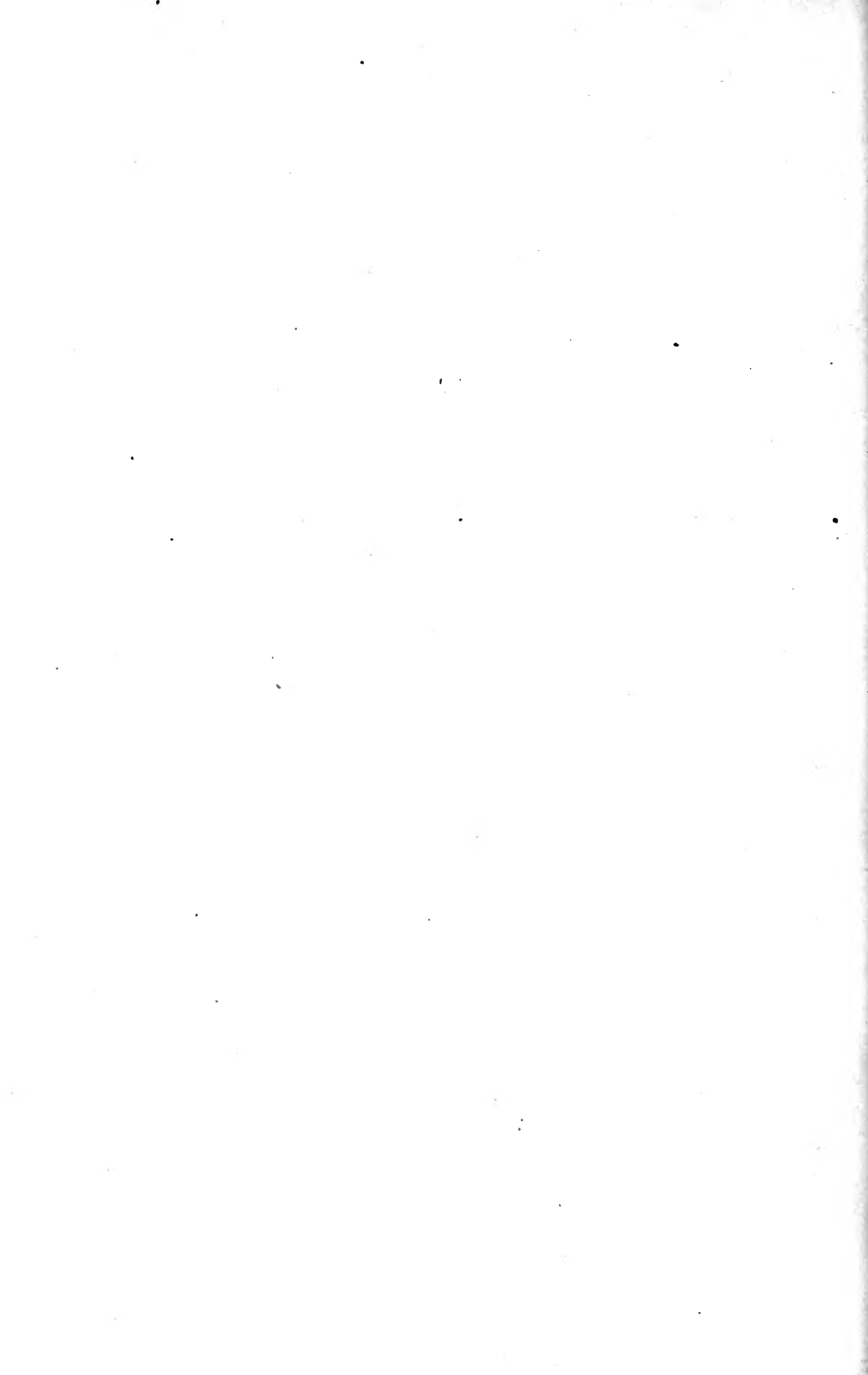
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JOURNALS
OF THE
Legislative Assembly
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Thursday, 24th January, 1907.

PROCLAMATION.

Canada,
Province of }
Ontario.

WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK.

EDWARD VIIITH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario and to every of you—GREETING.

JAMES JOSEPH FOY, }
Attorney General. } WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of the month of JANUARY now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, HIS HONOUR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Our Province of Ontario, at our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and six, and in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of January, 1907, being the First day of the Third Meeting of the Eleventh Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour William Mortimer Clark, K.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

PRAYERS.

3 O'clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received notifications of vacancies which had occurred since the last Session of the House, and had issued his Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the present Legislature for the following Electoral Districts:—

Cardwell, and
Hamilton, East.

To the Honourable J. W. St. John, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Sir,—I, Edward Alfred Little, of the Township of Innisfil, in the County of Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, do hereby declare that I intend to resign and do hereby resign my seat as Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for the Electoral District of Cardwell, all of which you are hereby requested to take notice.

In witness of my said resignation I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the City of Toronto this tenth day of July, A.D. 1906.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

A. B. THOMPSON,
J. R. CARTWRIGHT.

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EDWARD ALFRED LITTLE.

L.S.]

Toronto, November 14th, 1906.

To the Honourable Joseph Wesley St. John, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

We, the undersigned Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, hereby notify you in accordance with the Statute in that behalf, that a vacancy in the representation of East Hamilton has been caused by the death of Henry Carscallen, Esquire, Member for the Riding.

As witness our hands and seals, this fourteenth day of November, 1906.

J. P. WHITNEY. [L.S.]

R. A. PYNE. [L.S.]

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, That the Clerk had laid upon the Table the following Certificates :—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the sixteenth day of July, 1906, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to William McDermott, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Cardwell, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of Cardwell in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Edward Albert Little, Esquire, who had resigned, Alexander Ferguson, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-first of September, 1906, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk L.A.

Toronto, 28th September, 1906.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of November, 1906, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to George Coates Holden, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the East Riding of Hamilton, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the East Riding of Hamilton in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Henry Carscallen, Esquire, who had died, Allan Studholme, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the eighth of December, 1906, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk L.A.

Toronto, December 8th, 1906.

Alexander Ferguson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Cardwell, and Allan Studholme, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the East Riding of Hamilton, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took their seats.

The House then adjourned during pleasure.

And after some time the House resumed.

His Honour William Mortimer Clark, K. C., Lieutenant-Governor, then entered the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech to the House:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It affords me great pleasure to again meet you as representatives of the people, in Parliament assembled.

Once more we realize that our thanks are due to Almighty God for a bountiful harvest. The prosperity which has been enjoyed by our farmers for a number of years has been continued for another year, while the steadily increasing enterprise and commercial activity shown by our people afford good ground both for satisfaction and thankfulness and are indications of future prosperity.

The sittings of the Interprovincial Conference at Ottawa in October last were attended by the Prime Minister and two of his colleagues. The deliberations of the Conference will, I have reason to believe, result in an amendment to the British North America Act by which the amount of the annual payment by the Dominion Government to the Province will be increased by about \$800,000. A Report of the Proceedings of the Conference will be laid before you.

On the invitation of the Government of Canada, certain of my Ministers attended at Ottawa with reference to the proposed extension of the boundaries of Manitoba. The claims of the Province of Ontario to its hinterland were pressed upon the Dominion Government, my Ministers urging that the boundaries of Manitoba be extended northward to Hudson Bay, by producing the eastern boundary of that Province northward until it strikes the Churchill river and then, by following the middle of the channel of the said river until the latter debouches into Hudson Bay and that, for geographical and other reasons the remainder of the Territory of Keewatin lying east of the suggested eastern boundary of Manitoba contiguous to Ontario and bounded on the north and east by Hudson Bay and James Bay, be allotted to the Province of Ontario. A decision is expected shortly.

Better accommodation has been provided in this City for the increasing number of immigrants, and my Ministers intend to make additional efforts to induce farmers and farm labourers to settle among us.

You will be pleased to know that the loan of three millions of dollars, authorized by the Act of last Session for the completion of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, was successfully floated in Canada at par and without any expense, other than that of advertising.

After the close of the last Session of the Legislature, my Government in accordance with precedent appointed a Commission consisting of certain members of the Judiciary, the members of the Executive Council and others, for the consolidation of the Statutes of the Province, and subsequently a supplementary Commission was issued extending the powers of the Commissioners. Substantial progress has been made by them, but owing to the great volume of work and the care and thoroughness with which it is being done, the revision cannot be completed earlier than next year. Certain of the changes recommended, will however, be submitted to you at as early a day as possible during the present Session.

Owing to the steady increase of population in Northern Ontario, it has become necessary, in the interests of the proper Administration of Justice, to create an additional Judicial District.

In accordance with the legislation of last Session, the Railway and Municipal Board has been constituted. Although it has been in existence only a few months, the Board has already considered and disposed of many questions coming within its jurisdiction. It has also proven an efficient agency for enforcing the Electric Railway rates specified by this Legislature and for adjusting disputes between labour and capital in respect of Street Railway operation. A Report of the work of the Board, since its formation, will be laid before you.

I am glad to be able to inform you that, under the provisions of the Act of last Session, very satisfactory progress has been made in the direction of procuring cheap Electric Power for consumers.

Tenders have been called for the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to a point of junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and the receipts for passenger and freight traffic show a large increase over the preceding year.

The great value of the mineral deposits in the Cobalt District is becoming more and more evident and the future is full of promise both to the investor in

mining properties and the people of the Province. The rights of the Province in these deposits have been kept steadily in view by my Ministers, and accordingly a Measure providing for the taxation of mining properties will be submitted to you for consideration. I think it well to draw to your attention to the fact that a tendency to hasty and reckless investment and speculation is abroad, and it is to be hoped, will be kept in check by the good sense of our people.

The amendments of last Session to the Public Schools Act have given general satisfaction. The experience of the past year with reference to the working of the Act has shown certain amendments to be desirable; a Measure embodying them will be laid before you. The Education Department is now dealing with the question of the price of text books and expects, during the present Session, to make a satisfactory arrangement with reference to this very important matter.

My Ministers have, for some time past, been considering the question of prison labour, with a view to avoiding all possibility of its being put into competition with free labour. It is a subject of the utmost importance, and cannot be dealt with hastily. Some facts with relation to it will be laid before you.

Bills will be laid before you relating to Colonization Roads; providing for the taxation of mining properties; consolidating and amending the Companies' Acts; amending the Act creating the Railway and Municipal Board; the Mines Act; the Public Schools Act; the Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway and the Volunteer Land Grant Acts.

It affords me great pleasure to inform you that the revenues of the Province are largely in excess of the Estimates, and more than sufficient to meet the Provincial expenditure during the year.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the Estimates for the coming year will be also submitted for your approval at an early date.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker then reported, That to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, a Bill was introduced intituled "An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace," and the same was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections; 2. On Railways; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills; 4. On Standing Orders; 5. On Public Accounts; 6. On Printing; 7. On Municipal Law; 8. On Legal Bills; 9. On Agriculture and Colonization; 10. On Fish and Game; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Friday, 25th January, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had laid upon the Table a Supplementary Return from the Records of Elections in the Electoral Divisions of Cardwell and Hamilton, East, since the General Elections of the 25th January, 1905, shewing:

(1) The number of Votes Polled for each Candidate in the Electoral District in which there was a contest;

(2) The majority whereby each successful Candidate was returned;

(3) The total number of votes polled in each District;

(4) The number of votes remaining unpolled; and

(5) The number of names on the Voters' Lists in each District. (*Sessional Papers No. 46.*)

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House:

A Report upon the state of the Library. (*Sessional Papers No. 47.*)

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Village Council of Iroquois.

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of Bonfield; also, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Hudson.

By Mr. Hendrie, the Petition of the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, Limited.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of James Pearson of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Toronto Home for Incurables; also, the Petition of Richard Massey Tuthill of Toronto.

By Mr. Pattinson, the Petition of the Town Council of Galt.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the City Council of Niagara Falls; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Pelham.

By Mr. Mahaffy, the Petition of N. D. Ord and others, of South River

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Mark's Church, Niagara; also, the Petition of the Sunbeam Incandescent Lamp Company, Limited.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of Henry Clay Trexler, and others, of Allentown, Penn., U. S. A.

By Mr. May, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Town Council of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board.

By Mr. Lewis, the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Township Council of Thessalon; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Laval.

By Mr. Kidd, the Petition of the Township Council of Gloucester; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Goulbourn.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Township Council of East Nissouri.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Township Council of Ops.

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Township Council of Tehkummah.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Township Council of Moore.

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the City Council of St. Thomas.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Town Council of North Toronto.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Town Council of Port Arthur.

By Mr Mahaffy, the Petition of the Town Council of Bracebridge ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Watt ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Muskoka ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Draper ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Monck ; also, of the Petition of the Township Council of Chaffey ; also, of the Petition of the Village Council of Port Carling ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Gravenhurst ; also, the Petition of the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Township Council of Darlington.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Township Council of Mariposa ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ops ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Sturgeon Point ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Lindsay.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Township Council of Ellice ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Easthope ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Elma.

By Mr. McKay, the Petition of the Township Council of St. Vincent ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Derby.

By Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), Two Petitions of the Township Council of Tiny ; also, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Flos ; also, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Vespra ; also, the Petition of the County Council of Simcoe.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Township Council of Augusta.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Township Council of Bedford ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Kingston.

By Mr. Hoyle, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Etobicoke ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Mara ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Rama ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Beaverton ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Woodbridge.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Township Council of Camden ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Harwich ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Ridgetown.

By Mr. Atkinson, the Petition of the Township Council of Middleton ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Townsend.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Village Council of Fort Erie ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Willoughby ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bertie ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Welland ; also the Petition of the Town Council of Thorold ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Humberstone.

By Mr. Rathbun, the Petition of the Town Council of Deseronto; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Tweed.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Township Council of South Norwich; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Norwich; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Oxford.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Township Council of Halton.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Township Council of Pickering; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Whitby; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Whitby; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Reach; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Scugog.

By Mr. Pearce, the Petition of the Township Council of Huntingdon; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Carlow; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Mayo; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bangor.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Village Council of Norwood; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Douro.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Township Council of North Monaghan; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Smith; also, the Petition of the Township Council of South Monaghan.

By Mr. Smith (Sault Ste Marie), the Petition of the Township Council of Tarentorus; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Steelton.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), moved, seconded by Mr. Sutherland,

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, as follows:—

To His Honour William Mortimer Clark, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on motion of Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned, until Tuesday next.

Mr. Whitney delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province, until the estimates for the year 1907 are finally passed, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, January 25th, 1907.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That this House will, To-day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, To-day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to order, then resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$610,000) be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House), and from the 1st day of January, 1907, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1907. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditure to be laid before the House before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1907, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not passed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Committee of Supply reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$610,000), be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House) from the 1st day of January, 1907, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1907. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditures to be laid before the House, before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1907, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates, to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not been passed.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to the Order, then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Six hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$610,000), to meet the supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

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Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

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The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Monday, 28th January, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of Evanturel.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Town Council of Aylmer.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Township Council of Drummond.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Township Council of South Easthope; also, the Petition of the Town Council of St. Marys.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the County Council of Perth.

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of Moses Joel Singer, of Toronto.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Town Council of Toronto Junction

By Mr. Racine, the Petition of Jerry Brisson, of the Township of Russell.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Township Council of Oakland; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Brantford.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Town Council of Brockville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Front of Escott; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Elizabethtown.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Town Council of Uxbridge.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Village Council of Tottenham; also, the Petition of the Township of Innisfil; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Bolton; also, the Petition of the Township Council of West Gwillimbury.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of McMurrich; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Chapman; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Armour; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Foley; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ryerson; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Himsworth; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Joly.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Township Council of Cornwall.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Village Council of Richmond Hill.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Township Council of Niagara.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Township Council of Oliver.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Township Council of Esquesing.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Township Council of Blandford; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Blenheim.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to accept a gift of \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a Public Library and authorizing the Library Board to demand from the Corporation a payment of a certain sum annually, towards the support of the Library and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Galt, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law respecting Sewers and Frontage Assessments.

Of the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass constituting Charles O. Shaw, Silas H. Jacobs, John McKee and others, provisional Directors of the Company, in lieu of the original Directors and vesting in them all authority conferred on the original Directors.

Of the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, Limited, praying that an Act may pass empowering, authorizing and licensing the Company to carry on its business in the Province of Ontario and granting all necessary powers therefor.

Of the City Council of Niagara Falls, praying that an Act may pass postponing the Debenture issue authorized by By-law No. 67 *re* construction of sewers and for other purposes.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Mark's Church, Niagara, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to convert, for burial purposes, a portion of the Rectory premises.

Of the Town Council of North Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to fix the date for nomination for Mayor and Councillors on 22nd December—if not a Sunday—and extending time for completion and delivery of Assessment Roll and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws; to amend Acts relating to water works system; to authorize the borrowing of money; giving authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$5,000 to aid in defraying expenses of "Old Boys' Union" and to raise, on twenty year debentures, the sum of \$36,000 for the purchase of books for Public Library.

Of James Pearson, trustee under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie and Robert Woods Prittie, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to sell or otherwise dispose of any or all property acquired since date of settlement; to confirm sales and make plain the meaning and intention of said settlement.

Of the Town Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass erecting the Town into a City; to confirm By-law 846; to amend ss. 5 of s. 19. cap. 76, 3 Ed. VII and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of St. Thomas, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a By-law granting a fixed assessment of \$5,000, with school taxes added, to the St. Thomas Canning Company and a By-law granting a fixed assessment of \$2,000, with school taxes added, to the St Thomas Packing and Abattoir Company, Limited, for a period of ten years.

Of N. D. Ord and others of South River, in the District of Parry Sound, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of South River.

Of the Sunbeam Incandescent Lamp Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines.

Of Henry Clay Trexler and others of Allantown, Penn., U. S. A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company

Of Richard Henry Tuthill, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Chemist and Druggist and directing the Ontario College of Pharmacy to register him as such.

Of the Toronto Home for Incurables praying that an Act may pass to change name to that of "The Toronto Hospital for Incurables".

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying that the Public School Act, be so amended as to restore freedom of contract between Trustees and Teachers and abolish penalties and with regard to half acre school sites.

Of the County Council of Simcoe; praying that County Councils may appoint two or more representatives to the Board of Education.

Of the Township Council of Bonfield; also, of the Township Council of Moore; also, of the Township Council of Hudson; also, of the Town Council of Lindsay; also, of the Village Council of Sturgeon Point; also, of the Township Council of Ops; also, of the Township Council of Mariposa; also, of the Township Council of Willoughby; also, of the Township Council of Bertie; also, of the Town Council of Welland; also, of the Town Council of Thorold; also, of the Township Council of Humberston; also, of the Village Council of Fort Erie; also, of the Township Council of Elma; also, of the Township Council of North Easthope; also, of the Township Council of Ellice; also, of the Village Council of Tweed; also, of the Town Council of Deseronto; also, of the Township Council of Derby; also, of the Township Council of St. Vincent; also, of the Township Council of Tiny; also, of the Township Council of Flos; also, of the Township Council of Vespra; also of the Township Council of Hilton; also

of the Township Council of Augusta; also of the Township Council of South Monaghan; also, of the Township Council of Smith; also, of the Township Council of North Monaghan; also, of the Township Council of Darlington; also, of the Township Council of Townsend; also, of the Township Council of Middleton; also, of the Township Council of Camden; also, of the Township Council of Harwich; also, of the Town Council of Ridgetown; also, of the Township Council of Mayo; also, of the Township Council of Bangor; also, of the Township Council of Huntingdon; also, of the Township Council of Carlow; also, of the Township Council of East Oxford; also, of the Township Council of North Norwich; also, of the Township Council of South Norwich; also, of the Township Council of East Whitby; also, of the Township Council of Whitby; also, of the Township Council of Reach; also, of the Township Council of Scugog; also, of the Township Council of Tarentorus; also, of the Town Council of Steelton; also, of the Township Council of Douro; also, of the Village Council of Norwood; also, of the Township Council of Bedford. also, of the Township Council of Kingston; also, of the Village Council of Iroquois; also, of the Township Council of Etobicoke; also, of the Township Council of Mara; also, of the Township Council of Rama; also, of the Village Council of Beaverton; also, of the Village Council of Woodbridge; also, of the Town Council of Gravenhurst; also, of the Village Council of Port Carling; also, of the Township Council of Chaffey; also, of the Township Council of Monck; also, of the Township Council of Draper; also, of the Township Council of Muskoka; also, of the Township Council of Watt; also, of the Town Council of Bracebridge; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for nonrepair of highways.

Of the Township Council of Thessalon; also, of the Township Council of Pelham; also, of the Township Council of Gloucester; also, of the Township Council of Goulbourn; also, of the Township Council of Ops; also, of the Township Council of Tehkummah; also, of the Township Council of East Nissouri; also, of the Township Council of Laval; also, of the Township Council of Hudson; also, of the Township Council of Vespra; also, of the Township Council of Flos; also, of the Township Council of Tiny; also, of the Township Council of Pickering; also, of the Township Council of Etobicoke; severally praying that Municipal Councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for erection of wire fences on roads.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act respecting Joint Stock and other Companies. Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 29th January, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Stanley ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Malahide ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bayham.

By Mr. Harcourt, the Petition of the Township Council of Metcalfe ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Dunnville.

By Mr. Thompson, (Simcoe), the Petition of the Township Council of Sunnidale.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Township Council of Grey ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of McKillop.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Township Council of Walpole.

By Mr. Lewis, the Petition of the Township Council of Mono.

By Mr. Pattinson, the Petition of the Township Council of Waterloo ; also, Two Petitions of the Township Council of North Dumfries ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Ayr ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Wilmot.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Township Council of North Dorchester.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Township Council of Culross.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of Ryerson.

By Mr. Preston, (Lanark), the Petition of the Town Council of Carleton Place ; also, the Petition of Township Council of Lanark.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the County Council of Simcoe.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of the Township Council of Arthur ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Fergus.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the Township Council of South Dumfries ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Onondaga.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Township Council of Hullet.

By Mr. Lewis the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Mono ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Amaranth ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Orangeville ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Luther ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Grand Valley ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Melancthon ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Shelburne.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Township Council of North Marysburg ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of South Marysburg ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ameliasburg ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Picton ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Athol.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Village Council of Merriton.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Township Council of Dover.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Village Council of Tilbury ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Romney.

By Mr. McGarry, the Petition of the Town Council of Arnprior ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Brudenell and Lynedock ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Radcliffe.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of the Township Council of Springer ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ratter and Dunnett.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Village Council of Hensall ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Hay ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Goderich ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Bayfield.

By Mr. Mahaffy, the Petition of the Township Council of McLean and Ridout ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Macaulay.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Village Council of Millbrook ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Cavan ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Hope ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Gloucester ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Clarence.

By Mr. Bowyer, Three Petitions of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Township Council of Brock.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Township Council of Ashfield ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Colborne ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of West Wawanosh ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Blyth.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Township Council of Pilkington ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Puslinch.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Township Council of Greenock ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Huron.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Town Council of Essex.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a Select Committee of Eleven Members be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library, to be composed as follows :—Messieurs Whitney, Foy, Matheson, Pyne, Hendrie, Hanna, Lucas, Mackay, Harcourt, Graham and Preston (Brant.)

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Twelve Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, to be composed as follows :—Messieurs Foy, Matheson, Willoughby, Preston (Lanark), Mahaffy, Thompson (Simcoe), Hoyle, Clark (Bruce), Mackay, Pense, Graham, Preston (Brant), and Bowman.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to direct the expenditure of any sum set apart by the Estimates for Art purposes to be composed as follows :—Mr. Speaker and Messieurs Whitney, Foy, Matheson, Hendrie, Graham, Harcourt and Preston (Brant.)

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read.

The Debate was resumed, and after some time,

The Motion having been again put, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, as follows :—

To His Honour William Mortimer Clark, K.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario :

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us.

The Address, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members of this House as are Members of the Executive Council.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 30th January, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Township Council of Sombra; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Enniskillen.

By Mr. Harcourt, the Petition of the Township Council of Gainsboro.

By Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), the Petition of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of John T. Main and others of Toronto.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Township Council of North Gosfield.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Town Council of Collingwood.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of the City Council of Belleville.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Township Council of Clinton.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the City Council of London; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Parkhill; also, the Petition of the Township Council of McGillivray; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Williams; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Lobo.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of the Town Council of Copper Cliff.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Township Council of Caledon; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the Gore of Toronto.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Town Council of East Toronto.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Township Council of Crowland.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Township Council of Chandos ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Belmont and Methuen ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Barton.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Township Council of Bentinck.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Village Council of Beeton.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Board of Directors of the Guelph General Hospital.

By Mr. Racine, the Petition of the Township Council of Lavant ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ramsay.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Moses Joel Singer, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to act as a Pharmaceutical Chemist in Ontario and requiring and directing the Ontario College of Pharmacy to register him as such.

Of the County Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law Number 409 relating to Public Highways.

Of Jerry Brisson, of the Township of Russell, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Toronto Junction, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Corporation to issue local improvement Debentures not exceeding \$100,000 in amount, to pay for street improvements and for other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Evanturel ; also, of the Town Council of Aylmer ; also, of the Township Council of Oakland ; also, of the Township Council of Brantford ; also, of the Township Council of Drummond ; also, of the Township Council of South Easthope ; also, of the Town Council of St. Marys ; also, of the Town Council of Brockville ; also, of the Township Council of Front of Escott ; also, of the Township Council of Elizabethtown ; also, of the Town Council of Uxbridge ; also, of the Village Council of Tottenham ; also, of the Township Council of Innisfil ; also, of the Village Council of Bolton ; also, of the Township Council of West Gwillimbury ; also, of the Township Council of McMurrich ; also, of the Township Council of Chapman ; also, of the Township Council of Armour ; also, of the Township Council of Foley ; also, of the Township Council of Ryerson ; also, of the Township Council of North Himsforth ; also, of the Township Council of Joly ; also, of the Township Council of Cornwall ; also, of the Village Council of Richmond Hill ; also, of the Township Council of Niagara ; also, of the Township Council of Oliver ;

also, of the Township Council of Esquesing; also, of the Township Council of Blandford; also, of the Township Council of Blenheim; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities to repair Highways and Bridges.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the Volunteers who served in South Africa and the Volunteer Militia who served on the Frontier in 1866." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Mr. Preston (Brant), asked the following Question :

Is it the intention of the Government to permit persons who have made locations under the Veterans Land Grants Acts to surrender the same for the cash equivalent now offered to those who have not yet located.

To which the Minister of Lands Forests and Mines replied as follows :—

It is not the intention of the Government to permit persons who have made locations under the Veterans Lands Grant Act to surrender the same and obtain the cash equivalent of \$50.00.

Mr. Preston (Brant), asked the following Question :

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a measure for the Redistribution of Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

To which the Premier and President of Council replied, that

The Government has not yet considered the question of the Redistribution of Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, seconded by Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return giving the following information regarding the Toronto Electric Light Company, Limited. 1. Date of Incorporation. 2. Applicants for Incorporation. 3. Objects of the Company. 4. Names of the Provisional Directors. 5. Amount of Capital. 6. Increases of Capital Stock. 7. Names of the Directors and Shareholders of the Company, according to the last Return to the Government.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received notification of a vacancy which had occurred since the last Session of the House, for the following Electoral Division :—

The West Riding of Middlesex.

And the said notification is in the words following :—

The Honourable J. W. St. John,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

We the undersigned James Pliny Whitney, Member for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the Electoral District of Dundas and James Joseph Foy, Member for the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of South Toronto, do hereby notify you that the Honourable George William Ross, Member for the Electoral District of West Middlesex, has, as appears by notice in the Canada Gazette of the 19th January, 1907, been appointed a Senator for the Dominion of Canada, and by reason of the acceptance of the said office, he has become disqualified to continue to sit, or vote, in the Legislative Assembly and his seat is vacated and we the said James Pliny Whitney and James Joseph Foy, Members of the Legislative Assembly aforesaid, hereby require you to issue a New Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the said vacancy in the representation of the Electoral District of West Middlesex.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seals this 30th day of January, A. D. 1907.

Signed and sealed in the presence of }
A. BECK. }

J. P. WHITNEY. [L. S.]

J. J. FOY. [L. S.]

On motion of Mr. Foy, seconded by Mr. Whitney, it was then

Resolved, That, owing to the acceptance of a Seat in the Senate of Canada by the Honourable George William Ross, the Member for the Electoral Division of West Middlesex, the Representation of the said Riding in this House is hereby declared to be vacant, and that a new Writ do forthwith issue for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy and to serve in this present Parliament, for the said Riding, in the room and stead of the said the Honourable George William Ross.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Auditors' Report, University of Toronto, to the Board of Governors, on Capital and Income Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1906. (*Sessional Papers No 13.*)

Also,—Report of the Registrar General for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*)

Also,—Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.00 p.m.

Thursday, 31st January, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Reaume, the Petition of the Town Council of Sandwich.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Village Council of Brighton; also the Petition of the Village Council of Colborne.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of the Township Council of Sidney.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Township Council of Elmsley South.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Municipality of Shuniah; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Fort William.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Perry.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Township Council of Darlington.

By Mr. McCoig, Two Petitions of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Village Council of Exeter.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Dover; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Charlotteville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Houghton; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Walsingham.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of the Town Council of Meaford.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Ryerson, praying for certain amendments to the Free Grants Act, with respect to the issue of Patents.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying that Section 70 of the Public Schools Act, may be so amended so as to leave the amount to be raised and paid to Teachers to the discretion and judgment of Trustees and Councils.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Noxious Weeds Act, as to the cost of destruction of weeds.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for legislation in the direction of keeping a record of all oil wells and providing for Inspection.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying that the Public Schools Act may be so amended as to restore freedom of contract between Trustees and Teachers and abolish all penalties.

Of the Township Council of North Dumfries, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act so as to give Townships the privilege of electing their Council under the Ward System.

Of the County Council of Simcoe, praying that County Councils may be permitted to send two or more representatives to the Board of Education.

Of the Township Council of Walpole; also, of the Township Council of Waterloo; also, of the Township Council of Mono, severally praying that Municipal Councils may submit By-laws at elections providing for the erection of wire fences on roads.

Of the Town Council of Essex; also, of the Township Council of Hullett; also, of the Township Council of Arthur; also, of the Village Council of Fergus; also, of the Township Council of Onondaga; also, of the Township Council of South Dumfries; also, of the Township Council of Ramsay; also, of the Township Council of Lavant; also, of the Township Council of Lanark; also, of the Township Council of Wilmot; also, of the Town Council of Carleton Place; also, of the Village Council of Ayr; also, of the Township Council of North Dumfries; also of the Township Council of Mono; also, of the Village Council of Shelburne; also, of the Township Council of Melancthon; also, of the Village Council of Grand Valley; also, of the Township Council of East Luther; also, of the Town Council of Orangeville; also, of the Township Council of Amaranth; also, of the Township Council of North Dorchester; also, of the Township Council of Radcliffe; also, of the Township Council of Brudenell; also, of the Town Council of Arnprior; also, of the Township Council of Springer; also, of the Township Council of Ratter; also, of the Village Council of Hensall; also, of the Township Council of Hay; also, of the Township Council of Goderich; also of the Village Council of Bayfield; also, of the Township Council of McLean and Ridout; also, of the Township Council of Macaulay; also, of the Town Council of Dunnville; also, of the Township Council of Metcalfe; also, of the Township Council of Bay-

ham ; also, of the Township Council of Malahide ; also, of the Village Council of Port Stanley ; also, of the Township Council of Athol ; also, of the Township Council of Picton ; also, of the Township Council of Ameliasburg ; also, of the Township Council of South Marysburg ; also, of the Township Council of North Marysburg ; also, of the Village Council of Merritton ; also, the Village Council of Millbrook ; also, of the Township Council of Cavan ; also, of the Township Council of Hope ; also, of the Township Council Gloucester ; also, of the Township Council of Clarence ; also, of the Township Council of Brock ; also, of the Township Council of Ashfield ; also, of the Township Council of Colborne ; also, of the Township Council of West Wawanosh ; also, of the Village Council of Blyth ; also, of the Township Council of Pilkington ; also, of the Township Council of Puslinch ; also, of the Township Council of Culross ; also, of the Township Council of Sunnidale ; also, of the Township Council of Grey ; also, of the Township Council of McKillop ; also, of the Township Council of Greenock ; also, of the Township Council of Huron ; also, of the Township Council of Romney ; also, of the Village Council of Tilbury ; also, of the Township Council of Dover ; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Mr. Matheson from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House, presented the following Lists as their Report:—

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.—Messieurs Anderson, Atkinson, Aubin, Bowyer, Bradburn, Clapp, Craig, Currie, Dargavel, Devitt, Ferguson (Cardwell), Ferguson (Grenville), Fisher, Gallagher, Galna, Graham, Hislop, Hodgins, Hoyle, Kohler, Labrosse, Lewis, Montgomery, McCoig, McCowan, McNaught, Neely, Nixon, Pattinson, Paul, Pense, Preston (Lanark), Pratt, Reed, Smellie, Smith (Peel), Studholme, Sutherland, Thompson (Wentworth), Torrance, Whitney—41.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.—Messieurs Atkinson, Auld, Beck, Bowman, Bradburn, Brower, Calder, Cameron, Carscallen, Clarke (Northumberland), Craig, Crawford, Currie, Downey, Duff, Dunlop, Ferguson (Grenville), Fisher, Fox, Foy, Fraser, Gallagher, Gamey, Graham, Hanna, Harcourt, Hendrie, Hodgins, Hoyle, Jamieson, Jessop, Kidd, Kohler, Lennox, Lewis, Lucas, Mackay, Mahaffy, Matheson, May, Monteith, Morrison, Munro, McDougal, McGarry, Pense, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Preston (Brant), Pratt, Pyne, Racine, Rathbun, Reed, Smith (Peel), Smith (Sault), Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance, Tucker, Whitney, Willoughby—61.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Messieurs Anderson, Aubin, Beck, Bowman, Cameron, Carnegie, Clapp, Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Cochrane,

Crawford, Craig, Downey, Dunlop, Eilber, Fisher, Foy, Fraser, Gallagher, Gamey, Galna, Graham, Hanna, Harcourt, Hendrie, Hislop, Hodgins, Jamieson, Jessop, Kerr, Labrosse, Lackner, Lennox, Lewis, Macdiarmid, Mackay, Mahaffy, Matheson, May, Morrison, McCoig, McDougal, McGarry, McMillan, McNaught, Neeley, Nixon, Pense, Pratt, Preston (Lanark), Preston (Brant), Pyne, Racine, Rathbun, Reaume, Smellie, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Studholme, Thompson (Wentworth), Tucker, Tudhope, Whitney, Willoughby—64.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW—Messieurs Anderson, Atkinson, Aubin, Auld, Bowyer, Brower, Beck, Bradburn, Calder, Cameron, Carnegie, Carscallen, Clapp, Clark (Bruce), Crawford, Currie, Dargavel, Duff, Eilber, Ferguson (Cardwell), Ferguson (Grenville), Fisher, Foy, Fox, Fraser, Graham, Hanna, Harcourt, Hendrie, Hislop, Hoyle, Jamieson, Kerr, Kidd, Kohler, Labrosse, Lackner, Lennox, Macdiarmid, Mackay, Mahaffy, Monteith, Montgomery, Morrison, Munro, McCowan, McDougal, McMillan, McNaught, Nixon, Pattinson, Pearce, Pense, Preston (Brant), Preston (Durham), Pyne, Racine, Reed, Smith (Sault), Studholme, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe), Thompson (Wentworth), Tudhope, Tucker, Whitney—66.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—Messieurs Auld, Bowyer, Bowman, Cameron, Clarke (Northumberland), Devitt, Duff, Ferguson (Grenville), Foy, Fox, Gallagher, Galna, Graham, Hanna, Harcourt, Jamieson, Jessop, Lackner, Lennox, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Mackay, Mahaffy, Matheson, May, Montgomery, Morrison, McGarry, Paul, Preston (Brant), Preston (Lanark), Racine, Smith (Peel), Thompson (Simcoe), Tudhope, Whitney, Willoughby—37.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION—Messieurs Anderson, Atkinson, Auld, Brower, Calder, Carnegie, Carscallen, Cochrane, Crawford, Currie, Dargavel, Devitt, Duff, Eilber, Ferguson (Cardwell), Fox, Gamey, Hislop, Hodgins, Jessop, Kerr, Kidd, Kohler, Labrosse, Lewis, Macdiarmid, Mahaffy, Munro, Monteith, Montgomery, McCoig, McCowan, McMillan, Neely, Pattinson, Paul, Pearce, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Pratt, Rathbun, Reed, Smellie, Smith (Peel), Smyth, Sutherland, Thompson (Wentworth), Torrance, Tucker, Whitney, Willoughby—51.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messieurs Bowman, Carnegie, Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Cochrane, Craig, Crawford, Dargavel, Eilber, Fox, Fraser, Gamey, Graham, Hendrie, Kidd, Lucas, Mahaffy, Mackay, Mathe-

son, May, Munro, McCoig, McDougal, Pattinson, Pearce, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Racine, Rathbun, Reaume, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe), Tucker, Tudhope, Whitney.—37.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.—Messieurs Atkinson, Beck, Cameron, Clark (Bruce), Downey, Foy, Hanna, Harcourt, Hendrie, Lucas, Mackay, Matheson, McDougal, Pyne, Reaume, Thompson (Simcoe), Whitney.—17.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Five members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—Messieurs Auld, Bowyer, Carscallen, Clark (Bruce), Downey, Dunlop, Mahaffy, Matheson, McMillan, Pense, Preston (Lanark), Smith (Sault), Tucker, Willoughby.—14.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Five members.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.—Messieurs Auld, Aubin, Brower, Bowyer, Beck, Dargavel, Dunlop, Eilber, Galna, Hendrie, Hoyle, Kidd, Mackay, Monteith, Mahaffy, May, McCoig, Pense, Pratt, Reaume, Reed, Smith (Sault), Tudhope.—23.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

Resolved. That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, for the year 1906.
(*Sessional Papers No 9.*)

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Friday, 1st February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the City Council of Woodstock.

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), Two Petitions of the Township Council of West Flamboro; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Flamboro; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Beverley.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Township Council of Chapple; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Fort Frances.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Town Council of Kincardine.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the County Council of Simcoe; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Tay; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Midland; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Orillia.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the City Council of Peterborough.

By Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), the Petition of the Superior Copper Company, of Sault Ste. Marie.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie; praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of John T. Main and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Insurer's Mutual Life Company.

Of the Board of Directors of the Guelph General Hospital, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act incorporating the Hospital, so as to include the Home of the Friendless, and to empower the Corporation of the City of Guelph, County of Wellington and local Municipalities to assist in the maintenance thereof.

Of the Town Council of Collingwood; also, of the City Council of Belleville; also, of the Township Council of Clinton; also, of the City Council of London; also, of the Township Council of Lobo; also, of the Township Council of East Williams; also, of the Township Council of McGillivray; also, of the Town Council of Parkhill; also, of the Town Council of Copper Cliff; also, of the Township Council of Toronto; also, of the Township Council of Caledon; also, of the Township Council of Toronto Gore; also, of the Town Council of East Toronto; also, of the Township Council of Crowland; also, of the Township Council of Chandos; also, of the Township Council of Belmont and Methuen; also, of the Township Council of Gainsboro'; also, of the Village Council of Beeton; also, of the Township Council of Barton; also, of the Township

Council of Binbrook ; also, of the Township Council of North Gosfield ; also, of the Township Council of Enniskillen ; also, of the Township Council of Sombra, severally praying for the repeal of section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to this Honourable House, be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the Eighteenth day of February instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House, be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of February instant.

Ordered, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the Eighteenth day of February, instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of February, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 98), intituled “An Act to amend the Registry Act.” Mr. Thompson, (Simcoe.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 99), intituled “An Act respecting Manhood Suffrage Registration.” Mr. Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No 45.*)

Also,—Report, with the evidence, of the Text Book Commission. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, 4th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Township Council of York.

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Drury, Denison and Graham; also, the Petition of the Nepigon Railway Company.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Township Council of Georgina; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Whitechurch; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Gwillimbury.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Township Council of St. Joseph.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

By Mr. Crawford the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Town Council of Cornwall; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Cornwall.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Town Council of Kenora.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Trustees of St. George's Cemetery, Bentinck; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Egremont; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Durham.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass confirming and validating all Assessment Rolls, Collector's Rolls, and tax sales and all proceedings incident thereto, and to amend Chapters 37 of 39 and 31 of 40 Vict.

Of the Town Council of Fort William praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the City of Fort William; to legalize certain By-laws and empower the Corporation to build certain Bridges and for other purposes.

Of the Village Council of Port Perry, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt and authorize the issue of Debentures.

Of the Town Council of Seaforth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *re* issue of Debentures.

Of the Town Council of Kincardine, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Town to grant to the Dominion Government a site for the erection of a Post Office, and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to ratify an agreement between the Council and the Coates Manufacturing Company of Canada Limited, and By-law to carry out the same; to authorize the purchase of lands for manufacturing purposes and to ratify certain By-laws.

Of the Superior Copper Company Limited, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming Incorporation and Supplementary Letters Patent and empowering the Company to levy assessments upon its shareholders and make calls on Stock held by them.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Noxious Weeds Act, as to the cost of destruction of weeds.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying that Section 70 of the Public Schools Act may be so amended as to leave the amount to be raised and paid to Teachers to the discretion and judgment of Trustees and Councils.

Of the County Council of Simcoe, praying that County Councils may appoint two or more representatives to the Board of Education.

Of the Township Council of Darlington; also, of the Township Council of West Flamboro, severally, praying that municipal Councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for erection of wire fences on roads.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich; also, of the Village Council of Brighton; also, of the Village Council of Colborne; also, of the Township Council of Sidney; also, of the Township Council of Elmsley South; also, of the Village Council of Exeter; also, of the Village Council of Port Dover; also, of the Township Council of Charlotteville; also, of the Township Council of Houghton; also, of the Township Council of North Walsingham; also, of the Town Council of Meaford; also, of the City Council of Toronto; also, of the City Council of Woodstock; also, of the Township Council of Chapple; also, of the Town Council of Fort Frances; also, of the Township Council of Beverley; also, of the Township Council of East Flamboro; also, of the Township Council of West Flamboro; also, of the Township Council of Tay; also, of the Town Council of Midland; also, of the Township Council of Orillia; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Mr. Smith, (Sault Ste. Marie), asked the following Questions:—

1. What amount of money has been paid during 1906 by Ellen Charlotte Taylor for labor at the Central Prison and dates of payment.

2. What amount of money has been expended by the Government during 1906 for repairs and renewals in connection with the Woodworking Plant at the Central Prison.

3. What amount of money has the Government paid during 1906 in Salaries and perquisites to Central Prison officials on duty in the Wood-working Department.

4. What is the cost of Machinery, Shafting, Boilers, Engines, Belting, and Buildings utilized by Ellen Charlotte Taylor at the Central Prison.

5. Is it the intention of the Government to cancel this Contract.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words and figures following:—

In answer to the first Question:—

February 16.....	\$ 377 20	
March 16.....	381 36	
March 21.....	27 21	
April 17.....	605 16	
April 28.....	10 06	
May 15.....	499 47	
June 15.....	506 72	
July 14.....	1,194 35	
August 16.....	611 06	
September 15.....	671 51	
September 19.....	5 55	
October 15.....	104 30	
October 16.....	635 89	
November 16.....	764 05	
November 23.....	18 70	
December 16.....	745 85	
December 18.....	27 60	
December 31.....	4 05	
1907 January 15.....	2,421 14	(For 1906 labor)
Total.....	\$9,611 23	

In answer to the second Question:—

\$722 86.

In answer to the third Question:—

Salaries.....	\$799 98.
Perquisites.....	None.

In answer to the fourth Question:—

The Building occupied by Taylor, Scott & Co., was originally built by Prison Labor and the bricks used were taken from a brick-yard operated by Prison Labor. I can find no record either at Central Prison or in the Treasury Department of a charge being made to Capital Account for the bricks used or

for the labor. The value of the machinery at the time Taylor, Scott & Co. took the contract would not exceed \$7,000. Since taking the contract Taylor, Scott & Co. have discontinued the use of a considerable portion of the machinery in the shop at the time they took the contract and replaced it with their own machinery at their own cost.

In answer to the fifth Question :—

The whole question of Prison Labor is under consideration by the Government, and, until a solution is reached, this question cannot be answered.

Mr. Jamieson asked the following Question :—

Is the Government aware that the Minister of Justice for Canada has introduced to the House of Commons of Canada, a Bill to regulate the exportation of Electric Power and certain liquids and gases. If so, is it the intention of the Government to oppose the Legislation, or what steps, if any, do they intend to take in the matter.

To which the Premier and President of Council replied as follows :—

The Minister of Justice of Canada has forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General, copies of the Bill alluded to, and its provisions are now being considered by the Government.

Mr. Clark (Bruce), asked the following Questions :—

1. What amounts of money were paid by the Government during twelve years ending July 31st, 1905, on account of the Wood-working Shop at Central Prison, for

- (a) Materials for small repairs.
- (b) Salaries of officials on duty in that Shop.
- (c) General expenses of the Industries of Central Prison apportioned to that Shop.
- (d) On Buildings and Machinery.

2. What was the amount of the increase or decrease (state which) in the value of the stock on hand from the beginning to the end of this period.

3. What were the gross sales of that Shop during the same period.

4. What was the average net return *per annum* for the Prison Labor of this Shop during this period.

5. How much did this mean *per man per day* for the Prison Labor employed.

6. About what percentage of the out-put of the Wood-working Shop was marketed in the Province of Ontario during the twelve years ending July 31st, 1905.

7. About what percentage of the out-put of this Shop is marketed in Ontario under the present contract.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied in the words and figures following :—

In answer to the first Question :—

(a) \$388,412 65

(b) 61,312 55

(c) 17,656 09

(d) 19,243 27

Total .. \$486,624 56

In answer to the second Question :—

Decrease . . . \$6,523.89

In answer to the third Question :—

\$495,003.95.

In answer to the fourth Question :—

Average net gain was \$154.63 *per annum*.

In answer to the fifth Question :—

About three-fifths of one cent *per man, per ten-hour day*.

In answer to the sixth Question :—

Over ninety *per cent*.

In answer to the seventh Question :—

About twenty-six *per cent*.

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Township Council of Murray; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Hastings.

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the Town Council of Berlin.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Township Council of Elderslie.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of Stephen Henry Chapman and others of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Thorah.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of William A. Cathcart and others of Courtright.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Waterford.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of the Ottawa River Railway Company.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of Lawrence O'Connor and others of Sudbury.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the Brantford Street Railway Company.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Township Council of Minto; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Drayton.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Township Council of Tuckersmith.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Town Council of Powassan.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the City Council of Chatham.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Town Council of Ingersoll.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Township Council of Saugeen; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Lindsay; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bruce.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of the Belleville Women's Christian Association.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the notices, as published in each case, sufficient:—

Petition of the Town Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the City of Fort William and to legalize certain debenture by-laws, and to empower the Corporation to build certain bridges and for other purposes; .

Of the Village Council of Port Perry, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt of the Village and to authorize the issue of debentures;

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to ratify an agreement between the Council and the Coates Manufacturing Company of Canada, Limited, and by-laws to carry out the same; to authorize the purchase of lands for manufacturing purposes; to ratify certain by-laws and for other purposes.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 22), intituled “An Act respecting the Village of Port Perry.” Mr. Calder.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 96), intituled “An Act to amend the Municipal Act.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 97), intituled “An Act to amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act.” Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—Messieurs Foy, Hanna, Harcourt, Mackay, Crawford, Downey, Ferguson (Grenville), Hoyle, Lucas, McNaught, Studholme, Cameron and McDougal.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, the Seventh day of February instant, at three of the o'clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Thursday, 7th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Toronto.

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of A. D. Hermeston and others of Harley.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Township Council of Fullarton.

By. Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of Sadie Holmes of Tillsonburg.

By Mr. Kidd, the Petition of the Village Council of Carp; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Huntley.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Township Council of Westminster; also, the Petition of the London Conference of the Methodist Church.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Christian Endeavour Society of Listowel.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Township Council of Wolfe Island.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Baptist Church of Kincardine.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Fraser Church, Tottenham.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of John O. Telford and others of Owen Sound; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Sydenham; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Keppel.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church of Wick.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of the Township Council of Hagar.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of Zion Tabernacle Methodist Church of Hamilton.

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the Township Council of Waterloo.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church of St. Davids.

By Mr. Ferguson, (Grenville), the Petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Kemptville.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Cornwall.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Markham.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Town Council of Thessalon; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Thessalon.

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Palmerston and North and South Canonto; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Oso; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Kennebec; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Olden; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Sheffield.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Sons of Temperance of Solina; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of Township of Darlington.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Township Council of Somerville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Emily; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Anson and Hindon.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Leamington.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Baptist Church of Springford; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Oxford; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Norwich.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church of Greenbank; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Whitby.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of the Village Council of Elora.

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the City Council of St. Thomas.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to pass a by-law to raise money for certain specific purposes, to ratify and confirm certain by-laws and for other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws *re* construction of sewers.

Of the Town Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws.

Of the Township Council of St. Joseph, praying that an Act may pass legalizing and confirming By-law No. 340, *re* erection of roller grist mill and to provide for the raising of \$1,000, by way of debentures therefor.

Of the Trustees of St. George's Cemetery, Bentinck, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the sale by them of 8 acres of the Northerly part of the lands of the Cemetery, to Benjamin J. Switzer.

Of the Town Council of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws *re* water works, water power development and for other purposes.

Of the Nepigon Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend Acts relating to Company by extending time for completion and to authorize amalgamation with, or lease to, the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway.

Of William A. Cathcart and others of Courtright, praying that no Act may be passed incorporating the Village of Courtright.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Waterford, praying that an Act may pass, vesting in them as a site for the erection of a Church Lot No. 13 in Block 8 in the Village of Waterford.

Of the Ottawa River Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of a branch line from a point on the main line in Township of Digby, through the Townships of Laxton and Carden to a point in the Township of Mara or Thorah in the County of Ontario and to extend the time within which the Company is to construct its lines and branches.

Of Lawrence O'Conner and others of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Sudbury Cobalt Railway Company.

Of the Brantford Street Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 742 of the City of Brantford and an agreement entered into thereunder.

Of the Belleville Woman's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Association.

Of the Town Council of Berlin, praying that an Act may pass declaring that the Corporation may, upon payment of \$75,200 into the Local Office of the High Court at Berlin—being amount of Award—take over and enter into possession of the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway and all properties and effects thereof and for other purposes.

Of Stephen Henry Chapman and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Artesian Water Company, Limited.

Of the Township council of Georgina; also, of the Township Council of Whitchurch; also, of the Township Council of North Gwillimbury; also, of the Township Council of York; also, of the Township Council of Egremont; also,

of the Town Council of Durham ; also, of the Township Council of Drury, Denison and Graham ; also, of the City Council of Hamilton ; also, of the Township Council of Murray ; also, of the Village Council of Hastings ; also, of the Township Council of Elderslie ; also, of the Township Council of Thorah ; also, of the Village Council of Drayton ; also, of the Township Council of Minto ; also, of the Township Council of Tuckersmith ; also, of the Township Council of Bruce ; also, of the Township Council of Lindsay ; also, of the Township Council of Saugeen ; also, of the Town Council of Ingersoll ; also, of the City Council of Chatham ; also, of the Town Council of Powassan, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 91), intituled “ An Act to amend the High Schools Act.” Mr. Clapp.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 92), intituled “ An Act to amend the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.” Mr. Clark (Bruce.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 93), intituled “ An Act to amend the Municipal Act.” Mr. Clapp.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 94), intituled “ An Act to amend the Ontario Game Protection Act.” Mr. Sutherland.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 95), intituled “ An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act.” Mr. Clark (Bruce.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Ordered, That the names of Messieurs Jamieson, Gamey and May be added to the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 100), To amend an Act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the Volunteers who served in South Africa and the Volunteer Militia who served on the Frontier in 1866.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Preston (Brant), asked the following Questions :—

(1). Has Mr. Snow, the Commissioner appointed to investigate certain charges preferred against the officials of the Ontario Institute for the Blind, made his Report to the Government. (2). Will said Report be laid on the Table of the House, and if so, when.

To which the Minister of Education replied as follows :—

In answer to the first Question, No. To the second, Yes, but cannot say when.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, seconded by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing, 1. The names of Counties which have adopted the "Alternative Method" of selecting Jurors under the Amendment of 1902 to the Jurors' Act 2. For a Comparative Statement showing the expenses incurred under the old and new system in said Counties from the years 1902 to 1906, both inclusive. 3. The Counties (if any), in which the "Alternative Method" has been repealed and have returned to the old system of selecting Jurors.

On motion of Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Pense,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing:—(1) List of names of Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Essex on the 31st January 1905. (2) List of names of Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Essex appointed since February 1st, 1905. (3) Names of those who have qualified as Police Magistrates, or Justices of the Peace, in the County of Essex.

On motion of Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), seconded by Mr. May,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the number and names of the settlers located in the Township of Gaudette and Hodgins in the District of Algoma, since the year 1900.

On motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing:—1. The number of Division Courts in the Province. 2. How many Division Court Clerks have resigned between the 7th February, 1905, and 1st February, 1907. 3. How many Division Court Clerks have been removed from office between the said dates, the names of such persons and the cause of removal. 4. How many Division Court Bailiffs have resigned between the 7th day of February, 1905, and the 1st day of February, 1907. 5. How many Division Court Bailiffs have been removed from office between said dates, the names of such persons and the cause of removal.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Friday, 8th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Head, Maria and Clara.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Metropolitan Council R. T. of T.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Methodist Church of the Brook.

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the First Avenue Baptist Church of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Young People's Society of the First Avenue Baptist Church of Toronto.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of Castleton Circuit; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Percy.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Methodist Church of Mitchell.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Methodist Church of Vroomanton.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Rev. Edwin Lee and others of Courtright; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Brooke; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Euphemia; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Wyoming.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the Methodist Church of Caradoc.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of Eldad Church of Solina.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the International Lodge I.O.G.T.

By Mr. Hyslop, the Petition of the Epworth League of Donnybrook.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of South Dummer.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Baptist Church of Binbrook.

By Mr. Atkinson, the Petition of the Baptist Church of Tyrrell.

By Mr. Harcourt, the Petition of the Baptist Church of Caistor.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Village Council of Wellington; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of Demorestville; also, the Petition of the Epworth League of Demorestville.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church of Beeton.

By Mr. Pattinson, the Petition of the U. B. Church of New Dundee.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Township Council of Colchester South.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Hoyle.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Harcourt asked the following Question :—

Does the Government intend, this Session, introducing legislation with the object of encouraging County, or other Municipalities, in erecting and maintaining hospitals or sanitariums imposing such conditions (making special provision for the care of consumptives for example) as are deemed advisable.

To which the Premier and President of Council replied, that

No representations have been received by the Government from any source in the direction of the encouragement referred to and so far the question has not been considered.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 98), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 98), Respecting Manhood Suffrage Registration.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), To amend an Act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the Volunteers who served in South Africa and the Volunteer Militia who served on the Frontier in 1866, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 3.50 P.M.

Monday, 11th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of Coleman.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Ashbury Methodist Church.

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the King Street Methodist Church of Toronto.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of Mercer J. Adams and others, of Toronto; also, the Petition of Perth Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of Albert A. Burk and others, of Thessalon.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of William P. Niles and others, of Wellington.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the Methodist Church of Mount Brydges also, the Petition of the Coldstream Division, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, of Molesworth; also, the Petition of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, of Listowel.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Eden Grove Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Ripley Methodist Church.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, Brantford.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Methodist Tabernacle, Whitby; also the Petition of the Epworth League, Whitby.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Township Council of Etobicoke; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Stouffville; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lemonville.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of Lynedoch.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Township Council of Bexley.

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Township Council of Waters.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Epworth League, Innerkip.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Reverend Edwin Lee and others of Courtright, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Courtright.

Of Sadie Holmes of Tillsonburg, praying that an Act may pass authorizing her to practice Dentistry in Ontario.

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws and for other purposes.

Of John M. Telford and others of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company.

Of the Village Council of Carp; also, of the Township Council of Sydenham, severally praying that Municipal Councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for the erection of wire fences on roads.

Of A. D. Hermeston and others of Harley, in the District of Temiskaming, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, in the direction of exempting farm improvements up to \$1,500.

Of the Township Council of Westminster; also, of the Township Council of Fullarton; also, of the Township Council of Huntley; also, of the City Council of St. Thomas; also, of the Village Council of Elora; also, of the Town Council of Whitby; also, of the Village Council of Norwich; also, of the Township of North Oxford; also, of the Township Council of Anson and Hindon; also, of the Township Council of Emily; also, of the Township Council of Somerville; also, of the Township Council of Wolfe Island; also, of the Township Council of Keppel; also, of the Township Council of Hagar; also, of the Township Council of Waterloo; also, of the Town Council of Thessalon; also, of the Township Council of Thessalon; also, of the Township Council of Palmerston and North and South Canonto; also, of the Township Council of Oso; also, of the Township Council of Kennebec; also, of the Township Council of Olden; also, of the Township Council of Sheffield; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Head, Maria and Clara; also, of the Village Council of Wyoming; also, of the Township Council of Euphemia; also, of the Township Council of Brooke; also, of the Township Council of Percy; also, of the Village Council of Wellington; also, of the Township Council of Colchester South; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Toronto; also, of the Presbyterian Church of Greenbank; also, of the Baptist Church of Springford; also, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Leamington; also, of the Quarterly Board of South Darlington; also, of the Sons of Temperance of Solina; also, of the Christian Endeavour Society of Listowel; also, of the Baptist Church of Kincardine; also, of the Fraser Church of Tottenham; also, of the Presbyterian Church of Wick; also, of the London Conference of the Methodist Church; also, of Zion Tabernacle Methodist Church of Hamilton; also, of the Presbyterian Church of St. Davids; also, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kemptville; also, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Cornwall; also, of the Presbyterian Church of Markham; also, of the Eldad Church of Solina; also, of the Methodist Church of Caradoc; also, of the Methodist Church of Vroomanton; also, of the Methodist Church of Mitchell; also, of the Methodist Church of Castleton; also, of the First Avenue Baptist Church of Toronto; also, of the Young People's Society of the First Avenue Baptist Church of Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church of the Brooke; also, of the Metropolitan Council of the R. T. of T.; also, of the International Lodge I. O. G. T.; also, of the Epworth League of Donnybrook; also, of the Quarterly Board of South Dummer; also, of the Baptist Church of Binbrook; also, of the Baptist Church of Tyrrell; also, of the Baptist Church of Caistor; also, of the Quarterly Board of Demorestville; also, of the Epworth League of Demorestville; also, of the Presbyterian Church of Beeton; also, of the U. B. Church of New Dundee, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Copies of Orders in Council, under Section 27 of the Act respecting the Department of Education. (*Sessional Papers No. 50.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the sixteenth day of March, 1906, for a Return shewing the names of all License Inspectors appointed since the first day of February, 1905, together with their addresses and the dates of their appointment; the business or occupation of each Inspector prior to his appointment and the present occupation or business, other than their official business, of each such Inspector. (*Sessional Papers No. 51.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, of the thirtieth day of January, 1907, for a Return giving the following information regarding the Toronto Electric Light Company, Limited. 1. Date of incorporation. 2. Applicants for Incorporation. 3. Objects of the Company. 4. Names of the Provisional Directors. 5. Amount of Capital. 6. Increases of Capital Stock. 7. Names of the Directors and Shareholders of the Company, according to the last Return to the Government. (*Sessional Papers No. 52.*)

The House then adjourned at 3.35 P.M.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Township Council of Matilda.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the I. O. G. T., Toronto.

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the Gerrard Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Epworth League, Castleton; also, the Petition of the W.C.T.U., Castleton; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Salem.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Rockwood; also, the Petition of the Guelph Prohibition League; also, the Petition of Trinity Baptist Church, Guelph; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Guelph.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of the City Council of Belleville.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Township Council of Hay.

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of the College Street Baptist Church ; also the Petition of the Yonge Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Listowel.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Official Board, Auburn ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Wroxeter.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Township Council of London.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Burk's Falls.

By Mr. Labrosse, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Riceville ; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Riceville ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Plantagenet.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Omemee ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Fenelon.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Epworth League, Trinity Methodist Church, Ruthven ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Cottam ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Ruthven.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Hallowell.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Baptist Church, Port Hope.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Orton.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Finch ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Avonmore.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Stoney Creek ; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Jerseyville.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Lakefield

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Township Council of Vaughan ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Weston ; also, the Petition of Victory Lodge, I. O. G. T., Dovercourt ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Kleinburg ; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Parkdale ; also, the Petition of J. S. Harris and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Pearce, the Petition of the Village Council of Bancroft ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Stirling.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bowmanville; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Newcastle.

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the United Brethren Church, Bloomingtondale.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Jordan Station; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Stamford.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Emerald Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of Y. W. C. T. U.; also, the Petition of the Central W. C. T. U., all of Hamilton.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Town Council of Goderich; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Clinton.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Sunbeam Incandescent Lamp Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law 1839 of the City of St. Catharines;

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Marks Church, Niagara, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to convert, for burial purposes, a portion of the Rectory premises;

Of the County Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law Number 409, relating to Public Highways;

Of the City Council of St. Thomas, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a By-law granting a fixed Assessment of \$5,000.00, with school taxes added, to the St. Thomas Canning Company; and a By-law granting a fixed Assessment of \$2,000.00 with school taxes added, to the St. Thomas Packing and Abattoir Company, Limited, for a period of ten years;

Of John J. Main and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Insurer's Mutual Life Company;

Of the Mercantile Trust Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass empowering, authorizing and licensing the Company to carry on its business in the Province of Ontario and granting all necessary powers therefor.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Insurer's Mutual Life Company." Mr. Pratt.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 409 of the County of Perth." Mr. Torrance.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act respecting St. Mark's Church, Niagara." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled "An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Fort William." Mr. Smellie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Clapp.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act to make provision for the Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas" Mr. McCoig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 81), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Munro.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next

Bill (No. 82), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Cameron.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 83), intituled "The Workmens' Compensation for Injuries Act, 1907." Mr. Crawford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers." Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Statute Labour. Mr. Bowyer.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act to amend the Free Grants and Homesteads Act." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act respecting the Land Grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 88), intituled "An Act to amend the Registry Act." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Torrance.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

Mr. Auld asked the following Question :

What amount of money, how and when paid, during 1905 and 1906, for travelling expenses to L. E. C. Thorne, of Port Huron, Michigan ; also, what amount of salary paid L. E. C. Thorne, of Port Huron, Michigan for 1905 and 1906.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words and figures following :—

There was paid to L. E. C. Thorne, of Toronto, Ontario :

By cheque for travelling expenses—

June 23, 1905	-	-	-	\$52 95
July 31, "	-	-	-	34 20
Aug. 12, "	-	-	-	45 30
Sept. 21, "	-	-	-	85 50
Sept. 21, "	-	-	-	27 85
Total, 1905	-	-	-	\$245 80
Accountable Warrant given March 31st, 1906	-	-	-	\$50 00
Refunded Dec. 31, 1906	-	-	-	1 55
Travelling Expenses 1906	-	-	-	\$48 65
Salary paid 1905, 10 months	-	-	-	\$2,000 00
do 1906, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ mos.	-	-	-	2,350 00
Total Salary	-	-	-	\$4,350 00

Mr. Eilber asked the following Question :

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation, during the present Session, to place the Home Guards of the Fenian Raid in 1866, in the same position as the Veterans are, entitling them to a land grant or \$50 in cash in lieu thereof.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied, that

It is not the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to place Home Guards in the same position as the veterans of the Fenian Raid in respect to land grant, or cash in lieu thereof.

Mr. McCoig asked the following Question :

1. Is it the intention of the Government to withhold Licenses from the fishermen on the River Thames for 1907 and succeeding years. 2. If so, has the Government considered the advisability of compensating them for the loss in value of fishing outfits, etc.

And the Minister of Public Works replied as follows :—

In answer to the first Question—The Government has decided to withhold Seine Licenses in the Thames River for two years.

And in answer to the second Question—No.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report upon the Hospitals, Charities and Refuges of the Province for the year ending 30th September, 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 43.*)

The House then adjourned at 3 55 P.M.

Wednesday, 13th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Local Option League, Winchester.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Perth ; also, the Petition of St. John's Church, Smith's Falls.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Petrolea.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Castleton ; also, the Petition of the Women's Missionary Society, Castleton.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Fullerton ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, St. Marys.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Springfield.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Orillia ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dalston.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Clifford.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of the Town Council of Mount Forest.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Dresden.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Dorchester.

By Mr. Clarke (Bruce), the Petition of the Temperance League, Cargill.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Hannah Street Methodist Church, Hamilton.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Mennonite Brethren, Christ Church, Ontario.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Exeter; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Brucefield.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Sons of Temperance, White River; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bruce Mines; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Dryden; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Johnson, Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional; also, Two Petitions of Township Council of Laird.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Georgetown.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of the Township Council of Caldwell; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Martland.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Young People's Union, Port Hope; also, the Petition of the High School Board, Port Hope.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Jarvis; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Caledonia; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Walpole.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Battersea; also, the Petition of the Methodist Congregations, Elginburg, Glenvale and Kepler.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Bowmanville.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Grenville; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, North Augusta.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Township Council of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Tilbury.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the First Baptist Church, Onondaga; also, the Petition of the Second Baptist Church, Onondaga.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Epworth League, Bradford; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Innisfil.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Prince Albert; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Dumbarton.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Watford.

By Mr. McMillan, the Petition of the Village Council of Maxville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Lancaster.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Township Council of Amabel ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Tara ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Arran ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lion's Head ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Allenford.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Warsaw ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Keene.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Wall Street Methodist Church, Brockville.

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of the Epworth League, Crow Lake.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Wingham ; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Fordwich ; also, the Petition of the Officials, Bluevale Church.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Trowbridge ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, Trowbridge.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Queen City R. T. of T., No. 156 Toronto.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of Bethel Church, Marsville.

By Mr. Pearce, the Petition of the Methodist Congregations of Queensborough Circuit.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the County Council of Huron ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Londesboro ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation, Carlow.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Hickson and Hebron.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Springville.

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), the Petition of the Epworth League, Palmerston ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Palmerston.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Mercer J. Adams and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Toronto Elevated Railway Company.

Of Albert A. Burk, and others of Thessalon, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company.

Of William P. Niles and others of the Village of Wellington, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ontario and Inter-Urban Railway Company.

Of the Township Council of Etobicoke, praying that an Act may pass to validate all tax sales in, up to and inclusive of the year 1905 and the tax deeds given pursuant to such sales.

Of the Township Council of Coleman; also, of the Township Council of Waters; also, of the Township Council of Emily; severally praying for the repeal of Section 603 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Methodist Church Ashbury; also, of the King Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Perth Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Eden Grove; also, of the Methodist Church, Ripley; also, of the Methodist Tabernacle, Whitby; also, of the Epworth League, Whitby; also, of the Methodist Church, Stouffville; also, of the Methodist Church, Lemonville; also, of the Quarterly Board, Lynedoch; also, of the Epworth League, Innerkip; also, of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, Brantford; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Molesworth; also, of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Listowel; also, of the Coldstream Sons of Temperance, Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Mount Brydges; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 76), intituled "An Act to amend the Mines Act, 1906." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 77), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Carnegie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 78), intituled "An Act to encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act to supplement the Revenues of the Crown." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to amend the Land Titles Act." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Mr. McMillan asked the following Question :

Has the Government guaranteed the Title to the Cobalt Lake Property to the Syndicate who tendered successfully, or to the Cobalt Lake Mining Company Limited.

And the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

The Government has issued letters patent in the usual form to the Cobalt Lake Mining Company, Limited.

The only contract with that Company is contained in that Patent, a copy of which can be seen at the office of the Minister of Lands and Mines.

Mr. McCoig asked the following Questions:—

1. Is the Government in a position to give any information in regard to the present condition of the affairs of the York County Loan and Savings Company. 2. If so, can the Government state when subscribers may expect a distribution of the assets of the Company.

To which the Attorney-General replied in the words and figures following:—

The business of the York County Loan and Savings Company is being wound up by order of and under the direction of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, under the Dominion Winding Up Act.

The National Trust Company, Limited, was appointed liquidator by the Court on the 16th day of December, 1905, and since then has been actively engaged in realizing its assets.

The Government is not in a position to give any information beyond the information they receive from the liquidator, who is under direction of the Court in sole control under the law.

On or about the 4th December, 1906, the liquidator filed with the official referee at Osgoode Hall a report on the affairs of the Company, which was published in the daily papers of Toronto and elsewhere and showed liabilities of over \$4,000,000 and assets of about \$1,300,000, and that there are over 114,000 claimants, of whom about 30,000 have refused or neglected to send in their books. This report shows further that many of the house properties and

a considerable quantity of the vacant land had been sold, together with the piano factory, and that the liquidator had realized upon the sale of the stock of the Toronto Life Insurance Company.

Many of the mortgages held by the York County Loan Savings Company are payable in weekly or monthly instalments, and in a number of cases the security is not of a very satisfactory character. Collection of these mortgages is necessarily slow, and the sale of them difficult.

The liquidator has under the order of Court paid all arrears of taxes and all mortgages and preferred claims against the real estate.

Full particulars of all receipts and disbursements will be given by the liquidator in his accounts, which are shortly to be presented to the Court.

Some of the claims filed may be disallowed by the Court for reasons set forth in the liquidator's report.

No dividend can be declared except by order of the Court, and the liquidator reports it may be some time before such dividend can be paid.

Mr. Smyth asked the following Question :

Is the Aubrey White, who is reported to have taken part in a Political Meeting at King, in the Riding of North York, the same person who occupies the position of Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, under the Government of the Province of Ontario.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied, that

The Aubrey White, who is Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, did not take any part in, nor was he present at, the political meeting referred to, in the Township of King, in the Riding of North York.

Mr. Preston (Brant), moved, seconded by Mr. Graham,

That in the opinion of this House :—(1) Every child has a right to health and education ; (2) Child labor interferes with that right ; (3) Child labor is in itself cruel and wasteful ; it is mentally, morally and physically injurious to the child, and a distinct menace to the nation ; (4) No child under 14 should work in a factory, workshop, mercantile house, store, office, hotel or apartment house, in any place of public amusement, or should be employed in making, preparing or distributing articles of sale or commerce at home or in any place in the nature of a factory, workshop or mercantile establishment ; (5) No child between 14 and 16 should be permitted to work under the conditions specified unless the child can read fluently and write legibly, simple sentences in the

English language ; (6) No child under 16 should be employed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., or longer than 8 hours in any 24 hours, or longer than 48 hours a week ; (7) No child under 16 should be employed in occupations dangerous to life, limb, health or morals.

Mr. Monteith moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Cochrane,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, enquiry should be made as to effect of the existing laws relating to and affecting the employment, in manual or other physical labour, of young persons of both sexes, and that therefore this subject be referred for enquiry and report, to a Special Committee to be composed of the following Members :—Messieurs Monteith, Pyne, Pattinson, McNaught, Dargavel, Preston (Durham), Studholme, Preston (Brant), Pense and Tudhope, with power to the said Committee to send for persons, papers and records.

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House enquiry should be made as to the effect of the existing laws relating to and affecting the employment, in manual, or other physical labour, of young persons of both sexes, and that therefore this subject be referred for enquiry and report, to a Special Committee to be composed of the following Members :—Messieurs Monteith, Pyne, Pattinson, McNaught, Dargavel, Preston (Durham), Studholme, Preston (Brant), Pense and Tudhope, with power to the said Committee to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), seconded by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the various kinds of Patents issued to locatees on St. Joseph's Island.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 P.M.

Thursday, 14th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, North Bay ; also, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Cobalt.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of Joseph Kilgour and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Township Council of South Fredericksburg; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Richmond; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Stella.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Victoria Harbour; also, the Petition of the Unionist Division S. O. T., Rugby.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Canadian Portland Cement Company, and others, Limited; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Colborne; also, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Welland.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Town Council of Alliston.

By Mr. Atkinson, the Petition of the Methodist Church of Tyrrell, Rockford and Nober; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, Courtland; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Bloomsburg; also, the Petition of Teeterville Circuit of Teeterville, Vanassa, and Windham Centre; also, the Petition of the Official Board, Kelvin.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Township Council of Kitley.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the Christian Endeavour Society, Bloomingdale.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Township Council of Alberton.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Township Council of South Cayuga.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Epworth League Society, Cedar Springs

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Brownsville; also, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Ingersoll; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Eastwood; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board, Otterville and Brookton.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the S.O.T., No. 295, Malton.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg; also the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Camlachie.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of George King and others, of Culross; also, the Petition of John Armstrong and others, of Culross.

By Mr. McMillan, the Petition of the Congregation of Salem Church, Summerstown.

By Mr. Racine, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Cowan.

By Mr. Mahaffy, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Draper; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Brunel; also, the Petition of the Official Board, Dobbinton.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Belleville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a by-law fixing the assessment of the Hotel Quinte at the sum of \$10,000 for a period of 15 years, to supply water at a rental of \$100 *per* year for the same period, without submission of By-law to the people.

Of the Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company, praying for legislation permitting the incorporation of rural telephone companies.

Of the Township Council of Matilda; also, of the Township Council of London; also, of the Township Council of Guelph; also, of the Township Council of North Plantagenet; also, of the Township Council of Fenelon; also, of the Township Council of Vaughan; also, of the Village Council of Weston; also, of the Village Council of Bancroft; also, of the Town Council of Goderich; also, of the Town Council of Clinton; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the I. O. G. T. Toronto; also, of the Gerrard Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Epworth League, Castleton; also, of the W. C. T. U., Castleton; also, of the Quarterly Board, Salem; also, of the Township Council of Hay; also, of the College Street Baptist Church, Toronto; also, of the Yonge Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Listowel; also, of the Official Board, Auburn; also, of the Methodist Church, Wroxeter; also, of the Methodist Church, Rockwood; also, of the Guelph Prohibition League; also, of the Trinity Baptist Church, Guelph; also, of the Methodist Church, Burk's Falls; also, of the Methodist Church, Riceville; also, of the Epworth League, Riceville; also, of the Methodist Church, Omemee; also, of the Epworth League, Ruthven; also, of the Methodist Church, Cottam; also, of the Methodist Church, Ruthven; also, of the Quarterly Board, Hallowell; also, of the Baptist Church, Port Hope; also, of the Methodist Church, Orton; also, of the Methodist Church, Finch; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Avonmore; also, of the Methodist Church, Stoney Creek; also, of the Baptist Church, Jerseyville; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Lakefield; also, of the Victory Lodge, I. O. G. T., Dovercourt; also, of the Methodist Church, Kleinburg; also,

of the W. C. T. U., Parkdale; also, of Mistress J. S. Harris and others of Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Stirling; also, of the Methodist Church, Bowmanville; also, of the Methodist Church, Newcastle; also, of the United Brethren Church, Bloomingdale; also, of the Quarterly Board Jordan Station; also, of the Methodist Church, Stamford; also, of the Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton; also, of the Central Y. W. C. T. U., Hamilton; also, of the Central W. C. T. U., Hamilton; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 104), intituled "An Act respecting the Provisional County of Haliburton." Mr. Carnegie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 105), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Clark (Bruce.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act. Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 107), intituled "An Act respecting Mortgages of Real Estate." Mr. Eilber.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Clark (Bruce.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Whitney delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain further sums required for the service of the Province until the estimates for the year 1907 are finally passed, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, February 14th, 1907.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to order, then again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000) be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House) and from the 1st day of January, 1907, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1907. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditure to be laid before the House before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1907, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not passed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Committee of Supply reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000), be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House) from the 1st day of January, 1907, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1907. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditures to be laid before the House, before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1907, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates, to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not been passed.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to the Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000), to meet the supply to that extend granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Crawford from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000), to meet the supply to that extend granted to His Majesty.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Joint Stock and other Companies having been read,

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That every company and every director, manager, officer or other employee under the Ontario Companies Act making default in complying with the provisions of section one and sub-section two shall incur upon summary conviction a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offence; Provided, that after having been convicted of such an offence the offender upon a subsequent conviction for a similar offence committed after such first conviction shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

That every provisional director, director, or other person, responsible for the issue and publication of such prospectus under the Act, shall for every violation of the provisions of sections 89, 90 and 91 be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs, provided that no provisional director, director or other person shall incur any liability by reason of non-compliance with the said section.

That any such corporation, officer agent, or employee, who causes to be inserted an advertisement or who publishes, issues or causes to be published or issued any advertisement, letter-head, account or document which states, as the capital of such corporation any larger sum than the amount of such subscribed capital so actually and in good faith subscribed as aforesaid, or which contains any false statement as to the incorporation, control, supervision, management or financial standing of such corporation shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs and not less than \$50 and costs.

That any director, or officer, who refuses to permit any person entitled thereto to inspect book, or books, or make extracts therefrom, shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of \$100.

That if any person in any return, report, certificate, balance-sheet, or other document, required by or for the purposes of the Act, wilfully makes a statement false in any material particular he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment not exceeding three months, with or without hard labour, and to a fine of \$100 in lieu of, or in addition, to such imprisonment as aforesaid.

That it shall be the duty of all officers and agents of the corporation, to produce for the examination of any inspector, all books and documents in their custody or power. Any such inspector may examine upon oath, the officers and agents of the corporation in relation to its business, and may administer such oath accordingly. If any officer, or agent, refuses to produce any book or docu-

ment hereby directed to be produced, or to answer any question relating to the affairs of the corporation, he shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20, in respect of each offence.

That if a corporation makes default in complying with the provisions of section 122, the corporation shall incur a penalty of \$20 for every day during which the default continues, and every director, manager, or secretary, of the corporation, who knowingly and wilfully authorizes or permits such default, shall incur the like penalty, but such penalties shall be recoverable only by action at the suit of, or brought by a private person suing on his own behalf with the written consent of the Attorney-General of the Province of Ontario.

That a company which acts in contravention of any provision of the section of the Act relating to Mining Companies, and every director, manager, officer or agent thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$200 and costs.

That every liquidator shall, within thirty days after the date of the dissolution of the corporation, deposit in the bank appointed or named as hereinbefore provided for, any other moneys belonging to the estate then in his hands not required for any other purpose authorized by the Act, with a sworn statement and account of such money, and that the same is all he has in his hands; and he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not exceeding \$10 for every day on which he neglects or delays such payments; and he shall be a debtor to His Majesty for such money and may be compelled as such to account for any pay over the same.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Crawford reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That every company and every director, manager, officer, or other employee under the Ontario Companies Act making default in complying with the provisions of section one and sub-section two shall incur upon summary conviction a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offence; Provided, that after having been convicted of such an offence the offender upon a subsequent conviction for a similar offence committed after such first conviction shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

That every provisional director, director, or other person, responsible for the issue and publication of such prospectus under the Act, shall for every violation of the provisions of sections 89, 90 and 91 be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs, provided that no provisional director, director or other person shall incur any liability by reason of non-compliance with the said section.

That any such corporation, officer, agent, or *employee*, who causes to be inserted an advertisement or who publishes, issues or causes to be published or issued any advertisement, letter-head, account or document which states, as the capital of such corporation any larger sum than the amount of such subscribed capital so actually and in good faith subscribed as aforesaid or which contains any false statement as to the incorporation, control, supervision, management or financial standing of such corporation shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs and not less than \$50 and costs.

That any director or officer, who refuses to permit any person entitled thereto to inspect book, or books, or make extracts therefrom, shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of \$100.

That if any person in any return, report, certificate, balance sheet, or other document required by or for the purposes of the Act, wilfully makes a statement false in any material particular, he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment not exceeding three months, with or without hard labour, and to a fine of \$100 in lieu of, or in addition, to such imprisonment as aforesaid.

That it shall be the duty of all officers and agents of the corporation, to produce for the examination of any inspector, all books and documents in their custody or power. Any such inspector may examine upon oath, the officers and agents of the corporation in relation to its business, and may administer such oath accordingly. If any officer, or agent, refuses to produce any book or document hereby directed to be produced, or to answer any question relating to the affairs of the corporation, he shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20, in respect of each offence.

That if a corporation makes default in complying with the provisions of section 122, the corporation shall incur a penalty of \$20 for every day during which the default continues, and every director, manager, or secretary, of the corporation, who knowingly and wilfully authorizes or permits such default, shall incur the like penalty, but such penalties shall be recoverable only by action at the suit of, or brought by a private person suing on his own behalf with the written consent of the Attorney-General of the Province of Ontario.

That a company which acts in contravention of any provision of the section of the Act relating to Mining Companies, and every director, manager, officer or agent thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$200 and costs.

That every liquidator shall, within thirty days after the date of the dissolution of the corporation, deposit in the bank appointed or named as hereinbefore provided for, any other moneys belonging to the estate then in his hands not required for any other purpose authorized by the Act, with a sworn statement and account of such money, and that the same is all he has in his

hands; and he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not exceeding \$10 for every day on which he neglects or delays such payments; and he shall be a debtor to His Majesty for such money and may be compelled as such to account for any pay over the same.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 86), To amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Land Grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 97), To amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 93), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 96), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Preston (Brant),

That in the opinion of this House, owing to the vast interests involved, the time has arrived when the Government should make a thorough inquiry into the question of Life Insurance by Fraternal Societies, with a view to establishing a safe and equitable table of rates, which table of rates shall be the minimum to be charged by all Fraternal Societies operating under Provincial license or charter.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines for the year 1906.
(*Sessional Papers No. 3.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.40 P.M.

Friday, 15th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, Iroquois; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Iroquois.

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of Widdifield.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of Evangelical Church, Selkirk.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Epworth League, Winona.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Bethany.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Local Option Committee, Augusta.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Medcalf Street Methodist Church, Oshawa; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., Greenbank.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Parkdale Council, R. T. of T., Toronto; also, the Petition of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Mimico.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Cedar Springs; also, the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of McDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Midland; also, the Petition of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria Harbour; also, the Petition of the Citizen's League, Midland.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Baptist Church, King City.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bradford.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Orono Division S.O.T.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Session of Alexandra Church.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Fordwich.

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Carlisle.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Vice-President of the Dominion Alliance, North Oxford.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the French Presbyterian Mission, Cornwall.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Cargill : also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Paisley.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Epworth League, Exeter.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Mount Forest, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the passage of a by-law—without the consent of the electors—to consolidate the floating debt of the town.

Of the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend Acts respecting Companies in the matter of connections and running arrangements ; acquisition of shares and supply of power.

Of the County Council of Huron, praying for certain amendments to the School Act, respecting the salaries of Teachers.

Of the High School Board, Port Hope, praying for certain amendments to the High Schools Act.

Of the Township Council of the United Townships of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, respecting the running of automobiles on highways.

Of the Township Council of Laird, praying that Municipal Councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for erection of wire fences on roads.

Of the Township Council of the United Townships of Johnson, Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional ; also, of the Township Council of Laird ; also, of the Town Council of Dresden ; also, of the Township Council of Caldwell ; also, of the Township Council of Martland ; also, of the Township Council of Walpole ; also, of the Village Council of Maxville ; also, of the Township Council of Lancaster ; also, of the Township Council of Amabel, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Winchester Local Option League ; also, of St. John's Church, Smith's Falls ; also, of the Methodist Church, Ashbury ; also, of the W. C. T. U., Petrolea ; also, of the Baptist Church, Fullerton ; also, of the Methodist Church, St. Marys ; also, of the Methodist Church, Springfield ; also, of the Baptist Church, Orillia ; also, of the Methodist Church, Dalston ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Clifford ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Dorchester ; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Castleton ; also, of the Women's Missionary Society, Castleton ; also, of the Temperance League, Cargill ; also, of the Mennonite Brethren, Christ Church, Ontario ; also, of the W. C. T. U., of Exeter ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Brucefield ; also, of the Sons of Temperance, White River ; also, of the Methodist Church, Bruce Mines ; also, of the Epworth League, Dryden ; also, of the Methodist Church, Georgetown ; also, of the Hannah Street Methodist Church, Hamilton ; also, of the Young People's Union, Port Hope ; also, of the Methodist Church, Jarvis ; also, of the Methodist Church, Caledonia ; also, of the Methodist Church, Battersea ; also, of the Methodist Church of Elginburg, Glenvale and Kepler ; also, of the W.C.T.U., Bowmanville ; also, of the W. C. T. U., Grenville ; also, of the Methodist Church, North Augusta ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Tilbury ; also, of the First Baptist Church, Onondaga ; also, of the Second Baptist Church, Onondaga ; also, of the Epworth League, Bradford ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Innisfil ; also, of the Methodist Church, Prince Albert ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Dumbarton ; also, of the Methodist Church, Watford ; also, of the Methodist Church, Arran ; also, of the Methodist Church, Tara ; also, of the Methodist Church, Lion's Head ; also, of the Methodist Church, Allenford ; also, of the Methodist Church, Warsaw ; also, of the Methodist Church, Keene ; also, of the Wall Street Methodist Church, Brockville ; also, of the Epworth League, Crow Lake ; also, of the Methodist Church, Wingham ; also, of the Epworth League, Fordwich ; also, of the Officials of the Bluevale Church ; also, of the Methodist Church, Trowbridge ; also, of the Queen City Council R. T. of T., Toronto ; also, of Bethel Church, Marsville ; also, of the Methodist Church, Queensboro ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Londesboro ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Carlow ; also, of the Methodist Church, Hickson and Hebron ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Springville ; also, of the Epworth League, Palmerston ; also, of the Methodist Church, Palmerston, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of N. D. Ord and others of South River, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of South River;

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws; to amend the Acts relating to Water Works System; to authorize the borrowing of money; giving authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$5,000 to aid in defraying expenses of "Old Boys Re-Union," and to raise on 20-year debentures the sum of \$26,000 for the purchase of books for the Public Library;

Of the Town Council of Seaforth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *re* issue of debentures;

Of the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass constituting Charles O. Shaw, Silas H. Jacobs, John McKee and others, provisional Directors of the Company and vesting in them all authority conferred on the original Directors.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time, for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Monday, the 4th day of March next; and that the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 5th day of March next.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of Stephen Henry Chapman and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Artesian Water Company, Limited, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature, has been published the required length of time in the "Ontario Gazette," and the Committee have also had Declarations fyled before them shewing that the Notice has also appeared for a period of six weeks in "The Markham Sun," the "Leader and Recorder," the "Liberal" and "The Express Herald," all of said newspapers being published in the County of York being the County affected by the proposed legislation, a Declaration has also been fyled shewing that the Notice has also appeared in "The Tribune," a newspaper also published in the County of York, for a period of three weeks.

The Committee also find that the Petition asks "To authorize the Councils "of any of the municipalities, without the assent of the ratepayers, to pass "by-laws exempting the property of the Company from taxation, or to agree "with the Company for a fixed assessment of such property or the commutation "of taxes thereon at a fixed annual sum or otherwise" and of this no mention appears to have been made in the Notices as published.

The Committee considering this a matter of which notice should be given to the public would recommend that an amended Notice, shewing that it is desired that authority be given to the Councils of any of the municipalities mentioned to pass such by-laws, be inserted for a period of two weeks in the local newspapers hereinbefore mentioned, and further, that a similar Notice be inserted weekly for a period of two weeks in "The Globe," "The Mail and Empire" and "The World," being three newspapers published in the City of Toronto and that evidence that such publication has been made, be produced before the Private Bills' Committee before the Bill is considered by that Committee.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass erecting the Town into a City; to confirm By-law 846, to amend ss. 5 of Sec. 19, of Cap. 76, 3 Edw. VII., and for other purposes, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of five weeks in the "Ontario Gazette." The Committee have also had fyled before them a Declaration shewing that a similar notice has also appeared weekly for a period of six weeks in the issues of the Port Arthur "Daily News" and the Port Arthur "Evening Chronicle."

The Committee find that paragraph 7 of the Notice contains the following words "For power for the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council by Proclamation, on "evidence of there being 15,000 inhabitants, to erect the Town of Port Arthur "into a City" while the Petition after stating that the "Town now contains "over 12,000 inhabitants," prays "That on and after the passing of the said "Act the Town of Port Arthur shall be erected into a City;" The Committee would recommend that the attention of the Private Bills Committee be directed to this matter.

The Committee also find that in the last issue of the "Ontario Gazette" an addition was made to the Notice in the words following:—

"In assessing vacant ground in Port Arthur whether surveyed into "Building Lots or not, the same shall be assessed as other real property at its "actual value, notwithstanding anything in The Assessment Act to the "contrary," but of this no mention appears in the local notice attached to the declaration nor in the Petition.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Monday, the fourth day of March next, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the fifth day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." Mr. May.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company." Mr. Mahaffy.
Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." Mr. Bradburn.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Artesian Water Company, Limited." Mr. Hoyle.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes." Mr. Smellie.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 4), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of South River." Mr. Mahaffy.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Seaforth." Mr. Eilber.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act to authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, to do business in the Province of Ontario." Mr. Duff.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 110), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act" Mr. Preston (Lanark.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 111), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act." Mr. Hoyle.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.



Bill (No. 112), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No 88), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House then adjourned at 4.05 P.M.

Monday, 18th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Chesterville.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Oil Springs.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Annette Street Baptist Church, Toronto Junction; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Fairbank.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Township Council of North Grimsby; also, the Petition of the T. P. S. of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara on the Lake; also, the Petition of the Local Branch, W. C. T. U.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Woman's F. M. Society, Brussels; also the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Brussels.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Sunday School and Epworth League, Zimmerman; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Sunday School and Epworth League, Lowville.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Session of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Official Board, Lyn Circuit; also, the Petition of the Young People's Epworth League, Lyn Circuit.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the City Council of Windsor.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of the Township Council of York.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of Harvey Graham and others of Haileybury.

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of North Toronto Council No. 104 R.T. of T., Toronto.

By Mr. Dunlop, Two Petitions of the Township Council of the United Townships of Rolph, Buckingham and Wylie; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bromley; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Cobden; also, the Petition of the Wesley Sunday School, Bromley; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Westmeath.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board, Elmwood; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Hanover; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Glenelg; also, the Petition of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Swinton Park; also, the Petition of the Temperance Alliance, Proton; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Cedarville; also, the Petition of the Morrison Presbyterian Church, Cedarville.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Epworth League, Thornton; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., Thornton; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Alliston.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Prince Albert; also, the Petition of the District Division, South Ontario; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregations of Ashburn and Utica.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Richmond Circuit; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Malakoff; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sabbath School, North Gower; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, North Gower.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Joseph Kilgour and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Current River Power Company.

Of the Canadian Portland Cement Company Limited and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.

Of the Village Council of Port Colborne praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 9 exempting certain property from taxation and declare the same legal, valid and binding.

Of the Town Council of Alliston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the sum of \$7,000, to pay off floating debt and for other purposes.

Of the Hamilton Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for construction and authorize them to enter into agreements with the City of St. Catharines and other Corporations, to increase their bonding power and for other purposes.

Of John Armstrong and others of Culross; also, of John King and others of Culross; severally praying for certain amendments to the Public School Act, respecting the salaries of teachers.

Of the Township Council of Kitley; also, of the Township Council of Fredericksburg; also, of the Township Council of Alberton; also, of the Township Council of South Cayuga; also, of the Township Council of Brunel; also, of the Township Council of Richmond; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, North Bay; also, of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Cobalt; also, of the Methodist Church, Stella; also, of the W. C. T. U., Victoria Harbour; also, of the Unionist Division S. of T., Rugby; also, of the Methodist Church, Welland; also, of the Methodist Church, Tyrrell, Rockford and Nober; also, of the Methodist Church, Courtland; also, of the Baptist Church, Bloomsburg; also, of the Teetersville, Vanessa and Windham Centre Circuit; also, of the Official Board, Kelvin; also, of the Christian Endeavour Society, Bloomingdale; also, of the Epworth League Society of Cedar Springs; also, of the Methodist Church, Brownsville; also, of the Baptist Church, Ingersoll; also, of the Methodist Church, Eastwood; also, of the Quarterly Board, Otterville and Brookton; also, of the Sons of Temperance No. 295, Malton; also, of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg; also, of the Methodist Church, Camlachie; also, of the Congregation of Salem Church, Summerstown; also, of the Methodist Church, Cowan; also, of the Methodist Church, Draper; also, of the Official Board, Dobbinton; also, of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Iroquois; also, of the W. C. T. U., Iroquois; also, of the St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Victoria Harbour; also, of the Methodist Church, Midland; also, of the Citizens League Midland; also, of the Baptist Church, King City; also, of the Methodist Church, Bradford; also, of the Orono Division Sons of Temperance; also, of the Session of Alexandra Church, Brantford; also, of the Methodist Church, Fordwich; also, of the Methodist Church, Cedar Springs; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Cargill; also, of the Methodist Church, Paisley; also, of the Epworth League, Exeter; also, of the Methodist Church, Carlisle; also, of the W. C. T. U., Mimico; also, of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Parkdale Council R. T. of T., Toronto; also, of the Sons of Temperance, Greenbank; also, of the Medcalf

Street Methodist Church, Oshawa; also, of the Local Option Committee, Augusta; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Bethany; also, of the Epworth League, Winona; also, of the Evangelical Church, Selkirk; also, of the Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton; also, of the French Presbyterian Church, Cornwall; also, of the Vice President of the Dominion Alliance, North Oxford, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the Township Council of Widdifield; also, the Township Council of the United Townships of McDonald, Meredith, and Aberdeen Additional; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for non-repair of Highways.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the appointment of Auditors and the auditing of the Treasurer's books.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act" Mr. Graham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 81, To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The House then adjourned at 3.35 P.M.

Tuesday, 19th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Iroquois; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Winchester; also, the Petition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, International Order of Good Templars.

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Sudbury; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, New Liskeard.

By Mr. Hanna the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Wilkesport Circuit; also, the Petition of the District Council of the R. T. of T., Toronto.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Free Methodist Church, Warkworth; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Casleton; also, the Petition of the Official Board, Hilton Circuit; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Hilton; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Colborne.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Toronto; also, the Petition of the Metropolitan Epworth League.

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church Toronto.

By Mr. Beck, the Petition of the Temperance Committee of St. Andrew's Church, London; also, the Petition of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, London; also, the Petition of the Christian Church, London; also, the Petition of the First Presbyterian Church, London.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Varna; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Crediton.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Wesley Methodist Church, Fort William.

By Mr. Lewis, the Petition of the Local Option League, Caledon; also, the Petition of the Epworth League Society, Laurel; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Rosemont; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Amaranth; also, the Petition of the Township Council of East Luther; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Mariposa; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Neebing; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Plantagenet.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Granton; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Parkhill; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Sylvan Circuit; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board and Congregations of the Methodist Church, Sylvan Circuit.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Somerset Y's, Hamilton.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Wallace Branch P. A., North Perth.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Welland; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Port Colborne.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the County Council of Kent; also, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Thamesville.

By Mr. Preston, (Durham), the Petition of the Trustee Boards of the Methodist Churches of Mount Pleasant, Selby Circuit.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the King Street Methodist Church, Ingersoll; also the Petition of the Methodist Church, Salford; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Norwich; also, the Petition of the Citizens Protective Association of South Norwich; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Sweabing; also, the Petition of the Township Council of West Oxford.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Township Council of Kincardine; also, the Petition of the Congregation of Knox Church, Paisley.

By Mr Rathbun, the Petition of the Township Council of Hungerford; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Cannifton Circuit; also, the Petition of the Brotherhood of the Holloway Methodist Church.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Temperance Workers, Meaford; also, the Petition of the George Street Methodist Church, Brockville.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of the Township Council of Sarawak; also, the Petition of the Church of Disciples of Christ, Owen Sound.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Baptist Church, Kempville also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bishop's Mills; also, the Petition of the Congregation of St. Pauls, Kemptville.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, The Brook; also, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Brook and Enniskillen.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of R. C. Tefft, of Markham.

By Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), the Petition of the Elizabeth Street Methodist Church, Barrie; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dalston Circuit.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Division S.O.T., Minden; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board, Minden.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Centennial Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Dunlop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bleachburg Circuit.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Old Windham Circuit; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Langton.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Mildmay.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Local Option Association, Albion; also, the Petition of the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Mono.

By Mr. Lewis, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Laurel Circuit.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Singhampton; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dunedin; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Stayner.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Drumbo Circuit; also, the Petition of the Evangelical Church, Plattsville; also, the Petition of the Citizens' Temperance League, North Oxford.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Congregation of Zion Church, Cotswold; also, the Petition of the Congregation of Calvin Church, Rothsay.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Township Council of Dysart.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of Thomas Lowes and others, of Burford.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Township Council of Medonte; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Midland; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Midland.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the City Council of Niagara Falls, praying that an Act may pass postponing the Debenture issue authorized by By-law No. 67 *re* construction of sewers, and for other purposes;

Of the Village Council of Port Colborne, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 9, exempting certain property of The Canadian Portland Cement Company, Limited, and Great Lakes Portland Cement Company, Limited, from taxation and declare the same legal, valid and binding;

Of the Canadian Portland Cement Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company;

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws;

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Waterford, praying that an Act may pass vesting in them, as a site for the erection of a Church, Lot No. 13, in Block 8 in the Village of Waterford.

Of the Reverend Edwin Lee and others, of Courtright, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Courtright.

Of Richard Massey Tuthill, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Chemist and Druggist and directing the Ontario College of Pharmacy to register him as such.

Of James Pearson, Trustee under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to sell or otherwise dispose of any or all property acquired since date of settlement; to confirm sales and make plain the meaning and intention of said settlement.

Of the Belleville Women's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Association.

Of Jerry Brisson, of the Township of Russell, in the County of Russell, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon in Ontario.

Of the Board of Directors of the Guelph General Hospital, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Act incorporating the Hospital so as to include the Home of the Friendless, and to empower the Corporation of the City of Guelph and County of Wellington and local municipalities to assist in the maintenance thereof.

Of the Town Council of Brampton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to accept a gift of \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie, for a Public Library and authorizing the Library Board to demand from the Corporation a payment of a certain sum annually for the support of Library, and for other purposes.

Mr. Lucas, from the Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and report the same with amendments.

Bill (No. 1), To confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the City of St. Thomas.

The Committee recommends that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 9), Respecting St. Mark's Church, Niagara, the same having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 9), St. Mark's Church, Niagara.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act to vest certain lands in the Rector and Church-Wardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford." Mr. Pratt.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Courtright." Mr. Montgomery.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Niagara Falls." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act to authorize Richard Massey Tuthill to practice as a Pharmaceutical Chemist and Druggist." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act authorizing the Trustees, or Trustee, under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie and Robert Woods Prittie to sell lands acquired subsequent to the date of the said Marriage Settlement." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Port Colborne." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill No. 14), intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the Town of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board." Mr. Smith (Peel.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act respecting the City of London." Mr. Hodgins.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend the Registry Act." Mr. Foy.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway Act." Mr. Hendrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906." Mr. Hendrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 117), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 118), intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway and other Corporations." Mr. Hendrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No 86), To amend the Free Grants and Homesteads Act and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Land Grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 90), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 79), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 85), To amend the Act respecting Statute Labour.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 77), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 105), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 107), Respecting Mortgages of Real Estate.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 108), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Duff asked the following Question :

(1) Is it the intention of the Government to make the use of the " Union Jack " part of the equipment of the Public Schools of the Province of Ontario, during all school days, or at stated periods. (2) If so, does the Government propose to assist the Public School Boards in providing the same.

And the Minister of Education replied, that

It is under the consideration of the Government.

On motion of Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Thompson (Wentworth),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or official thereof, and any other person or persons, with reference to the dismissal of James Gillespie, of Picton, from the office of Sheriff of the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor :—

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No 5.*)

Also, Report of Women's Institutes of the Province for the year 1906. *Sessional Papers No. 24.*)

Also, Report of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario (Fairs and Exhibitions), for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wednesday, 20th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Methodist Congregations of North Williamsburg, Elma and Winchester Springs.

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, New Liskeard.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Sarnia.

By Mr. Hendrie, the Petition of the Hamilton Union W. C. T. U., Hamilton.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the City Council of Windsor.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of George J. Todd and others, of Burford.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of Regina Council R. T. of T.; also, the Petition of Limeridge Council No. 9, R. T. of T., all of Hamilton.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Fort Frances; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dryden; also, the Petition of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sault Ste. Marie; also, the Petition of the Methodist Quarterly Official Board, Fort Frances; also, the Petition of the Ladies Aid Society, Fort Frances.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of Court No. 1168, C. O. F., Cedarville.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavour, Jordan Station.

By Mr. Pense, the Petition of the Session of Cook's Church, Kingston.

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Maple Grove League; also, the Petition of the Maple Grove Division S. O. T.; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lambeth Circuit.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of Council No. 144, R. T. of T., Wingham.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Central Methodist Church, Stratford; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Stratford.

By Mr. Brower, Two Petitions of County Council of Elgin.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Quarterly Official Board of the Trafalgar Circuit.

By Mr. Atkinson, the Petition of the Baptist Church, South Middleton.

By Mr. Rathbun, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Belleville; also, the Petition of the Holloway Street Methodist Church, Belleville; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Tweed; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Shannonville.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Royal Templars, Clinton; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Blake; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Varna.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bloomfield.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Citizens' Temperance League Thamesford; also, the Petition of Empire Council R. T. of T.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation, North Gower; also, the Petition of the McLeod Street Methodist Church, Ottawa; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U.; also, the Petition of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; also, the Petition of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, all of Almonte.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of Council No. 92, R. T. of T., Stouffville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Uxbridge.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Township Council of Pittsburg.

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of W. S. Smart and others, of Mountain Grove; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Jarham; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Long Lake; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of Methodist Church, Scarboro Circuit.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of Grace Methodist Church, Gananoque; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Delta; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lansdowne; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Seeley's Bay.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Welcome.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Rockwood.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Westmoreland Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Weston; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Tomlinson; also, the Petition of the North Parkdale Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Excelsior Division S. O. T., Toronto; also, the Petition of Parkdale Council No. 11, R. T. of T., Toronto.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Methodist Church, McKellar; also, the Petition of the Good Templars Lodge, McKellar; also, the Petition of Valentine Draycott and others, of Humphry; also, the Petition of John Burton and others, of Joly.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Christian Church, Drayton.

By Mr. Ferguson, (Grenville), the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Prescott ; also, the Petition of the Y. W. C. T. U., Prescott

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dresden.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of the United Congregations, Shallow Lake ; also, the Petition of the Officials of Johnston Church, Bluevale Circuit ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Meaford ; also, the Petition of the Congregations of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of North Derby ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Kemble Circuit.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the S. O. T., No. 284, Painswick ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Allandale ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Hally.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the George Street Methodist Church Epworth League, Brockville.

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Ailsa Craig.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Port Perry Division No. 377, Sons of Temperance.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Statutes relating to the Don Improvement and the Toronto Railway Company, and to authorize the passing of a certain by-law *re* bath house and police patrol service.

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of Debentures to cover amount of floating debt and for other purposes

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to grant free light and water and exemption from taxation for ten years, and lease land for sites to new industries agreeing to locate permanently in the City.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws ; to confirm sales of land for arrears of taxes and the deeds given thereunder and for other purposes.

Of Harvey Graham and others of Haileybury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company.

Of the Township Council of the United Townships of Rolph, Buchanan and Wylie, praying that Municipal Councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for the erection of wire fences on roads.

Of the Township Council of North Grimsby; also, of the Township Council of Glenelg; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Rolph, Buchanan and Wylie; also, of the Village Council of Cobden; also, of the Township Council of Bromley; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Session of the Presbyterian Church, Chesterville; also, of the Regular Baptist Church, Oil Springs; also, of the North Toronto Council No. 104, R. T. of T., Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Richmond Circuit; also, of the Epworth League, Malakoff; also, of the Methodist Sabbath School, North Gower; also, of the Epworth League, North Gower; also, of the Young People's Epworth League, Lyn; also, of the Official Board, Lyn Circuit; also, of the Methodist Church, Westmeath; also, of the Wesley Sunday School, Bromley; also, of the W.C.T.U., Niagara-on-the-Lake; also, of the T.P's, S.C.E., St. Andrew's Church, Niagara on the Lake; also, of the Methodist Church, Fairbank; also, of the Annette Street Baptist Church, Toronto Junction; also, of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashburn and Utica; also, of the District Division, South Ontario; also, of the W.C.T.U., Prince Albert; also, of the Methodist Church, Alliston; also, of the Sons of Temperance, Thornton; also, of the Epworth League, Thornton; also, of the Morrison Presbyterian Church, Cedarville; also, of the Methodist Church, Cedarville; also, of the Temperance Alliance, Proton; also, of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Swinton; also, of the W.C.T.U., Hanover; also, of the Methodist Church, Elmwood; also, of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton; also, of the Methodist Church Sunday School and Epworth League, Lowville; also, of the Methodist Church Sunday School and Epworth League, Zimmerman; also, of the W.C.T.U., Brussels, also, of the Woman's F.M. Society, Brussels, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Guelph General Hospital, by making provision for the incorporation, in connection therewith, of the Home of the Friendless and for other purposes." Mr. Downey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act to authorize Jerry Brisson to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon." Mr. Racine.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act for the Administrative Control of Pulmonary Phthisis." Mr. Torrance.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act." Mr. Preston (Durham.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Craig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Preston (Lanark.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act to amend the High Schools Act." Mr. Craig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 80), To make provision for the plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells, and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas.

Bill (No. 1), To confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 89), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 110), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report upon Highway Improvement in the Province, for the year 1906.
(*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.05 P.M.

Thursday, 21st February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Carleton Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Queen City Council R. T. of T., all of Toronto.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Congregation of St. James' Church, St. Marys.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Courtright; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Brigden Circuit.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church of Burnbrae and Ralstons; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sabbath School, Campbellford; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Campbellford,

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Paisley; also, the Petition of the Puslinch Council; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Eden Mills.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Norwich.

By Mr. Clarke, (Northumberland), the Petition of the Union Council No 56, R. T. of T., Cobourg.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of Council No. 201, R. T. of T., Palmerston.

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the Township Council of Van Horne; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Cumberland; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Simcoe; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Humphrey; also, the Petition of the County Council of Elgin; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Seneca; also, the Petition of the Township Council of the United Townships of Hagarty, Sherwood, Jones, Richards and Burns; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Glencoe.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Kirkton Circuit; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Elmville.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lucknow; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Teeswater.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Grimsby.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of David Allan---the younger---and others, of Egremont and Normanby.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Epworth League, Columbus.

By Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), the Petition of the Township Council of Korah.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of Maple Council No. 83, R. T. of T.; also, the Petition of the Parkdale Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Northern Star Council R. T. of T. No. 281, Toronto.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Local Temperance Committee, West Tilbury; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Tilbury North.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church; also, the Petition of Council No. 72, R. T. of T., all of Blenheim.

By Mr. Montgomery, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Plympton.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Township Council of Emo; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Morley.

By Mr. Lucas, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Chatsworth; also, the Petition of Fountain Council No. 146, R. T. of T., Flesherton; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Holland; also, the Petition of the Congregation of Knox Church, Holland; also, the Petition of Temple Hill Congregation; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Priceville; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., Rocklyn; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Sullivan; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Artemesia.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Orono.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church Chatham.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Elgin Circuit, Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Gananoque.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of Bay Council R. T. of T., Collingwood; also, the Petition of the Alliston Council R. T. of T.; also, the Petition of the Methodist Quarterly Board, Creemore.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the W.C.T.U., Brantford; also, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Lakelet.

By Mr. Lewis the Petition of the Township Council of Mulmur; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Relessey; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Waldemar; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Grand Valley

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Official Board of Embro Circuit; also, the Petition of the Innerkip Council R. T. of T.; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Kentore; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Thamesford Circuit.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of R. C. Tefft, of Markham, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in Ontario.

Of the Grand Lodge of Canada International Order of Good Templars; also, of the W. C. T. U., Winchester; also, of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Iroquois; also, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Metropolitan Epworth League, Toronto; also, of the Epworth League, New Liskeard; also, of the W. C. T. U., Sudbury; also, of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Wilkesport; also, of the Toronto District Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, Toronto; also, of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Methodist Congregation, Warkworth; also, of the W. C. T. U., Castleton; also, of the Quarterly Board, Hilton; also, of the Epworth League, Hilton and Brighton; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Colborne; also, of the Temperance Committee of St. Andrew's Church, London; also, of the St. Andrew's Church, London; also, of the Christian Church, London; also, of the Presbyterian Church, London; also, of the Prohibition Association, Wallace Branch; also, of the Somerset Y's, Hamilton; also, of the Methodist Church, Granton; also, of the Epworth League, Sylvan Circuit; also, of the Quarterly Board and Congregation of the Methodist Church, Sylvan Circuit; also, of the W. C. T. U., Parkhill; also, of the W. C. T. U., Port Colborne; also, of the Baptist Church, Welland; also, of the Methodist Church, Varna; also, of the Evangelical Church, Crediton; also, of the Wesley Methodist Church, Fort William; also, of the Methodist Church, Laurel Circuit; also, of the Local Option League, Caledon; also, of the Epworth League, Laurel; also, of the Methodist Church, Rosemont; also, of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Thamesville; also, of the Methodist Churches of Empey Hill and Mount Pleasant; also, of the King Street Methodist Church, Ingersoll; also, of the Methodist Church, Salford; also, of the W. C. T. U., Norwich; also, of the Citizens' Protective Association, South Norwich; also, of the Methodist Church, Sweaburg; also, of the Township Council of Kincardine; also, of Knox Church, Paisley; also, of the Methodist Church, Cannifton; also, of the Brotherhood of the Methodist Church, Holloway; also, of the Temperance Workers, Meaford; also, of the George Street Methodist Church, Brockville; also, of the Church of the Disciples of Christ, Owen Sound; also, of the Baptist Church, Kemptville; also, of the Methodist Church, Bishop's Mills; also, of the St. Paul's Church, Kemptville; also, of the Methodist Church, The Brook; also, of the Baptist

Church of Brook and Enniskillen ; also, of the Elizabeth Street Methodist Church, Barrie ; also, of the Methodist Church Dalston Circuit ; also, of the Quarterly Official Board, Minden ; also, of the Sons of Temperance, Minden ; also, of the Centennial Methodist Church, Toronto ; also, of the Methodist Church, Beachburg ; also, of the Methodist Church, Simcoe ; also, of the Baptist Church, Langton ; also, of the Methodist Church, Mildmay ; also, of the Local Option Association, Albion ; also, of the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Mono ; also, of the Methodist Church, Singhampton ; also, of the Methodist Church, Dunedin ; also, of the Methodist Church, Drumbo Circuit ; also, of the Evangelical Church, Plattsville ; also, of the Citizens' Temperance League, Thamesford ; also, of Zion Church, Cotswold ; also, of Calvin Church, Rothsay ; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Midland ; also, of the Epworth League, Midland ; also, of Thomas Lowes and others of Burford, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the appointment of auditors and the auditing of the Treasurer's books.

Of the Township Council of West Oxford ; also, of the Township Council of Hungerford ; also, of the Town Council of Stayner ; also, of the Township Council of Dysart ; also, of the Township Council of Medonte, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Township Council of Amaranth ; also, of the Township Council of East Luther ; also, of the Township Council of Mariposa ; also, of the Township Council of Neebing ; also, of the Township Council of North Plantagenet ; also, of the Township Council of Sarawak, severally praying that municipal councils may submit by-laws at elections providing for the erection of wire fences on roads.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Town of Seaforth.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Town of Port Perry.

The Committee recommends that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 12), To change the name of the Toronto Home for Incurables, the same having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 12), Toronto Home for Incurables.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act to create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines' Act, 1906.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 78), To encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 115), To amend the Ontario Railway Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 116), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Friday, 22nd February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to enquire into and report on Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 13), Authorizing the Trustees or Trustee, under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie and Robert Woods Prittie, to sell lands acquired subsequent to the date of the said Marriage Settlement.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The undersigned, to whom were referred Bill (No. 13), "An Act authorizing the Trustees or Trustee under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie and Robert Woods Prittie to sell lands acquired subsequent to the date of the said Marriage Settlement," have the honour to report:

1. That they have considered the said Bill and are of opinion that, presuming the allegations contained in the Preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of Your Honourable House, it is reasonable that the relief sought by the Petitioners should be granted.

2. They are, however, of opinion that the provisions of the Bill are wider than they should be, and that the Bill, if passed in its present form, would confirm acts of the Trustees which are open to objection upon grounds other than the absence of the power of sale as to real property subsequently purchased.

3. The undersigned have therefore prepared sections in substitution for sections 1 and 2 of the Bill, which will, in their opinion, effect the object which the Petitioners desire to attain, as far as it is proper to do so by legislation.

4. Section 3 of the Bill is, in the opinion of the undersigned, unnecessary and should be struck out.

5. The undersigned also recommend that the Title of the Bill be shortened so as to read "An Act respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie."

Dated at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, this twenty-first day of February, 1907.

W. R. MEREDITH, C. J. C. P.

J. V. TEETZEL, J. C. P. D.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 13), Prittie Marriage Settlement, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same, with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Epworth League, Creemore.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Staffa Circuit.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Local Option Association, Moore Township; also, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Wilkesport.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Castlederg; also, the Petition of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Bolton.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the R. T. of T. No. 136, Listowel; also, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Stratford.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Y.W.C.T.U., Midland.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Guelph.

By Mr. McDougal, the Petition of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools, Ottawa.

By Mr. Harcourt, the Petition of the Dunnville Council R. T. of T.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Epworth League, Spencer-ville; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., and W. M. S. and Ladies' Aid Society, all of Cardinal; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Spencerville Circuit; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Cardinal; also, the Petition of Zion Church, Roebuck.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Hensall.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of the Session of Knox Church, Owen Sound; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation; also, the Petition of the Methodist Epworth League, all of Meaford; also, the Petition of a Public Meeting of Electors, Sydenham.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the W.C.T.U.; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, all of Uxbridge.

By Mr. Lewis, the Petition of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Caledon; also, the Petition of the W.C.T.U.; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Orangeville.

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Town Council of Gore Bay; also, the Petition of five Methodist Churches, Manitowaning Circuit.

By Mr. Pearce, the Petition of the Sunday School and Epworth League, Queensborough.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Athens.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Blenheim.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Presbyterian Sabbath School ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, all of Mimico ; also, the Petition of Dovercourt Council R. T. of T. ; also, the Petition of the Western W.C.T.U., all of Toronto.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church ; also, the Petition of the Maple Street Methodist Church, all of Collingwood.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of Perry ; also, the Petition of the Dominion Council No. 113, R. T. of T. ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Parry Sound.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Baptist Young People's Union, Welland ; also, the Petition of the Marquis of Lorne Council No. 4, Chippawa.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the W.C.T.U. ; also, the Petition of the Baptist Young People's Union, William Street Church, all of Chatham.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Comber ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Tilbury West.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Myrtle and Columbus Circuit.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Newbridge.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a by-law to transfer to a Board of three Commissioners the control and management of the Electric Light Plant and property of said City and to authorize and provide for the election of such board and fix their powers.

Of John Burton and others, of Joly ; also, of Valentine Draycott and others, of Humphrey ; severally praying for certain amendments to the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

Of the County Council of Elgin, praying for certain amendments to the Public School Act, respecting the salaries of teachers.

Of the County Council of Elgin, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of railways for the structures, rails, ties, poles and other property on right of way.

Of the Township Council of Uxbridge; also, of the Township Council of Pittsburg; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Methodist Congregations of North Williamsburg, Elma and Winchester Springs; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, New Liskeard; also, of the W.C.T.U., Sarnia; also, of the Epworth League of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Hamilton Union W.C.T.U.; also, of George J. Todd and others, of Burford; also, of Regina Council of R. T. of T., Hamilton; also, of Limeridge Council of R. T. of T., Hamilton; also, of W. C. T. U., Fort Frances; also, of the Methodist Church, Dryden; also, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sault Ste. Marie; also, of the Methodist Quarterly Board, Fort Frances; also, of the Ladies' Aid Society, Fort Frances; also, of Court No. 1168 C. O. F., Cedardale; also, of the Epworth League, Jordan Station; also, of the Session of Cook's Church, Kingston; also, of the Maple Grove League; also, of the Maple Grove Division S. O. T.; also, of the Methodist Church, Lambeth Circuit; also, of Council No. 144, R. T. of T., Wingham; also, of the Central Methodist Congregation, Stratford; also, of the W. C. T. U., Stratford; also, of the Quarterly Official Board, Trafalgar Circuit; also, of the Baptist Church, South Middleton; also, of the R. T. of T., Belleville; also, of the Holloway Street Methodist Church, Belleville; also, of the Methodist Church, Church, Tweed; also, of the Methodist Church, Shannonville; also, of the Royal Templars of Clinton; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Blake; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Varna; also, of the Methodist Church, Bloomfield; also, of the Citizens Temperance League, Thamesford; also, of the Empire Council R. T. of T.; also, of the Presbyterian Congregation of North Gower; also, of the McLeod Street Methodist Church, Ottawa; also, of the W.C.T.U., Almonte; also, of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Almonte; also, of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Almonte; also, of the Baptist Church, Almonte; also, of Council No. 92, R. T. of T., Stouffville; also, of W. S. Smart and others, of Mountain Grove; also, of the Epworth League, Jarham; also, of the Methodist Church, Long Lake; also, of the Methodist Church, Scarboro' Circuit; also, of Grace Methodist Church Gananoque; also, of the Methodist Church, Delta; also, of the Methodist Church, Landowne; also, of the Methodist Church, Seeley's Bay; also, of the Welcome Methodist Church, Wesleyville; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Rockwood; also, of the Westmoreland Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Methodist Church, Weston; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Tomlinson;

also, of the Methodist Church, North Parkdale ; also, of the Excelsior Division, S. of T., Toronto ; also, of Parkdale Council No. 11, R. R. of T. ; also, of the Methodist Church, McKellar ; also, of the Good Templar Lodge, McKellar ; also, of the Christian Church, Drayton ; also, of the W. C. T. U., Prescott ; also, of the Y. W. C. T. U., Prescott ; also, of the Methodist Church, Dresden ; also, of the United Congregations, Shallow Lake ; also, of Johnstons Church, Bluevale ; also, of the Methodist Church, Meaford ; also, of the United Congregations, Presbyterian and Methodist, North Derby ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Kemble ; also, of the Sons of Temperance No. 284, Painswick ; also, of the Methodist Church, Allandale ; also, of the Methodist Church, Hally ; also, of the George Street Methodist Church, Epworth League, Brockville ; also, of the Methodist Church, Ailsa Craig ; also, of the Port Perry Division No. 377 Sons of Temperance, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient :—

Of the Town Council of Kincardine, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Town to grant to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, a site for the erection of a Post Office, and for other purposes ;

Of William P. Niles and others, of the Village of Wellington, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ontario Interurban Railway Company ;

Of the Town Council of Alliston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the sum of \$7,000.00 to pay off floating debt, and for other purposes ;

Of Joseph Kilgour, and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Current River Power Company ;

Of the Town Council of Berlin, praying that an Act may pass declaring that the Corporation may, upon payment of \$75,200 into the local office of the High Court at Berlin, being amount of award, take over and enter into possession of the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway and all properties and effects thereof, and for other purposes ;

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to grant free light and water and exemption from taxation for ten years and lease of land, for sites to new industries, agreeing to locate permanently in the city.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass confirming and validating all Assessment Rolls, Collectors Rolls, Tax Sales and all proceedings incident thereto and to amend Chapters 37 of 39 and 31 of 40 Victoria, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been duly published in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the Port Arthur "Daily News;"

The Committee are of the opinion that the wording of the Notice "to amend Chapter 37 of 39 Victoria by striking out Section 2 thereof and to amend Chapter 31 of 40 Victoria by striking out Section 5 thereof" is not sufficiently clear and would therefor recommend that an amended Notice distinctly setting out what was enacted by the sections proposed to be amended and the purport of the proposed amendment be inserted weekly for a period of two weeks in the Fort William "Times Journal" and in the Port Arthur "Daily News" and that evidence that such publication has been made be produced before the Private Bills Committee before the Bill be considered by that Committee.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Nepigon Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass amending the Acts relating to the Company by extending the time for the completion of the construction of its authorized lines, and by authorizing the amalgamation with or leasing to the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has appeared for the time required by the Rules of this Honourable House in newspapers published in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Nipissing, being two of the Districts through which the railway proposed to run, but they have had no evidence produced before them to shew that any publication has been made in any newspaper in the District of Algoma, which District is affected by the proposed legislation;

The Committee therefore recommends that a Notice setting forth the intention to apply for the proposed legislation be inserted once a week for the period of two weeks in the "Sault Star," a newspaper published in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, and in some newspaper published in the Town of Thessalon, both said Towns being in the District of Algoma, and that evidence of such publication having been made, be produced before the Railway Committee before the Bill is considered by that Committee.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of Henry Clay Trexler and others, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of six weeks, as required by the Rules of this Honourable House, in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the "Belleville Ontario," this latter being a newspaper published in the County of Hastings, which is the County affected by the proposed legislation ;

The Committee find that the powers prayed for in the Petition are greater than those covered by the Notice, inasmuch as the Notice defines a certain route for the railway, whereas the Petition, in addition to that route, asks for power to construct railways "between other points within the said Township of Thurlow ;" the Petition also prays that the Company may be authorized "to enter into agreements for connecting their said railways with other railways now or hereafter passing through said Township of Thurlow ;"

The Committee recommends that an amended Notice setting out fully the prayer of the Petition be inserted weekly for a period of three weeks in the said "Belleville Ontario" and for a like period in the "Ontario Gazette," and that evidence that such publication has been made be produced before the Railway Committee before the Bill is considered by that Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah." Mr. Smellie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 27, intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Berlin." Mr. Lackner.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting the Nepigon Railway Company." Mr. Gamey.

Referred to the Committee on Railways..

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Belleville Women's Christian Association." Mr. Morrison.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company." Mr. Morrison.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Current River Power Company." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ontario Inter-Urban Railway Company." Mr. Currie.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Kincardine." Mr. Clark (Bruce.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to prevent the spread of Tuberculosis." Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Devitt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Kerr asked the following Question:—

What amount of taxes does the Province receive from the Pullman Car Company and what is the amount of Assessment. Are taxes levied, and if not by assessment, in what way. What is the number of all kinds and descriptions of cars and rolling stock the Company have in use in the Province and running therein.

To which the Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:—

In 1906 the Pullman Car Company paid the Province of Ontario the sum of \$1,748.33, being tax under the Supplementary Revenue Act, Section 13, *i.e.*, one-third of one *per cent.* upon the capital of the Company invested in cars and rolling stock in use in Ontario the preceding year, \$524,501.00.

The tax is collected by Requisition of the Provincial Treasurer.

The average number of cars of said Company in use in Ontario as *per* Return of 1906 is as follows:—

Standard cars	48.191,	valued at \$10,000 each	\$481,910 00
Parlor cars	5.401	" " 6,000 "	32,406 00
Emmigrant or			
Tourist cars	2.037	" " 5,000 "	10,185 00
			\$524,501 00

The valuation in 1904 was for :—

Standard cars	\$7,250 00
Parlor cars.....	5,000 00
Tourist cars.....	3,500 00

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 111), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows :—Messieurs. Foy, Clark (Bruce), Downey, Ferguson (Grenville), Graham, Craig, Pense, Preston (Brant), and Hoyle.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Town of Seaforth.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Village of Port Perry.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the refining of Metals in Ontario.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Province may, under the authority of such regulations as may from time to time be made in that behalf by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, pay in each year to the refiners of the metals or metal compounds hereinafter specified, when refined in the Province from ores raised and mined in the Province, a bounty upon each pound of such metal or compound so refined, as follows :—

Class 1.—On refined metallic nickel or on refined oxide of nickel, 6 cents *per* pound on the free metallic nickel or on the nickel contained in the nickel oxide; but nickel upon which a bounty has already been paid in one form of product shall not be entitled to any further bounty in any other form; and the amount to be paid as bounty on the nickel products herein mentioned is not to exceed in all \$60,000 in any one year.

Class 2.—On refined metallic cobalt or on refined oxide of cobalt, 6 cents *per* pound on the free metallic cobalt or on the cobalt contained in the oxide of cobalt; but cobalt upon which a bounty has already been paid in one form of product shall not be entitled to any further bounty in any other form; and the amount to be paid as bounty on the cobalt products herein mentioned is not to exceed in all \$30,000 in any one year.

Class 3.—On refined metallic copper or on refined sulphate of copper, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents *per* pound on the free metallic copper or on the copper contained in the sulphate of copper; or on any copper product carrying at least 95 *per cent.* of metallic copper, one-half cent *per* pound; but copper upon which a bounty has already been paid in one form of product shall not be entitled to any further bounty in any other form; and the amount to be paid as bounty on the copper products herein mentioned is not to exceed in all \$60,000 in any one year.

Class 4.—On white arsenic, otherwise known as arsenious acid, produced from mispickel ores and not from ores carrying smaltite or niccolite or cobaltite, one-half cent *per* pound; but the amount to be paid as bounty on the arsenic compound herein mentioned is not to exceed in all \$15,000 in any one year.

Provided, however, that if so much of any of the above-mentioned classes of refined products is refined in the Province in any one year that the amount hereby set apart in respect of the said class would be insufficient to pay the bounties herein provided therefor, then the bounty payable to the refiners of such class of refined products shall abate and be payable upon a *pro rata* basis so that not more than the maximum amount herein specified for any of the said classes shall be paid in respect of said class in any one year.

Provided, also, that the bounties herein provided for shall cease and determine with the payment of any sum or sums which shall have been earned during the period of five years from the passing of the Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Crawford reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Province may, under the authority of such regulations as may from time to time be made in that behalf by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, pay in each year to the refiners of the metals or metal compounds hereinafter specified, when refined in the Province from ores raised and mined in the Province, a bounty upon each pound of such metal or compound so refined, as follows:—

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The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 78), To encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting licenses and fees under the Mines' Act.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That any licensee under the Mines Act, or other person who for the purpose of keeping other prospectors off the lands or of holding the land for his own purposes, stakes out or plants or places any stakes, posts or markings upon any lands described in Section 131 as being open to prospecting, or procures or causes the same to be done, without in good faith believing that the same was authorized by and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, shall be guilty of an offence under the Act and liable upon conviction to a fine of \$100 for every such offence; and any licensee or person found guilty of any offence under Subsection 1 of Section 136 shall not during the five years next after such conviction be entitled to stake out or record or in any way acquire any mining claim or mining land whatsoever in the Province or any interest therein, and any staking, recording or transfer made or endeavored to be made to or for such person during said period shall be utterly void and of no effect.

That all parties shall be entitled to use any party wall in common as a roadway for all purposes, and such roadway shall not be obstructed by the throwing of soil, rock or other material thereon, or in any other way, and anyone obstructing the same shall be liable in addition to any civil liability, to a penalty of \$10 and costs for every such offence, and \$10 per day for every day such obstruction continues.

That the schedule of fees to the Act be amended as follows:—

The first item is amended by reducing the fee to. . . . \$5 00

The second item is repealed and the following is substituted therefor: For an individual miner's

license issued on or after 1st October in any year 3 00

The third item is amended by reducing the fees to. . . . 7 50

The fourth item is amended by reducing the fee to. . . 15 00

The fifth item is amended by reducing the fee to. . . . 25 00

The 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th items are each amended by inserting after the word "license" in the first line the words "or renewal thereof" and the following proviso is added to each of said items and to the 10th item "Provided that whenever such license is issued on or after 1st October in any year the fee shall be only half the full amount specified."

The following proviso is added to the 10th item "Provided that in cases where the said authorized capital of any such company is over \$1,000,000 and it is by affidavit of the president or secretary thereof proven to the satisfaction of the Minister or Deputy Minister of Mines that any part of such capital is actually being used in some other business enterprise and not in mining business within the Province such part may be deducted in fixing the licensee fees herein provided for."

The 11th, 12th and 13th items are struck out and the following is substituted therefor:

"For recording each claim applied for on a license.....	10 00
The 17th item is amended by increasing the fee to....	10 00
The 18th item is amended by increasing the fee to....	20 00
The 19th item is amended by inserting after the word "transfer" the words "or agreement to sell and transfer the whole or part," and changing the reference sec. 118 to sec. 159a.....	2 50

The following items are added:—

For recording a dispute.....	\$10 00
For recording an order or judgment of the Mining Commissioner or made on appeal from him.....	1 00
For recording a certificate of <i>lis pendens</i>	10 00
For receiving application for a working permit and giving certificate therefor.....	5 00
For issuing working permit.....	5 00
For renewal of working permit.....	1 00
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Ordered, That the Report be now received..

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The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines Act, 1906.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 38.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.05 P.M.

Monday, 25th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O’Clock P. M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Vyner Presbyterian Church.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of Morley F. Pumaville, and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Portlock; also, the Petition of the Reverend H. E. Payne and others, of Day Mills.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Oakville.

By Mr. Dunlop, the Petition of District Lodge, No. 3, I.O.G.T.; also, the Petition of I.O.G.T., Wolfstown; also, the Petition of Wesley Methodist Church, Bromley; also, the Petition of the I.O.G.T., No. 26; also, the Petition of the I.O.G.T.; also, the Petition of the I.O.G.T., No. 470, all of New Glasgow; also, the Petition of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Haley's Station.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Temperance Convention, Caledon.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Wesley Methodist Church, Brantford; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Mount Pleasant Circuit.

By Mr. Ferguson (Cardwell), the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, Albion.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of Olivet Congregational Church, Toronto.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Plympton, praying for certain amendments to the Public School Act, respecting salaries of teachers.

Of the Township Council of Perry, praying for certain amendments to the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

Of the Township Council of Mulmur; also, of the Township Council of Artemesia; also, of the Township Council of Sullivan; also, of the Township Council of Holland; also, of the Township Council of Morley; also, of the Township Council of Emo; also, of the Township Council of Plympton; also, of the Township Council of Tilbury North; also, of the Township Council of Korah; also, of the County Council of Elgin; also, of the Township Council of Seneca; also, of the Village Council of Glencoe; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Hagarty, Sherwood, Jones, Richards and Burns; also, of the Township Council of Humphrey; also, of the Town Council of Simcoe; also, of the Township Council of Cumberland; also, of the Township Council of Van Horne; also, of the Town Council of Gore Bay, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Carlton Street Methodist Church, Toronto ; also, of the Queen City Council R. T. of T. ; also, of the Congregation of St. James' Church, St. Marys ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Burnbrae and Rylston ; also, of the Methodist Sabbath School, Campbellford ; also, of the W. C. T. U., Campbellford ; also, of the Quarterly Board Methodist Church, Courtright ; also, of the Quarterly Board Methodist Church, Bridgen Circuit ; also, of the Paisley Street Church, Guelph ; also, of the Puslinch Council R. T. of T. ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Eden Mills ; also, of the Methodist Church, Norwich ; also, of the Union Council R. T. of T., Cobourg ; also, of the Palmerston Council R. T. of T. ; also, of the Methodist Church, Kirkton ; also, of the Methodist Church, Elmvale ; also, of the Methodist Church, Lucknow ; also, of the Methodist Church, Teeswater ; also, of the Methodist Church, Grimsby ; also, of David Allan the younger and others, of Egremont ; also, of the Epworth League, Columbus ; also, of Maple Council No. 83 R. T. of T. ; also, of the Parkdale Methodist Church ; also, of the Northern Star Council R. T. of T., Toronto ; also, of the Social Temperance Committee, West Tilbury ; also, of the Methodist Church, Blenheim ; also, of Council No. 72, R. T. of T. ; also, of the Methodist Church, Chatsworth ; also, of Fountain Council No. 146, R. T. of T., Flesherton ; also, of the Congregation of Knox Church, Holland ; also, of the Congregation of Temple Hill, Rocklyn ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Priceville ; also of the S. O. T., Rocklyn ; also, of the Methodist Church, Orono ; also, of Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, Chatham ; also, of the Methodist Church, Elgin Circuit also, of the R. T. of T., Gananoque ; also, of the R. T. of T., Collingwood ; also, of the R. T. of T., Alliston ; also, of the Methodist Church, Creemore ; also, of the W.C.T.U., Brantford ; also, of the Epworth League, Mount Pleasant ; also, of the Methodist Church, Lakelet ; also, of the Epworth League, Relessey ; also, of the Methodist Church, Waldemar ; also, of the Methodist Church, Grand Valley ; also, of the Official Board, Embro Circuit ; also, of the Innerkip Council, R. T. of T. ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Kintyre ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Thamesford, Circuit ; also, of the Epworth League, Creemore ; also, of the Methodist Church, Staffa ; also, of the Epworth League, Wilkesport ; also, of the Local Option Association, Moore ; also, of the Methodist Church, Castlederg ; also, of the Methodist Church, Bolton ; also, of the R. T. of T., Stratford ; also, of the R. T. of T. No. 136, Listowel ; also, of the Y. W. C. T. U., Midland ; also, of the R. T. of T., Guelph ; also, of Zion Methodist Church, Roebuck ; also, of the Epworth League ; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Spencerville ; also, of the Methodist Church, also, of the Methodist Sabbath School, also, of the W. C. T. U., all of Cardinal ; also, of the Dunnville Council, R. T. of T. ; also, of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Hensall ; also of Knox Church, Owen Sound ; also, of the Public Meeting of Electors, Sydenham ; also, of the Presbyterian Congregation ; also, of the Methodist Epworth

League, all of Meaford; also, of the W. C. T. U.; also, of the Baptist Church, all of Uxbridge; also, of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Caledon; also, of the W. C. T. U.; also, of the Baptist Church; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Orangeville; also, of the Five Methodist Churches, of Manitowaning Circuit; also, of the Queensborough Sunday School and Epworth League; also, of the Methodist Church, Athens; also, of the Methodist Church, Blenheim; also, of the Presbyterian Church; also, of the Presbyterian Sunday School, all of Mimico; also, of the Dovercourt Council, R. T. of T.; also, of the Western Union W. C. T. U., all of Toronto; also, of the Presbyterian Church; also, of the Maple Street Methodist Church, all of Collingwood; also, of the R. T. of T.; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Collingwood; also, of the Baptist Young People's Union, Welland; also, of the Marquis of Lorne Council No. 4, Chippewa; also, of the W. C. T. U.; also, of the Baptist Young People's Union, all of Chatham; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Comber; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Tilbury West; also, of the Methodist Church, Myrtle; also, of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Newbridge, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Windsor." Mr. Preston (Durham.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Architects Act." Mr. McCowan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Fisher,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing all Estates now unsettled upon which Succession Duty was claimed by the Treasury Department where the due date was on or before the first day of January, 1905, and the estimated amount of duty due and the reasons why unsettled.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Village of Port Perry and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 3.35 P. M.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

• Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to enquire into and report on Estate Bills, their Report in the following case :—

Bill (No. 32), An Act to vest certain lands in the Rector and Church Wardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows :—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The undersigned have had under consideration Bill (No. 32), "An Act to vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford," and the Petition therefor, and have the honour to report as follows :

The undersigned are of opinion that, presuming the allegations contained in the Preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of your Honourable House, it is not reasonable that such Bill do pass into law without the consent of the Religious Body representing the Presbyterian Church referred to in the Petition or, at all events, until that Body has had an opportunity of being heard,

The undersigned are of opinion that the word "Colonial" in the fourth line of the second page of the Bill should be struck out, and the word "early" substituted for it.

If the Bill should become law, in order to effectuate the object of the Petitioners, the following words should be added to section one :—"freed and discharged from any right, estate or interest in the said lands of the said Morris Sovereign, and anyone claiming under him and of the said Presbyterian Church." With these amendments the provisions of the Bill seem to be proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

Dated at Osgoode Hall, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1907.

W. R. MEREDITH, C. J. C. P.

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE, C. J. K. B.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 32), Trinity Church, Waterford, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same, with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hodgins, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Weston.

By Mr. Downey, Two Petitions of the Township Council of Eramosa.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the Methodist Church; also, of the Sabbath School, all of Oakland.

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Orono.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Fort William.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Kent.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Selby.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Congregational Association, Bruce.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., Calton.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Clifford; also, the Petition of the Official Board, Methodist Church, Mount Forest.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the W.C.T.U., Spencerville; also, the Petition of the Local Option Committee, Kemptville.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Village Council of Lakefield; also, the Petition of the Charlotte Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, all of Peterborough.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of Christie.

By Mr. Pattinson, the Petition of the County Council of Waterloo,

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Epworth League; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Janetville; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, Bethany; also, the Petition of the Safety Council R. T. of T., Port Hope.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Cooksville Circuit.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of Carling.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Merritton Council No. 79, R. T. of T., also, the Petition of St. Paul Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Garden City Council No. 567; also, the Petition of the Welland Avenue Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the W.C.T.U., all of St. Catharines.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Westport.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Citizens Temperance League, Collingwood; also, the Petition of the W.C.T.U., Creemore.

By Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), the Petition of Sutherland Congregation, West Gwillimbury.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Holstein.

By Mr. Craig, the Petition of the Royal Templars, Fergus.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Standing Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform, Hamilton.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the R. T. of T., all of Cape Crocker; also, the Petition of the Epworth League; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., all of Hepworth; also, the Petition of the Young Peoples' Society of the Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Wiarton; also, the Petition of the Temperance Society, Saugeen; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Colpoy's Bay; also, the Petition of the Evangelical Association, Port Elgin.

By Mr. Mahaffy, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Burk's Falls; also, the Petition of the Temperance League; also, of five Methodist Churches, all of Port Carling; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Callender; also, the Petition of Madill's Methodist Church, Stephenson; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Huntsville; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Morrison.

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of P. D. Parrott and others, of Lennox and Addington.

Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Township Council of Pickering.

Mr. Lucas, from the Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have considered the following Bill and report the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 15), To authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada Limited, to do business in the Province of Ontario.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways, be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the 11th day of March next.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways, be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the 11th day of March next.

Mr. Clarke (Bruce), from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :

Report of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines. (*Sessional Papers No. 3.*)

Report of Registrar-General. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*)

Report of Railway and Municipal Board. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Report of the Auditor to the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Report of Board of Health. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

Report upon Hospitals, Refuges, etc. (*Sessional Papers No. 43.*)

Report of the Municipal Auditor. (*Sessional Papers No. 45.*)

Return from the Records *re* Elections. (*Sessional Paper No. 46.*)

Report of the Text-Book Commission. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Report on State of Library. (*Sessional Papers No. 47.*)

Copies of Orders-in-Council respecting the Department of Education. (*Sessional Papers No. 50.*)

Return *re* appointment of License Inspectors. (*Sessional Papers No. 51.*)

Return *re* Toronto Electric Light Co., Limited. (*Sessional Papers No. 52.*)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills and Railways be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the eleventh day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Water Works Act." Mr. Torrance.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Carnegie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 131), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act." Mr. Dunlop.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 132), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 133), intituled "An Act to amend the Toll Roads Expropriation Act." Mr. Pratt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 134), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. McCoig.

Ordered That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 135), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Game Protection Act." Mr. Pratt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Mr. Whitney delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker. and is as follows:

WM. MORTIMER CLARK.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1907, and to complete the services of the Province for the year 1906; and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 26th February, 1907.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Public Accounts of the Province, for the year ending 31st December, 1906.
(*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the nineteenth day of February, 1907, for a Return of Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member or official thereof, and any other person or persons, with reference to the dismissal of James Gillespie, of Picton, from the office of Sheriff of the County of Prince Edward. (*Sessional Papers No. 53.*)

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1906, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. McMillan asked the following Question:

What are the names of all woodenware manufacturers to whom the Provincial Secretary, or other official, of the Government communicated the intention of the Government to lease the Wood-working Shop at the Central Prison.

And the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:

The intention of the Government was generally known to those in the trade who had dealings with the North Shop. Taylor Scott & Co. was the only firm with whom negotiations were taken up.

Mr. Graham asked the following Question :

1. How many hours of labour were furnished by the Central Prison inmates to Helen Charlotte Taylor during the year 1906. 2. What amount of money was paid by Helen Charlotte Taylor for the labour of Central Prison inmates during the year 1906, with the dates and amounts of the several payments.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied in the words and figures following :

1. 268,387 2-5 hours.	
2. Feb. 16	\$377 20
Mar. 16	381 36
Mar. 21	27 21
Apr. 17	605 16
Apr. 28	10 06
May 15	499 47
June 15	506 72
July 14	1,194 35
Aug. 16	611 06
Sept. 15	671 51
Sept. 19	5 55
Oct. 15	104 30
Oct. 16	635 89
Nov. 16	764 05
Nov. 23	18 70
Dec. 16	745 85
Dec. 18	27 60
Dec. 31	4 05
1907, Jan. 15	2,421 14
Total	\$9,611 23

Mr. Preston (Brant), asked the following Question :

What was the original cost of the lumber and other stock in hand taken over from the Government by Taylor, Scott & Company, Contractors for Woodenware at the Central Prison. What was the price paid by the Company for this stock.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following :—

The original cost of lumber ranged from \$20 to \$27.50. What was on hand as received from shippers was turned over to Taylor, Scott & Co., at cost to Government. What had been culled and worked over was sold on a valua-

tion by Samuel McBride, wholesale lumberman, Toronto. He valued it from \$11 to \$12 *per M.*, and reported that it was remnants and poor ends of several years standing. This was verified by others as well. Taylor, Scott & Co. took it over at this valuation. All other raw materials sold to Taylor, Scott & Co., were sold at exact cost. The total amount paid by Taylor, Scott & Co. was \$24,944.19.

Mr. Preston (Brant), moved, seconded by Mr. Graham,

That the Contract System as applied to prison labour is harmful to the prisoners employed on such contracts, prejudicial to both labour and capital employed outside of prisons and opposed to sound public policy. That any contracts with the Government for Central Prison labour now in existence, should be abrogated at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Hanna moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

That all the words in the Motion after the first word "That," be struck out and the following inserted instead thereof, "this House approves of the announcement made by the Government that the whole question of Prison Labour has been for some time under consideration and will be enquired into forthwith, with a view to arriving at a solution which will prevent for the future, any competition of Prison Labour with Free Labour."

And the Amendment having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Beck	Eilber	Lewis	Pratt
Bowyer	Ferguson (Cardwell)	Lucas	Preston (Durham)
Bradburn	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Preston (Lanark)
Brower	Fisher	McNaught	Pyne
Calder	Foy	Macdiarmid	Reaume
Carnegie	Fraser	Mahaffy	Smellie
Carscallen	Gallagher	Matheson	Smyth
Clark (Bruce)	Galna	Monteith	Sutherland
Cochrane	Gamey	Morrison	Thompson (Simcoe)
Crawford	Hanna	Neely	Torrance
Dargavel	Hendrie	Pattinson	Tucker
Devitt	Hodgins	Paul	Whitney
Downey	Kerr	Pearce	Willoughby— 53.
Duff			

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Harcourt	May	Reed
Bowman	Hislop	Munro	Smith (Sault)
Currie	McCoig	Pense	Studholme
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	Thompson (Wentworth)

PAIRS:

Nixon....	....	....	....	....	Smith (Peel)
Fox	....	....	....	....	Mackay
Lennox	....	....	....	....	Clarke (Northumberland)
Montgomery	....	....	....	....	Anderson
Clapp	....	....	....	....	Atkinson
McGarry	....	....	....	....	Cameron
Dunlop	....	....	....	....	Tudhope
Jessop	....	....	....	....	Kohler
Hoyle	....	....	....	....	Racine
Aubin	....	....	....	....	Labrosse
Craig	....	....	....	....	McDougal
Lackner....	....	....	....	....	Rathbun

The Question having been then submitted on the Main Motion, as amended, the same was carried on the same division and it was

Resolved, That this House approves of the announcement made by the Government that the whole question of Prison Labour has been for some time under consideration and will be enquired into forthwith with a view to arriving at a solution which will prevent for the future, any competition of Prison Labour with Free Labour.

The House then adjourned at 6.35 P.M.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from the Registrar of the Court of Appeal a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Electoral District of Port Arthur and Rainy River.

The Certificate and Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows :—

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

Present.—THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GARROW.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MACLAREN.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH and

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CLUTE.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a Member for the Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Electoral District of Port Arthur and Rainy River, holden on the 18th day of January and the 25th day of January, 1905.

Between

W. A. Preston,

Petitioner,

and

H. W. Kennedy,

Respondent.

To the Honourable, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

I, John Alfred McAndrew, Registrar of the Court of Appeal for the Province of Ontario, pursuant to the Statute in that behalf, do hereby certify :—

1. That on the 24th day of January, 1907, The Honourable Mr. Justice Teetzel certified to this Court that on the 9th and 10th days of July, 1906, at the Town of Port Arthur in the said Electoral District he held a Court and there proceeded with a scrutiny of votes cast at the above named Election, under the judgment of the Court of Appeal, delivered the 16th day of June, 1906.

2. That in the said scrutiny he found that twenty-four votes had been cast for the said respondent, Kennedy, which were invalid and he accordingly struck the same off the number of votes that were cast for him. And he further found that one vote cast for the said petitioner, Preston, was invalid and he accordingly struck the same off the number of votes that had been cast for him. And that the result of the votes so struck off was to place the petitioner in a majority of twelve.

3. That at this stage the parties requested an adjournment and he named Monday, the 8th day of October, 1906, when the scrutiny was further adjourned to Monday, the 7th day of January, 1907, at the said Town of Port Arthur, when the same was further proceeded with and finished by The Honourable Mr. Justice Anglin and himself. I further certify :—

1. That on the 24th day of January, 1907, The Honourable Mr. Justice Teetzel and The Honourable Mr. Justice Anglin certified to this Court that on the 7th, 8th and 9th days of January, 1907, at the Town of Port Arthur, in the said Electoral District, they held a Court to further proceed with the scrutiny herein under the Court of Appeal judgment of 16th of June, 1906.

2. That upon the said scrutiny they found that in addition to the votes theretofore found invalid and struck off by The Honourable Mr. Justice Teetzel, nine votes cast for the respondent, H. W. Kennedy, were invalid and should be

struck off the number of votes cast for him ; and that one vote which had been disallowed on the recount should be added to the number cast for him ; and that seven votes which had been cast for the petitioner, W. A. Preston, were invalid and should be struck off the number of votes cast for him.

3. That the result of the said scrutiny was, that after allowing for the original majority of eleven votes in favor of the said respondent, as appears by the Report of The Honourable James Maclellan and The Honourable J. V. Teetzel, the Rota Judges who tried the Election Petition herein, dated 30th September, 1905, the Petitioner had a majority of fourteen votes over the respondent, and they therefore found and determined that the said Petitioner, W. A. Preston, was elected and should be returned as member for the said Electoral District by a majority of fourteen votes over the respondent, H. W. Kennedy.

4. That they allowed each party the costs of each particular on which he succeeded, and awarded costs against each party on every particular on which he failed, and directed, that the general costs incident to the scrutiny should be apportioned and appropriated by the Taxing Officer to the respective particulars in respect to which the parties have succeeded.

5. And I do further certify that an appeal was taken to this Court on behalf of the said respondent, H. W. Kennedy, from the judgment of the said trial Judges and that the said appeal came on for hearing on the 8th day of February, 1907, when this Court was pleased to direct that the matter of the said appeal should stand over for judgment ; and the same having come on this day for judgment ;

It was ordered and adjudged that the said determination of the Honourable Mr. Justice Teetzel and the Honourable Mr. Justice Anglin should be affirmed and the said appeal should be and the same was dismissed with costs.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, this twenty-sixth day of February, One Thousand nine hundred and seven.

J. A. McANDREW,
Registrar.

[L.S.]

Ordered, That the foregoing Certificate and Report be entered on the Journals of the House.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Rosedale Council 274, Marthaville.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of B. F. Muma and others, of Hepburn.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Session of Knox Church, Dunnville.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Palermo Circuit.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Harrowsmith.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Arnprior Circuit.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of Grace Methodist Church, Trenton.

By Mr. May, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Goshen; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Sparta.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of Thomas Johnston, of the Township of Augusta.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of Cameron Lodge No. 338 I.O.G.T.; also, the Petition of the Western Methodist Sunday School; all of Ottawa; also, the Petition of Bethany Presbyterian Congregation; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church; all of Hintonburg; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Ashton Circuit; also, the Petition of the Sons of Temperance, Middleville.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Epworth League; also, the Petition of the W.C.T.U.; also, the Petition of the Session of Knox Church; also, the Petition of the Y.P.A.C.E. Knox Church; all of Teeswater.

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), the Petition of the Session of the Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest.

By Mr. Lucas, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Downsview; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Weston.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Session and Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Mandaumin.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Morley F. Pumaville and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway Company.

Of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain by-law *re* issue of Debentures for the sum of \$105,000.

Of the Vyner Presbyterian Church ; also, of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church ; also, of the Methodist Church, Portlock ; also, of the Reverend H. E. Payne and others, Day Mills ; also, of the Methodist Church, Oakville ; also, of the I. O. G. T. , District Lodge No. 3 ; also, of the I. O. G. T. Lodge No. 26, all of New Glasgow ; also, of the Wesley Methodist Church, Bromley ; also, of the I. O. G. T. Lodge No. 387, Wolfstown ; also, of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Haley's Station ; also, of I. O. G. T. Lodge No. 470, Castleford ; also, of the Temperance Convention, Caledon ; also, of the Wesley Methodist Church, Brantford ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Mount Pleasant Circuit ; also, of Four Methodist Congregations, Albion ; also, of Olivet Congregational Church, Toronto, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and beg leave to report the same with amendments, as recommended in the report of the Commissioners on Estate Bills to whom the said Bill was referred.

Bill (No. 13), Authorizing the Trustees, or Trustee, under the Marriage Settlement of Jane Prittie and Robert Woods Prittie, to sell lands acquired subsequent to the date of the said Marriage Settlement.

The Committee recommend that the Title to the Bill be amended so as to read :—

“ An Act respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie.”

The Committee have also carefully considered the following Bill and report the same with amendments.

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the Corporation of the City of Fort William.

The Committee have amended the Preamble to the Bill so as to make it conform to the facts as they have been made to appear to the Committee.

The Committee would recommend that the Title to the Bill be amended so as to read :—

“ An Act to incorporate the City of Fort William, and for other purposes.”

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 136), intituled “ An Act to amend the Assessment Act.” Mr. Smellie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 137), intituled "An Act respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Clapp.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act." Mr. Thompson (Wentworth.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Sutherland.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Craig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Gamey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Craig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Thompson (Wentworth.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Craig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 146), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Mr. Duff asked the following Question :

Is it the intention of the Government, during the current Session, to introduce legislation to repeal Section 606 of the Municipal Act.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied, that,

It has been intimated to the Government that a Bill will be introduced at the instance of the Ontario Municipal Association having for its object the amendment of Section 606 of the Consolidated Municipal Act.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence with manufacturers of woodenware, regarding the intention of the Government to lease the wood-working plant at the Central Prison during 1905, or prior to the contract being entered into with Ellen Charlotte Taylor.

On motion of Mr. Studholme, seconded by Mr. McDougal,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence, agreements or other documents in any way relating to the Contract entered into by the Government with Taylor Scott & Co., with respect to the use of Prison Labour in the Central Prison.

On motion of Mr. Preston (Brant), seconded by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing what was the contract price for Central Prison labour paid by Brandon and Company or the Brandon Manufacturing Company, under the terms of its contract with the Government. What amounts, under such contracts, were paid each year by said Company for the hire of prisoners during the life of its contract.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 94), To amend the Ontario Game Protection Act.

Referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

Bill (No. 104), Respecting the Provisional County of Haliburton.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines Act, 1906, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 78), To Encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario and, after some time spent therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

Also,—Return to an Order of the House of the seventh day of February, 1907, for a Return shewing:—(1) List of names of Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Essex on the 31st January, 1905. (2) List of names of Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Essex appointed since February 1st, 1905. (3) Names of those who have qualified as Police Magistrates, or Justices of the Peace, in the County of Essex. (*Sessional Papers No. 54.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 P. M.

Thursday, 28th February, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of Township Council of Downie.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Township Council of Cornwall.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of Joseph Ulric Vincent and others, of Ottawa.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Congregation of Trinity Methodist Church, Port Arthur.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Canadian Niagara Power Company.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Dominion Alliance, Brantford.

By Mr. McCoig, the Petition of the Park Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Victoria Avenue Methodist Sabbath School, all of Chatham; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Wallaceburg.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the County Branch of Dominion Alliance, County of Brant.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of Fair Valley Methodist Church.

By Mr. Clarke (Northumberland), the Petition of the Vernonville Congregation ; also, of the Methodist Church, Grafton.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Town Council of Toronto Junction.

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), the Petition of the Baptist Church, Mount Forest.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of the Western Methodist Church, Ottawa.

By Mr. Labrosse, the Petition of the Township Council of East Hawkesbury.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Indian River ; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Warsaw.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Harriston.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Strangfield

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Haliburton ; also, the Petition of the Twelve Mile Lake Presbyterian Church ; also, the Petition of the Sunday School and Epworth League, Frankville.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Paisley.

By Mr. Rathbun, the Petition of J. J. Way and others, of Hastings.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass validating all tax sales of land and deeds given therefor and to authorize the Corporation to raise the sum of \$60,000 for the cost of a garbage incinerator, without submission of by-law to the people.

Of the City Council of London praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to borrow \$75,000 for the purchase of land for a Contagious Hospital, without submission of by-law to the people and for other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Eramosa praying that Municipal Councils may submit by-laws at Elections providing for erection of wire fences on roads.

Of the County Council of Waterloo, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the division of Townships into wards.

Of the Township Council of Pickering; also, of the Township Council of Morrison; also, of the Township Council of Eramosa; also, of the Village Council of Lakefield; also, of the Township Council of Christie; also, of the Township Council of Carling, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Methodist Church; also, of the Sabbath School, all of Oakland; also, of the W. C. T. U., Orono; also, of the R. T. of T., Fort William; also, of the W. C. T. U., Kent; also, of the Quarterly Board, Selby; also, of the Congregation of the Evangelical Association, Bruce; also, of the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth; also, of the S. O. T., Calton; also, of the Methodist Church, Clifford; also, of the Methodist Church, Mount Forest; also, of the W. C. T. U., Spencerville; also, of the Local Option Committee, Kemptville; also, of the Charlotte Street Methodist Church; also, of the Epworth League, all of Peterborough; also, of the Epworth League; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Janetville; also, of the Epworth League, Bethany; also, of Safety Council R. T. of T., Port Hope; also, of the Methodist Church, Cooksville; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Weston; also, of the Meritton Council No. 79, R. T. of T.; also, of the St. Paul Street Methodist Church; also, of Garden City Council No. 567; also, of the Welland Avenue Methodist Church; also, of the W. C. T. U., all of St. Catharines; also, of the Methodist Church, Westport; also, of the Citizens Temperance League, Collingwood; also, of the W. C. T. U., Creemore; also, of Sutherlands Congregation, West Gwillimbury; also, of the Methodist Church, Holstein; also, of the Royal Templars, Fergus; also, of the Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform, Hamilton; also, of the Methodist Church; also, of the R. T. of T., all of Cape Crocker; also, of the Epworth League; also, of the W. C. T. U., all of Hepworth; also, of the Young People's Society of the Baptist Church; also, of the Baptist Church; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Wiarton; also, of the Temperance Society, Saugeen; also, of the Methodist Church, Colpoys Bay; also, of the Evangelical Association, Port Elgin; also, of the Baptist Church, Burks Falls; also, of the Temperance League; also, of the Official Board, all of Port Carling; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Callender; also, of Madill's Methodist Church, Stephenson; also, of the Local Option Committee, Draper; also, of P. D. Parrott, and others, of Lennox and Addington, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Town Council of North Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to fix date for nomination for Mayor and Councillors on 22nd December—if not a Sunday—and extending time for completion and delivery of assessment roll and for other purposes ;

Of the Town Council of Galt, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 858 *re* sewers ;

Of the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Acts respecting said Companies in the matter of connections and running arrangements ; acquisition of shares and other matters ;

Of the Township Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass, to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *re* construction of sewers ;

Of the Superior Copper Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming Incorporation and Supplementary Letters Patent and empowering the Company to levy assessments upon its shareholders and to make calls on stock held by them ;

Of Sadie Holmes of Tillsonburg, praying that an Act may pass authorizing her to practice Dentistry in Ontario ;

Of John M. Telford and others of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company ;

Of the Ottawa River Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of a branch line from a point on the main line in the Township of Digby through the Township of Laxton and Carden to a point in the Township of Mara or Thorah in the County of Ontario ; also a branch from a point on the Toronto branch in the Township of East Gwillimbury, or Whitechurch, in the County of York, to a point on the Port Stanley branch in the Township of Caledon, in the County of Peel ; and also to extend the time within which the Company is to construct its lines and branches ;

Of the Township Council of St. Joseph, praying that an Act may pass legalizing and confirming By-law No. 340 *re* erection of Roller Grist Mill and to provide for the raising of \$1,000.00 by way of Debentures therefor.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Monday the 11th day of March next ; and that the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the 13th day of March next.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Thirteenth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass to validate and confirm By-laws Numbers 373, 388 and 396 of the said Corporation, relating to waterworks and water power development and also "By-law Number 394 of the Corporation of the Town of Kenora for the sale of Electric power and water and to grant a fixed rate of assessment (except for school purposes) under certain conditions to Charles C. Delbridge" and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of four weeks in the "Ontario Gazette" and semi-weekly in the "Kenora Miner" from the 29th day of January last until the 16th day of February instant, and the Committee have had a Declaration fyled before them stating that instructions have been given the publishers of the said papers to continue said Notice in their respective papers until the period of six weeks from the insertion of the first notice in each of the said papers has elapsed.

The Committee find that the Notice with reference to the confirmation of By-law 394 says "granting a fixed rate of assessment (except for school taxes) under certain conditions to Charles C. Delbridge" making no mention of "the sale of Electric power and water" as set out in the By-law, and the Committee would therefore recommend that the attention of the Private Bills Committee be directed to this matter.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bill and reports the same without amendment :—

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of South River.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Monday the 11th day of March next; and that the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Monday the eleventh day of March next, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the thirteenth day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Kenora." Mr.

Smellie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company." Mr. Preston (Lanark.)

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall."

Mr. Kerr.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway." Mr. Bowyer.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 56), intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph."

Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting the Superior Copper Company, Limited." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act to authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry in the Province of Ontario." Mr. Sutherland.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 57), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company." Mr. Mackay.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act Respecting the Town of Galt, 1907." Mr. Pattinson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Munro.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 149), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 150), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Hodgins.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 151), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 152), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 153), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Mahaffy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 154), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Neely.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 155), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Bradburn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 156), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Clapp.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 157), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Studholme.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 158), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 159), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 160), intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 161), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Thompson (Simcoe.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 162), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds and of Diseases affecting Fruit Trees." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 163), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Thompson (Simcoe.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next

Bill (No. 164), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Thompson (Simcoe.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 165), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Reed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 166), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Preston (Brant.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 167), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Auld.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 168), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act." Mr. Preston (Brant.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 169), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Preston (Brant.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 170), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act. Mr. Tucker.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 171), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 172), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 173), intituled "An Act to amend the Registry Act." Mr. May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day, for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Matheson moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,

And the Motion having been put, was carried and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums:—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.. \$ 4,300 00
2. To defray the expenses of the Office of the Prime Minister and
President of Council..... \$ 14,550 00
4. To defray the expenses of the Education Department..... \$ 29,899 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10 p.m.

Friday, 1st March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had laid upon the Table the following Certificate :—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the thirtieth day of January, 1907, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to Stephen Blackburn, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the West Riding of Middlesex for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the West Riding of Middlesex in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of the Honourable George William Ross, who had, as appeared by Notice in the Canada Gazette of the 19th of January, 1907, been appointed a Senator of the Dominion of Canada, and by reason of the acceptance of the said office, had become disqualified to continue to sit, or vote, in the Legislative Assembly—Duncan Campbell Ross, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the First day of March, 1907, which is now lodged of record in my office.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

Clerk, L. A.,

Toronto, March 1st, 1907.

Ex-officio Clerk of the Crown in Chancery

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Midland.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Thomas Johnston of the Township of Augusta, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in Ontario.

Of the City Council of Ottawa praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-laws Nos. 2610 and 2612; to authorize the Corporation to borrow money and to grant fixed assessments upon a Central Union Station and Hotel and for other purposes.

Of B. F. Muma and others, of Hepworth, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Hepworth.

Of the Rosedale Council No. 274, Marthaville; also, of the Session of Knox Church, Dunnville; also, of the Methodist Church, Palermo Circuit; also, of the Methodist Church, Harrowsmith; also, of the Quarterly Board, Arnprior Circuit; also, of Grace Methodist Church, Trenton; also, of Cameron Lodge 338, I. O. G. T.; also, of the Western Methodist Church, all of Ottawa; also, of the Bethany Presbyterian Church; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Hintonburg; also, of the Methodist Church, Ashton Circuit; also, of the Sons of Temperance, Middleville; also, of the Epworth League; also, of the W. C. T. U.; also, of the Session of Knox Church; also, of the Y. P. A. C. E., all of Teeswater; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest; also, of the Methodist Church, Downsview; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Weston; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Mandaumin; also, of the Baptist Church, Sparta; also, of the Regular Baptist Church, Goshen, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 174), intituled “An Act to amend the Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives.” Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Pense asked the following Question:

Is it the intention to establish a two cent *per* mile passenger rate upon the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and to provide for it upon all Railways hereafter voted Subsidies by the Legislature.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied, that

The matter involves a question of Policy of an extended nature, which can only be answered by declarations of the Government, from time to time.

Mr. Labrosse asked the following Question:

1. Has the Government received any *bona fide* offers for the mineral rights in the Gillies Limits or in any portion thereof. 2. If so what were the offers. 3. If offers were received is it the intention of the Government to accept the same. 4. Is it the intention of the Government to parcel out the Gillies Limits and sell or lease the same. 5. Is it the intention of the Government to open the Gillies Limits to Prospectors.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied as follows :

In answer to 1, 2 and 3, No. To 4, such is not the present intention of the Government, and to 5, No.

On motion of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the number of Mining Companies incorporated in the year 1906, also, total amount paid into the Treasury Department from incorporation of Mining Companies in 1906, including licenses to companies previously incorporated.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 124), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 129), To amend the Municipal Water Works Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 15), To authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, Limited, to do business in the Province of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13), Respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the City of Fort William and for other purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of South River.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines Act, 1906, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report (with certain amendments).

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 4 P.M.

Monday, 4th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:

That he had received a notification of a vacancy which had occurred since the meeting of the House, and that he had made out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the present Legislature for the following Electoral Division:—

The County of Carleton.

To the Honourable Joseph Wesley St. John, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,

We the undersigned James Pliny Whitney, Member for the said Legislative Assembly, for the Electoral Division of Dundas and James Joseph Foy, Member for the said Legislative Assembly, for the Electoral Division of South Toronto, do hereby notify you that a vacancy has occurred in the representation in the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral Division of Carleton, by reason of the death of George Nelson Kidd, Member for the said Electoral Division of Carleton.

And we the said James Pliny Whitney and James Joseph Foy, Members of the Assembly aforesaid, hereby require you to issue a new Writ for the election of a Member to fill the said vacancy.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Signed and sealed in the presence of	}	J. P. WHITNEY.	[L.S.]
ARTHUR H. SYDERE.		J. J. FOY.	[L.S.]

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of J. B. Wilmott and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Mackay, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation; also, the Presbyterian Church; all of Shallow Lake; also, the Petition of Crescent Council R. T. of T., Owen Sound.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of the Township Council of Woodhouse.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the W.C.T.U.; also, the Petition of the Cambridge Street Methodist Church, all of Lindsay; also, of the Methodist Church, Woodville; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Minden.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Township Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain drainage by-laws respecting the River Aux Raisin.

Of Joseph Ulric Vincent and others of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.

Of the Canadian Niagara Power Company praying that an Act may pass to amend ss. a of s. 6., cap. 8, 55 Vic.; by striking out the figure 3 in the 5th and 9th lines thereof and inserting instead thereof the figure 5, enabling the issue of bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000.

Of the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for building and completion of the line and to authorize extensions through certain other municipalities.

Of the Township Council of Downie; also, of the Town Council of Toronto Junction; also, of the Township Council of East Hawkesbury; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Dominion Alliance, Brantford; also, of the Trinity Methodist Church, Port Arthur; also, of J. J. Way and others of Hastings; also, of the Park Street Methodist Church, also, of the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, all of Chatham; also, of the W. C. T. U., Wallaceburg; also, of the Brant County Branch, Dominion Alliance; also, of the Methodist Church, Fair Valley; also, of the Methodist Church, Grafton; also, of the Vernon Congregation, Western Northumberland; also, of the Baptist Church, Mount Forest; also, of the Western Methodist Church, Ottawa; also, of the Baptist Church, Indian River; also, of the Baptist Church, Warsaw; also, of the Methodist Church, Harriston; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Strangville; also, of the Baptist Church, Haliburton; also, of the Twelve Mile Lake Presbyterian Church; also, of the Sunday School and Epworth League, Frankville; also, of the W. C. T. U., Paisley; also, of the W. C. T. U., Midland; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 13), Respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie.

and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Kohler asked the following question:—

What are the names of all immigration agents, if any, sent to England, Ireland and Scotland since October 1st, 1906. The district and duties assigned and the remuneration allowed, or to be allowed, to each such agent.

And the Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

The names of the agents sent to Great Britain and Ireland since October 1st, 1906, are,

James Thompson, John Farrell, J. M. Clark.

Their remuneration is at the rate of \$150 *per* month for James Thompson, and \$125 *per* month for Messrs. Farrell and Clark, and in addition they are paid their actual travelling expenses. The appointments are temporary in character.

They received instructions to arrange with the resident agent at Liverpool, as to what territory they should cover.

Their duties are to induce farm labourers and domestic servants to come to Ontario; and to bring the advantages of the Province to the attention of British tenant farmers.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 157), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 120), To amend the Liquor License Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), To prevent the spread of Tuberculosis, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That on To-day and on each succeeding Monday, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business shall be upon the Order Paper and may be taken up after other business is disposed of.

The House then adjourned at 4.45 P. M.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Duncan Campbell Ross, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of Middlesex, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Canada Screw Company.

By Mr. Clarke (Northumberland), the Petition of the Town Council of Cobourg; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Alnwick.

By Mr. Pattinson, the Petition of the Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, all of Galt.

By Mr. Brower, Two Petitions of the Methodist Church, Aylmer.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 175), intituled "An Act respecting Burlington Beach." Mr. Cochrane.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 176), intituled "An Act respecting Stationary Engineers." Mr. Monteith.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

10 J.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bill and reports the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Niagara Falls.

The Committee has also carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Town of Berlin.

Bill (No. 54), To amend the Act to incorporate the Guelph General Hospital by making provisions for the incorporation in connection therewith of the Home of the Friendless, and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 32), To vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Port Colborne.

The Committee recommend that the Title to Bill (No. 29), be amended so as to read "An Act to confirm By-law No. 9 of the Village of Port Colborne," and that the Title to Bill (No. 54), be amended so as to read "An Act to incorporate "The Guelph Home of the Friendless and for other purposes."

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 32), on the ground that the same is one relating to a Religious Institution.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 54), on the ground that the same is one relating to a Charitable Institution.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively:—

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Ontario Inter-Urban Railway Company.

The Committee have also amended the Preamble to said Bill No. 41, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 32), Trinity Church, Waterford, and on Bill (No. 54), Guelph Home for the Friendless.

On motion of Mr. Reaume, seconded by Mr. Monteith,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations :

- (a) Governing the issue of licenses and subject to the provisions of the Act respecting Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, establishing the terms and conditions thereof, the period for which the same shall issue, and the fees payable in respect thereof.
- (b) Increasing the fee payable for non-resident hunting license to \$50.
- (c) Granting without fee a special license to enable a guest of a resident of the Province to hunt and shoot therein for a term not exceeding one week.
- (d) Reducing the fee for non-resident hunting license to residents of other Provinces of the Dominion of Canada by providing that such licenses may issue upon the same terms and conditions as residents of Ontario are under the laws of such other Provinces respectively permitted to hunt, shoot or fish therein.

That licenses authorizing guns or rifles to be carried or used by residents of the Province of Ontario may be issued subject to the following in addition to any conditions imposed by regulation.

Each gun license shall be valid only for the calendar year in which the same is issued, and shall expire on the 31st day of December in that year. The fee for each gun license shall be the sum of \$1.

Hunting licenses issued as hereinafter provided shall be deemed to be and include gun licenses, without payment of any additional fee.

Fees received for gun licenses under this section shall not be paid into or form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, but shall be paid into and form a special fund, which shall be expended by the Minister for the enforcement of this Act, and until otherwise provided by regulation the same shall be expended in payment of salaries of special overseers and in making grants to county game protective associations to assist such associations in enforcing the law.

The certificate or order of the Minister that any sum of money is required to be paid out of the said fund shall be sufficient authority for the issuing of a cheque by the Provincial Treasurer for the amount named in such certificate or order, and the officer or other person to whom such cheque is issued shall account to the Minister for the proper disbursement of the amount received by such officer or other person

That licenses authorizing hunting and shooting in the Province of Ontario may be issued as follows:—

- (a) Authorizing persons not resident in the Province of Ontario to carry guns, rifles and firearms and to hunt and shoot therein, limited as to deer to a specified period of fifteen days in any season. The fee for such license shall be \$25, until otherwise provided by regulation increasing the fee to not more than \$50.

That any person committing any offence under this Act in respect of deer, moose, elk, reindeer, caribou, beaver or otter shall be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$20, together with the costs, and any person committing any other offence against any of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding \$50 and not less than \$5, together with the costs, and in default of immediate payment of any fine and costs imposed under this section the offender shall be imprisoned in the common gaol of the county where such conviction takes place for a period not exceeding three months.

That no Justice of the Peace shall have any power to remit any penalty or to reduce the amount of penalties in case of conviction for more than one offence upon the same prosecution, but in any case in which the aggregate penalties upon conviction for more than one offence committed at the same time or included in the same conviction shall amount to more than the sum of \$500, the Minister shall have power in his discretion to remit any part of the excess over said amount.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follow.

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- (b) Increasing the fee payable for non-resident hunting license to \$50 .
- (c) Granting without fee a special license to enable a guest of a resident of the Province to hunt and shoot therein for a term not exceeding one week.
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The certificate or order of the Minister that any sum of money is required to be paid out of the said fund shall be sufficient authority for the issuing of a cheque by the Provincial Treasurer for the amount named in such certificate or order, and the officer or other person to whom such cheque is issued shall account to the Minister for the proper disbursement of the amount received by such officer or other person.

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That any person committing any offence under this Act in respect of deer moose, elk, reindeer, caribou, beaver or otter shall be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$20, together with the costs, and any person committing any other offence against any of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding \$50 and not less than \$5, together with the costs, and in default of immediate payment of any fine and costs imposed under this section the offender shall be imprisoned in the common gaol of the county where such conviction takes place for a period not exceeding three months.

That no Justice of the Peace shall have any power to remit any penalty or to reduce the amount of penalties in case of conviction for more than one offence upon the same prosecution, but in any case in which the aggregate penalties upon conviction for more than one offence committed at the same time or included in the same conviction shall amount to more than the sum of \$500, the Minister shall have power in his discretion to remit any part of the excess over said amount.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), Respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 116), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Return of all Fees received by the Master of Titles under Rule 77 of the Land Titles Act for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 55.*)

Also—Copies of Orders in Council commuting the Fees payable to His Honour Judge Finkle and increasing the commutations paid to His Honour Judge Benson, His Honour Judge McDonald, His Honour Judge Hardy and His Honour Judge Snider, under Section 187 of the Judicature Act and Subsection 2 of Section 84 of the Surrogate Courts Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 56.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the Nineteenth day of February, 1907, for a Return shewing the various kinds of Patents issued to Locatees on St. Joseph Island. (*Sessional Papers No. 57.*)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

3. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department...	\$ 64,462.00
5. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines Department	\$110,600 00
6. To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department....	\$ 50,150 00
9. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Depart- ment	\$145,670 00
10. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture....	\$ 49,726 00
11. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous.....	\$ 15,950 00
12. To defray the expenses of Legislation	\$224,500 00
13. To defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, Salaries and Expenses.	\$176,742 46
14. To defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, Miscel- laneous	\$304,958 50
15. To defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Dis- tricts	\$130,693 33
60. To defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands, outside service and surveys	\$363,900 00
61. To defray the expenses of Mining Development	\$142,300 00
62. To defray the expenses of expenditure on account of Parks..	\$ 19,600 00
64. To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, on Crown Lands Account	\$ 18,500 00
65. To defray the expenses of the Municipalities Fund	\$ 243 32
66. To defray the expenses of the Land Improvement Fund	\$ 2,429 07

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10 P.M.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Windsor Gas Company.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Town Council of Cornwall.

By Mr. Atkinson, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Courtland also, the Petition of the Bealton Congregation ; also, the Petition of the Epworth League ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Tillsonburg ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, Wilsonville.

By Mr. Smellie, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Murillo.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Township Council of Saltfleet.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Township Council of Whitechurch ; also, the Petition of the R. T. of T. ; also the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Aurora ; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Newmarket ; also, the Petition of the Christian Church, Whitechurch.

By Mr. Racine, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Metcalfe ; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Huntsville.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of J. B. Willmott, and others, of Toronto, praying that the Bill before the House authorizing Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry in Ontario, may not pass.

Of the Township Council of Woodhouse, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Methodist Church ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, all of Shallow Lake ; also, of the Crescent Council R. T. of T., Owen Sound ; also, of the W. C. T. U. ; also, of the Cambridge Street Methodist Church, all of Lindsay ; also, of the Methodist Church, Woodville ; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Minden, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient :—

Of B. F. Muma, and others, of Hepworth, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Hepworth ;

Of the Township Council of Etobicoke, praying that an Act may pass to validate Tax Sales in, up to and inclusive of the year 1905, and the Tax Deeds given pursuant to such sales ;

Of Harvey Graham, and others, of Haileybury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company ;

Of the Brantford Street Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 742 of the City of Brantford, and an agreement entered into thereunder ;

Of the Trustees of St. George's Cemetery, Bentineck, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the sale by them, of eight acres of the northerly part of the lands of the Cemetery to Benjamin J. Switzer ;

Of the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for the building and completion of the line and to authorize extensions through certain other municipalities ;

Of the Town Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and an agreement made with "The Modern Bedstead Company, Limited ;"

Of Albert G. Burk, and others, of Thessalon, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company ;

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a By-law to transfer to a Board of three Commissioners

the control and management of the Electric Light Plant and property of said City, and to authorize and provide for the election of such Board and fix their powers;

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to pass By-laws to raise money for certain specific purposes; to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and for other purposes;

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Statutes relating to the Don Improvement and the Toronto Railway Company, and to authorize the passing of a certain By-law *re* Bath House and Police Patrol service;

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass validating all Tax Sales of land and deeds given therefor; and to authorize the Corporation to raise the sum of \$60,000 for the cost of a garbage incinerator without submission of By-law to ratepayers.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to pass a By-law for the issue of debentures to provide means for the erection of a Contagious Hospital in the City and for other purposes, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature, according to the instructions of the Committee, has been published in the "Ontario Gazette," "The London Advertiser" and "The London Free Press," and a Declaration filed before the Committee shews that the time fixed by such instructions will expire on the 8th March instant, and the Committee are of the opinion that sufficient publicity has been given to the matter to enable all parties interested to become aware of the proposed legislation.

The Committee find, that while the Notice limits the amount of debenture issue for this purpose to a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, there is no specified amount set out in the Petition, and the Committee recommend that the attention of the Private Bills Committee be directed to the matter so that the limit stated in the Notice be not exceeded in the Bill.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 742 of the City of Brantford." Mr. Fisher.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck." Mr. Jamieson.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 67), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Hepworth." Mr. Mackay.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company." Mr. Preston (Brant.)

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Windsor. Mr. Preston (Durham.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke." Mr. Lennox.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company." Mr. Kerr.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 179), intituled "An Act respecting the Weekly Court." Mr. McDougal.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 110), To amend the Assessment Act—withdrawn on the twentieth day of February last—be restored to the Order Paper.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Preston (Brant),

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ross be added to the Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Municipal Law and Standing Orders.

Mr. May asked the following Question:—

1. To whom were the following lots, in the Town Site of Cobalt, in the Township of Coleman, or any right, or interest therein, sold *viz.*:—numbers 390, 391, 392, 393, 453, 454, 455, 456, 467, 468, 469. 2. Were the lots sold under the instruction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, or, if not, under whose instructions. 3. Was it by auction, or private sale. 4. Were the lots sold by private sale after having been advertised for sale by auction and if so, why. 5. To whom were they sold and for what price. 6. To whom was the Patent, or Patents issued.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words following:—

1. These lots were not sold, but were leased to the Nancy-Helen Mining Company, Limited.

2. These lots were leased by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

3 and 4. Three of the lots were, together with upwards of fifty others, advertised to be disposed of by auction, and there were no bidders.

5 and 6. Therefore, instructions were given to Superintendent Black to offer leases of them at the upset prices, and the Commissioners approved of an agreement for leasing them to W. R. Smyth, Esq., who had been an applicant for these lots before they were offered by auction, and who was the only applicant for them. The Commissioners were then instructed that Mr. Smyth had transferred his interest to the Nancy-Helen Mining Company, and the lease was given to them accordingly. The price was \$500 for each lot, and a royalty of 25% on ore up to \$1,000 in value *per* ton, and 50% on all other ores. These are the terms on which the mining rights were disposed of to all applicants on the Town Site of Cobalt.

On motion of Mr. Pense, seconded by Mr. Auld,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Northumberland-Durham Power Company, with respect to a lease of water power at Healey Falls.

On motion of Mr. McDougal, seconded by Mr. May,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of:—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof

and any person, or persons, relating to the cancellation or granting of a liquor license to the Palace Hotel at Fort Frances. 2. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof and any person, or persons, relating to the cancellation or granting of a liquor license to one Thomas Wilson, at Fort Frances. 3. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof and any person or persons, relating to the resignation or dismissal of the License Inspector or any member of the Board of License Commissioners at Fort Frances.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 110), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 112), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 117), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 132), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 134), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 136), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 140), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 142), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 147), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 148), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 154), To amend the Assessment Act

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 156), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 158), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 159), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 162), To amend the Act to prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds and of Diseases affecting Fruit Trees.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

Bill (No. 165), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 167), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 168), To amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 169), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 172), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 173), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act.

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Niagara Falls.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 9 of the Village of Port Colborne.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 119), For the Administrative Control of Pulmonary Phthisis having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 1), To confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Town of Seaforth.

Bill (No. 15), To authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada Limited, to do business in the Province of Ontario.

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the City of Fort William and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of South River.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums:—

7. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department.....	\$ 31,125 00
8. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Auditor's Office....	\$ 14,550 00
18. To defray the expenses of the Museum and Library.....	\$ 18,518 95
19. To defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Literary and Scientific.....	\$ 60,500 00
20. To defray the expenses of Technical Education.....	\$ 31,620 00
21. To defray the expenses of Superannuated Public and High School Teachers.....	\$ 63,650 00

22. To defray the expenses of Provincial University and Mining Schools	\$ 50,707 40
23. To defray the Miscellaneous expenses of Education.....	\$ 24,736 72
24. To defray the expenses of Education for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville	\$ 56,056 00
25. To defray the expenses of Education, Blind Institute, Brantford	\$ 38,216 00
26. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, Brockville	\$ 98,023 00
27. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Cobourg.....	\$ 25,252 00
28. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Hamilton	\$139,530 00
29. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Kingston.....	\$100,434 00
30. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, London	\$148,100 00
31. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Mimico.....	\$ 88,230 00
32. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Orillia.....	\$ 76,988 00
33. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Penetanguishene.....	\$ 43,916 00
34. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Toronto	\$134,319 50
35. To defray the expenses of the Asylum, Woodstock	\$ 28,176 00
36. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto.....	\$ 67,420 00
38. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory ..	\$ 23,450 00
39. To defray expenses of Agricultural Societies, etc.....	\$100,292 00
40. To defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch	\$ 23,482 00
41. To defray the expenses of Farmer's Institutes	\$ 26,816 00
42. To defray the expenses of the Bureau of Industries	\$ 5,500 00
43. To defray the expenses of Dairies.....	\$ 56,150 00
45. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Agriculture	\$ 30,500 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.10 P.M.

Thursday, 7th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Township Council of Montague.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Town Council of North Toronto.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Drayton.

By Mr. Dunlop, the Petition of the Pembroke Southern Railway Company.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Bishop of Alexandria and others ; also, the Petition of the Rev. J. B. Sincennes and others, Cornwall.

By Mr. MacKay, the Petition of the Township Council of Sarawak ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Owen Sound.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Township Council of Nipissing ; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U. ; also, the Petition of Council No. 166, R. T. of T. also, the Petition of the Barca Class, all of Burk's Falls.

By Mr. Ferguson, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Kemptville.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Canada Screw Company, praying that an Act may pass to grant a fixed Assessment of \$125,000 for ten years upon the property of the Company and to confirm a By-law and agreement with the City of Hamilton for that purpose.

Of the Town Council of Cobourg ; also, of the Township Council of Alnwick, severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Methodist Church ; also, of the Baptist Church, all of Galt ; also, Two Petitions of the Methodist Church, Alymer ; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the Current River Power Company.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and has prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 53), To incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.

Bill (No. 11), To incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 57), To incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company.

The Committee has amended the Preamble to Bill (No. 11), so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to the Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 181), intituled "An Act respecting Sales of Land by Canada Company." Mr. McCoig.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 182), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Parks Act." Mr. Pattinson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 183), intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the payment of Succession Duties." Mr. Matheson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 184), intituled "An Act to amend the University Act, 1906." Mr. Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Reaume,

Resolved, That this House will forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Stationary Engineers.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, may from time to time make regulations:—

For fixing the fees to be paid by candidates under the Act respecting Stationary Engineers upon any examination or for any license or certificate of qualification or renewal thereof.

For fixing the fees or other remuneration to be paid to the members and staff of the Board.

That upon the recommendation of the Board, the Minister of Agriculture may issue licenses or certificates of qualification to Stationary Engineers on payment of the prescribed fees.

That except as provided in section 5 of the Act, every person who operates a steam plant as the engineer in charge thereof without the license or certificate required by the Act, and every person employing him or permitting him so to do shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 besides costs.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, may from time to time make regulations:—

For fixing the fees to be paid by candidates under the Act respecting Stationary Engineers upon any examination or for any license or certificate of qualification or renewal thereof.

For fixing the fees or other remuneration to be paid to the members and staff of the Board.

That upon the recommendation of the Board, the Minister of Agriculture may issue licenses or certificates of qualification to Stationary Engineers on payment of the prescribed fees.

That except as provided in section 5 of the Act, every person who operates a steam plant as the engineer in charge thereof without the license or certificate required by the Act, and every person employing him or permitting him so to do shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 besides costs.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 176), Respecting Stationary Engineers.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 102), To supplement the Revenues of the Crown.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 125), To create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Also—Loan Corporations Statements, being financial statements made by Building Societies, Loan Companies, Loan Land Companies and Trust Companies for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-fifth day of February, 1907, for a Return shewing all Estates now unsettled upon which Succession Duty was claimed by the Treasury Department, where the due date was, on or before the first day of January, 1905, and the estimated amounts of duty due and the reason why unsettled. (*Sessional Papers No. 58.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

Friday, 8th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hendrie, the Petition of W. B. Smith and others, of Hamilton.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of W. B. Smith and others, of Hamilton.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to increase the Capital Stock of the Company to the sum of \$500,000 and the borrowing powers to the sum of \$600,000.

Of the Town Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass legalizing and confirming By-law No. 12 and a certain agreement relating to the business of brewing.

Of the Township Council of Whitchurch, praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting the spread of noxious weeds.

Of the Township Council of Saltfleet, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Of the Baptist Church, Courtland; also, of the Bealton Congregation, also, of the Epworth League; also, of the Methodist Church; all of Tillsonburg; also, of the Methodist Congregation, Wilsonville; also, of the Methodist Church, Murillo; also, of the R. T. of T.; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Aurora; also, of the W.C.T.U., Newmarket; also, of the Christian Church, King; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Metcalfe; also, of the W.C.T.U., Huntsville; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Bill (No. 30), To authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry in the Province of Ontario.

Bill (No. 18), To incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes.

The Committee recommend that the Title to Bill (No. 30), be amended to read—"An Act to authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry."

The Committee also recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports on Private Bills and Railways be extended to and inclusive of Monday, the 25th day of March instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 185), intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Debts of the Town of Alliston." Mr. Duff.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 186), intituled "An Act to amend the High Schools Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 187), intituled "An Act to amend the Election Act." Mr. Smith (Peel.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 188), intituled "An Act to amend the Land Titles Act." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hislop, seconded by Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the amounts credited to the cities, towns, villages and organized townships in the Province of Ontario, from the sum received under Section 2, Subsection 5, of the Supplementary Revenue Act, 1899, as amended from time to time, and also, the amount charged against each such city, town, village or organized township respectively for the maintenance of inmates of lunatic or other asylums in the Province under the provisions of Subsection 2 of Section 4 of Chapter 9 of the Statutes of 1906.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence, and papers relating to, or in the matter of the protest of Mr. Chisholm Livingstone, and the Davis Estate, against the purchase price awarded them by the arbitrators for their property for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 82), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 144), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 155), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 163), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 164), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 179), Respecting the Weekly Court.
Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Ontario Inter-Urban Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Town of Berlin.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 54), To amend the Act to incorporate the Guelph Home of the Friendless and for other purposes.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 32), To vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53), To incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 11), To incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 57), To incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the City of Ottawa.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the Current River Power Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Niagara Falls.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 9 of the Village of Port Colborne.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee to consider Bill (No. 115), To amend the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of the Public Works for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Also, Report of the Department of Fisheries for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.40 P.M.

Monday, 11th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to enquire into and report on Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The undersigned have had under consideration Bill (No. 38), "An Act respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentineck, in the County of Grey," and the Petition therefor, and have the honour to report as follows:—

The undersigned are of opinion that, presuming the allegations contained in the Preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of your Honourable House, it is reasonable that such Bill be passed into law.

The undersigned, however, would suggest that in order to avoid uncertainty and possible difficulty in the conveyance to a purchaser and the registration of the same, the parcel of land to be sold should be accurately described by metes and bounds in the enacting part of the Bill. The words "the northerly 8 acres" are too vague to serve as a proper description of the parcel to be disposed of.

The undersigned are also of opinion that the first section of the Bill should be amended in the respects indicated in the margin of the copy transmitted, and that the second section of the said Bill should also be amended as indicated in the margin of the said copy.

With these amendments the provisions of the Bill seem to be proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

Dated at Osgoode Hall this 8th day of March, 1907.

CHARLES MOSS, C. J. O.

J. T. GARROW, J. A.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 38), Respecting St. George's Cemetery, Bentineck, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Township Council of Cornwall; also, the Petition of the Coloured Cotton Mills Company.

By Mr. Montgomery, the Petition of the Township Councils of Sombra, Chatham and North Gore.

By Mr. Smyth, the Petition of the Town Council of Thessalon.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of Albert Weiner, and others, of Neustadt.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the County Council of Oxford.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Title and Trust Company, of Toronto.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Oakville.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Tapleystown; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Glanford.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Epworth League, Caledonia.

By Mr. Aubin, the Petition of the Town Council of Sudbury.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the W. C. T. U.; also, the Petition of the Deacons' Court, all of Avonmore.

By Mr. McGarry, the Petition of the St. Andrews Church; also, the Petition of the Evangelical Association; also, the Petition of the German Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., all of Arnprior; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., all of Northcole; also, the Petition of the I. O. G. T., Scotch Bush; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Latchford; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Stewartville; also, the Petition of Division No. 151, S. O. T.; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation, Lochmarnock; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, White Lake; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Burnstown.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Methodist Church; also, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, all of Sutton West; also, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Aurora.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Woodville; also, the Petition of the Congregation of Graham's Church, Ops; also, the Methodist Congregation of Oakwood.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Pembroke Southern Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Company to enter into an agreement for amalgamation with the Canada Atlantic Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

Of W. B. Smith, and others, of Hamilton, (Two Petitions), praying that the Bill before the House respecting the City of Hamilton may not pass without submission of By-laws to the electorate.

Of the Bishop of Alexandria, and others; also, of the Rev. J. B. Sincennes, and others, of Cornwall, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act.

Of the Township Council of Montagu ; also, of the Town Council of North Toronto ; also, of the Township Council of Sarawak ; also, of the Town Council of Owen Sound ; also, of the Township Council of Nipissing ; severally praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of Council No. 212, R.T. of T. ; also, of the R.T. of T. ; also, of the W.C.T.U. ; also, of the Baraca Class, all of Burk's Falls ; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 191), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water." Mr. Cameron.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 192), intituled "An Act to make provision for Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells." Mr. Fraser.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bill was introduced, *nemine contradicente*, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 190), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Downey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Hanna be substituted for that of Mr. Lucas, on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines Act, 1906, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 54), To incorporate the Guelph Home of the Friendless and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 32), To vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford.

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the Current River Power Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Smyth asked the following Questions:—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to investigate the complaints made by residents of Northern Ontario that large areas of unpatented lands are held by speculators who do not reside on the land and who in other respects have not complied with the regulations under which the land was sold or located. 2. Is it the intention of the Government to appoint an inspector or other proper officer to examine and report on the lands of the Crown in all Townships in Northern Ontario, now open for settlement or that it may be intended to hereafter open for settlement, with the object of preventing settlers from locating on lands not suitable for agricultural purposes. 3. Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation confirming the title of *bona fide* settlers who have already obtained their patents or who are residing on their lands and have performed the necessary improvements thereon to entitle them to patents, to minerals, if any, on the lands and also to the timber, where the same was not sold to Timber Licensees by late Government.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied as follows:—

1. Yes, the Department is continually investigating statements of this kind.
2. Yes.
3. The matter is under consideration.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 18), To incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 127), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.*

Bill (No. 133), To amend the Toll Roads Expropriation Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 135), To amend the Ontario Game Protection Act.

Referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

Bill (No. 146), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 171), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 174), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 137), Respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

Referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

Bill (No. 176), Respecting Stationary Engineers.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 183), To amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Payment of Succession Duties.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 184), To amend the University Act, 1906.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 152), To amend the Municipal Waterworks Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 125), To create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Duff, from the Committee of Supply reported the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's office for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the office of the Premier and President of the Council, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-four thousand four hundred and sixty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Education for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ten thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasurer's Department, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Auditor's office, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-nine thousand seven hundred and twenty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous Expenses of Civil Government, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-six thousand seven hundred and forty-two dollars and forty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and four thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the Expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand five hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Literary and Scientific Institutions, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand six hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Superannuated Public and High School Teachers, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand seven hundred and seven dollars and forty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial University and Mining Schools, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-four thousand seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and seventy-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous Expenses of Maintenance of Education Department for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-six thousand and fifty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-eight thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and ten cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind at Brantford, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-eight thousand and twenty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Brockville, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand two hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Cobourg, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-nine thousand five hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Hamilton, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred thousand four hundred and thirty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Kingston, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-eight thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at London, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-eight thousand two hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum at Mimico, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-six thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum at Orillia, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-three thousand nine hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum at Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-four thousand three hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum at Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand one hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum at Woodstock, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Women and Refuge for Girls, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred thousand two hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Farmers' Institutes, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Bureau of Industries, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-six thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairies Branch for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous Expenses of Agriculture, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-three thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of charges on Crown Lands on account of outside service and surveys, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-two thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mining Development, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account *re* Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand five hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Crown Lands, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Municipalities Fund, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and twenty-nine dollars and seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Land Improvement Fund, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bureau of Labour for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 30.*)

Also—Report upon the Prisons and Reformatories for the year ending 30th September, 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 42*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the Eighth day of March, 1907, for a Return, shewing the amounts credited to the cities, towns villages and organized townships in the Province of Ontario, from the sum received under

Section 2, Subsection 5, of the Supplementary Revenue Act, 1899, as amended from time to time, and also the amount charged against each such city, town, village or organized township respectively for the maintenance of inmates of lunatic or other asylums in the Province under the provisions of Subsection 2 of Section 4 of Chapter 9 of the Statutes of 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 59.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.10 P.M.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of the Epworth League, Tamworth; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Sheffield.

By Mr. Ross, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Middlemiss.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Prescott.

By Mr. Labrosse, the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of Knox Church; also, the Young People's Society of Knox Church, all of Vankleek Hill.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of W. H. Andrew and others; also, the Petition of C. P. Playter and others; also, the Petition of T. N. Simpson and others, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Studholme, the Petition of the Emerald Street Epworth League; also, the Petition of the Emerald Street Methodist Sunday School, all of Hamilton.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Fairfield Plain; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Burford.

By Mr. Clark (Bruce), the Petition of the Baptist Church, Chesley.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Main Street Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Epworth League, all of Picton; also, the Petition of B. O. Frederick and others, of Ameliasburg.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bright; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Embro.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the S. O. T. No. 232, Kettleby; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Sutton.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Winona.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bill and reports the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Galt, 1907.

The Committee has also carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 24), To authorize Jerry Brisson to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Superior Copper Company, Limited.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and has prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively:—

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Nepigon Railway Company.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 37), To incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company.

The Committee has amended the Preambles to Bills Numbers 8 and 37 so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 196), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act."
Mr. Sutherland.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), To supplement the Revenues of the Crown, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all letters, accounts, books of account leases, agreements or other written memoranda of every kind and nature in the possession of the Government, or of any commission or official under the Government in any way relating to what is known as the Right of Way mining lease on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie),

Ordered That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all advertisements of mining lands to be leased, of all leases of mining lands (and of all letters and correspondence relating to the same), leased or advertised as to be leased by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums:—

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| 44. To defray the expenses of Fruit, Vegetables, Honey and Insects | \$ 29,022 00 |
| 46. To defray the expenses of Agricultural College..... | \$485,453 00 |

47. To defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration.....	\$ 46,065 00
49. To defray the expenses of Government House	\$ 18,000 00
50. To defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings	\$ 71,795 00
51. To defray the expenses of Public Institutions	\$193,825 00
52. To defray the expenses of Education	\$318,725 00
53. To defray the expenses of Districts.....	\$ 27,145 00
63. To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, on Education Account	\$ 2,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.15 P.M.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

William Alfred Preston, Member for the Electoral District of Port Arthur and Rainy River, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of St. Andrew's Church ; also, of the Council of Royal Templars, all of Fergus.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Township Council of Elmsley North.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Bunyan.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Epworth League, Wooler ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Hastings.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Lindsay ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Haliburton.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Bright.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Congregation of Calvin Church, Rothsay ; also, the Petition of the Congregation of Zion Church, Cotswold.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Baptist Church ; also, the Petition of the Young People of Knox Church, all of Cornwall.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bobcaygeon.

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the Epworth League, Tyrconnell ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Dutton ; also, the Petition of the Epworth League ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Wallaceburg.

By Mr. Morrison, the Petition of the King Street Methodist Congregation, Trenton.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Christian Church ; also, the Petition of the S. O. T., all of Keswick ; also, the Petition of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Stouffville ; also, the Petition of the Melville Presbyterian Church, Markham.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Paris.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Township Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township, relating to the Canadian Coloured Cotton Mills Company, Limited.

Of the Canadian Coloured Cotton Mills Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall.

Of the Township Councils of Sombra, Chatham and North Gore, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws empowering the borrowing of money and issue of Debentures therefor.

Of the Town Council of Thessalon, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to grant a bonus of \$10,500 to the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company to enable them to establish their Milling industry.

Of the County Council of Oxford, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 558 and amend By-law No. 519.

Of the Titles and Trust Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to carry on business in the Province of Ontario.

Of the Epworth League, Oakville; also, of the Methodist Church, Tapleystown; also, of the Methodist Church, Glanford; also, of the Epworth League, Caledonia; also, of the Deacons' Court; also, of the W. C. T. U., all of Avonmore; also, of the St. Andrew's Church; also, of the Evangelical Association; also, of the German Baptist Church; also, of the W. C. T. U., all of Arnprior; also, of the Presbyterian Church; also, of the S. O. T. No. 154, all of Northcote; also, of the I. O. G. T., Scotch Bush; also, of the Methodist Church, Latchford; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Stewartville; also, of the S. O. T. No. 151, Renfrew; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Lochmarnoch; also, of the Presbyterian Church, White Lake; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Burnstown; also, of the Methodist Church; also, of the Ladies' Aid Society, all of Sutton West; also, of the Baptist Church, Aurora; also, of the Methodist Church, Woodville; also, of Graham's Church, Ops; also, of the Methodist Church, Oakwood; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Sixteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Canadian Niagara Power Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend ss. a of s. 6, Cap. 8, 55 Vict., by striking out the figure "3" in the 5th and 9th lines thereof and inserting instead thereof the figure "5," enabling the making of a further additional issue of bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000;

Of the Canadian Coloured Cotton Mills Company, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall;

Of Lawrence O'Connor and others, of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Sudbury-Cobalt Railway Company;

Of the City Council of Belleville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass a By-law fixing the assessment of the Hotel Quinte at the sum of \$10,000 for a period of fifteen years, to supply water at a rental of \$100 a year for the same period without submission of By-law to the people.

Of the Town Council of Mount Forest, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the passage of a By-law, without the assent of the electors, to consolidate the floating debt of the Town;

Of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of the City of Ottawa praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law *re* issue of debentures for the sum of \$105,000;

Of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for construction; and to authorize the Company to enter into agreements with the City of St. Catharines and other Corporations; and to increase their bonding powers;

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws Nos. 2,610 and 2,612, to authorize the Corporation to borrow money and to grant fixed assessments upon a Central Union Station and Hotel, and for other purposes;

Of the Town Council of Toronto Junction, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Corporation to issue local Improvement Debentures to an amount not exceeding \$100,000, to pay for street improvements, and for other purposes;

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-laws Numbers 527 and 538 of the Town;

Of the Pembroke Southern Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Company to enter into an agreement for amalgamation with the Canada Atlantic Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada;

Of the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to increase the capital stock of the Company to the sum of \$500,000, and the borrowing powers to the sum of \$600,000;

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures to cover amount of floating debt, and for other purposes;

Of Thomas Johnston, of the Township of Augusta, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in Ontario;

Of the Canada Screw Company, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law of the City of Hamilton and a certain agreement in connection therewith;

Of Morley F. Pumaville and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway Company;

Of the Township Council of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain Drainage By-laws;

Of the Township Councils of Sombra, Chatham and North Gore, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws empowering the borrowing of money and issue of debentures therefor.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Seventeenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of Joseph Ulric Vincent and others of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.

The Committee have had evidence produced before them shewing that the Petitioners made application to the Parliament of the Dominion during its present Session for an Act to incorporate this Company, giving notice of such intended application in the "Dominion Gazette" and also in newspapers published in the Counties through which the railway proposed to run, in accordance with the Rules of the Dominion Parliament; the Petition was presented to Parliament and favorably reported on by the Standing Orders Committee, the Bill introduced and referred to the Railway Committee where exception was taken to its passing on the ground that it was solely a matter coming under Provincial Jurisdiction; the Committee took this view and on application the promoters were allowed to withdraw the Bill.

In view of the publicity given to the matter by the publication of the notice as aforesaid, The Committee instructed the Petitioners to insert a notice of the intended application to this Legislature in two issues of the "Ontario Gazette," and once a week for the period of two weeks in the "London Free Press," the "London Advertiser," the "Stratford Beacon," the "Stratford Herald," the "Parkhill Post," and in some paper published in the Village of Hensall; the notice to state the reason for the change of application from the Dominion Parliament to the Provincial Legislature, evidence of such publication having been made to be produced before the Bill is considered by the Railway Committee.

The Committee consider sufficient publicity would thus be given to the matter and would therefore recommend the suspension of the Rule requiring six weeks' notice in this case.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eighteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Title and Trust Company of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to carry on business in the Province of Ontario.

The Committee find that this Company has recently been incorporated by Dominion legislation and that they are unable to operate in the Province of Ontario in the direction which they desire without procuring Provincial legislation. Notices of the proposed application to this Legislature have been published twice in the "Ontario Gazette" and twice in the "Toronto Evening News." The Committee considering that further publicity should be given to the matter recommend that before the Bill is considered by the Private Bills Committee, evidence be produced satisfactory to that Committee that the said notice has been published weekly for a period of two weeks in the "Toronto Globe," "Mail" and "World."

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Nineteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the County Council of Oxford, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 558 amending By-law No. 519 of the said Corporation relating to highways, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature first appeared in the "Ontario Gazette" on the 9th day of March instant, said notice also appeared in the issues of the "Woodstock Sentinel Review" on the 7th, 8th and 9th days of March instant, and also in the "Oxford Tribune" on the 7th day of March instant, and the Committee are credibly informed that publication of notice will be continued in each of the said papers for the period required by the Rules of this Honourable House.

The Committee are also informed that the matter originated with the new County Council and unavoidable delays occurred in arranging with the various municipalities, this prevented an earlier application to this Legislature.

The Committee consider the notice as aforesaid sufficient and would recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twentieth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Thessalon, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to grant a bonus of \$10,500 to the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company to enable them to establish their milling industry in the said Town.

The Committee have had no evidence of publication of notice produced before them, but they are credibly informed that at two public meetings held in the town the proposed action of the Council was endorsed.

The Committee consider that a notice fully setting out the prayer of the Petition should be published in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the local paper for a period of three weeks, and that evidence that instructions have been given for such publication be produced before the matter is considered by the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twenty-first Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Township of York, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws, to confirm sales of land for arrears of taxes and the Deeds given thereunder, and for other purposes; and find that a notice containing certain of the matters prayed for in the Petition appeared in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the "Toronto World" for the period of six weeks as required by the Rules of this Honourable House. The notice was then amended and such amended notice has appeared for a period of three weeks in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the "Toronto World." The Committee recommend that the said last mentioned notice be continued until the period of six weeks shall have elapsed.

The Committee find that no mention has been made in any of the notices of the intention of the Council to apply for power to pass By-laws regulating the kind of buildings to be erected in parts of the Township to be specified in such By-laws, and for authorizing the pulling down or removal at the expense of the owner of buildings erected in the contravention of such By-law. The Committee are of the opinion that this is a matter of which notice should have been given, and would therefore recommend that the section relating thereto be struck out of the Bill when it is being considered by the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twenty-second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

In concluding the business submitted to this Committee for the present Session, the Committee desire to point out to this Honourable House that they find an annual increase of irregularities in the presentation of Petitions and the introduction of Private Bills.

Notwithstanding the liberal extension of time granted by the Committee for the promotion of Private Legislation, delays arise through the presentation of Petitions at the close of the latest extension, the promoters relying upon the generosity of the House to suspend the Rule in order to over ride the regulations governing the action of the Committee in the Despatch of Business submitted for their consideration

In order to check this disposition, the Committee respectfully submits that if the Standing Orders Committee is, in the future, to render effective service by its deliberations, only cases of supreme necessity arising out of unforeseen conditions should be granted any suspension of the Rule in promoting Private Legislation.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Bill (No. 14), Respecting the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act respecting the Canada Screw Company." Mr. Downey.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act authorizing Thomas Johnston to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited." Mr. Hoyle.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Sudbury Cobalt Railway Company." Mr. Aubin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 70), intituled "An Act respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company." Mr. Dunlop.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 194), intituled "An Act respecting the Title and Trust Company." Mr. Downey.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Toronto Junction." Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte, of the City of Belleville." Mr. Morrison.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 69), intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Niagara Power Company." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 189), intituled "An Act to amend By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford." Mr. Munro.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 64), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa." Mr. McDougal.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 193), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." Mr. May.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 66), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 20, 1906, of the Township of Sombra, in the County of Lambton, and By-law No. of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, in the County of Kent." Mr. Montgomery.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 180), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 570 of the Township of Cornwall." Mr. Kerr.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act respecting By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall, known as the South Branch Drainage Scheme By-law." Mr. Kerr.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 178), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of York." Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway Company." Mr. Lennox.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 197), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sault Ste. Marie." Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Mount Forest." Mr. Craig.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 58), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton." Mr. Hendrie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 198), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act." Mr. Bowyer.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 121), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 138), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 143), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 150), To amend the Municipal Act

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 161), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 166), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 170), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 182), To amend the Public Parks Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 192), To make provision for the Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells.

Bill (No. 30), To authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House, To-morrow.

Bill (No. 24), To authorize Jerry Brisson to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 175), Respecting Burlington Beach.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 149), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 188), To amend the Land Titles Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Munro asked the following Question :

Have the contracts been let for the construction of the four new Normal Schools. If so, to whom have they been awarded. What is the amount of the successful tender for each School. Is it the policy of the Government to permit sub-letting of Government Contracts.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

Contracts for the construction of four Normal Schools, one at each of the following points, has been awarded to Mr. Shadrach F. Whitham of Brantford, at the following figures, exclusive of heating, plumbing and lighting:—

Peterboro School	\$53,800
Stratford School	52,050
Hamilton School	52,050
North Bay School	54,200

The contract for the above schools, as well as for all Government work, provides that the contractor shall not in any way, without the consent in writing of the Minister of Public Works, dispose of, assign, sub-let or re-let any portion of the work embraced in the contract, except the procuring of materials. No such consent has been given by the Minister.

Mr. McCoig asked the following Question :

Is it the intention of the Government, at this Session, to introduce any legislation whereby Municipalities affected with Small Pox or other contagious diseases, may receive financial assistance from the Province to assist in stamping out and preventing the spread of the same.

And the Premier and President of the Council replied, that,

The Government has not, so far, decided to introduce the legislation referred to in the question.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Burlington Beach.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, under the Burlington Beach Act, from time to time appoint a Board of Commissioners to be composed of such persons, not less than two, as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may see fit.

That the Commissioners shall have the power to demand, collect and receive from persons now in occupation of lands under sub-lease, any moneys due and unpaid at the time of the passing of the Act, for rent or otherwise in respect thereof.

That the Commissioners shall collect all rents, taxes or other moneys accruing due in respect of all such lands after the same become due, and may expend so much of the moneys received therefrom as may, in their opinion, be necessary or expedient in beautifying or otherwise improving the lands aforesaid as a park and place of public resort, and for all purposes authorized by the Act, and they shall annually remit on or before the day of in each year to the Treasurer of the Province any surplus that may remain after expending the moneys as aforesaid.

That the Commissioners may, in any By-law passed by them, provide that the infraction of any of the provisions of such By-law shall make the offender liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty days, and such penalties may be enforced by any Justice of the Peace, having jurisdiction within the County of Wentworth.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, under the Burlington Beach Act, from time to time appoint a Board of Commissioners to be composed of such persons, not less than two, as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may see fit.

That the Commissioners shall have the power to demand, collect and receive from persons now in occupation of lands under sub-lease, any moneys due and unpaid at the time of the passing of the Act, for rent or otherwise in respect thereof.

That the Commissioners shall collect all rents, taxes or other moneys accruing due in respect of all such lands after the same become due, and may expend so much of the moneys received therefrom as may, in their opinion, be necessary or expedient in beautifying or otherwise improving the lands aforesaid as a park and place of public resort, and for all purposes authorized by the Act, and they shall annually remit on or before the day of in each year to the Treasurer of the Province any surplus that may remain after expending the moneys as aforesaid.

That the Commissioners may, in any By-law passed by them, provide that the infraction of any of the provisions of such By-law shall make the offender liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding

sixty days, and such penalties may be enforced by any Justice of the Peace, having jurisdiction within the County of Wentworth.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 175), Respecting Burlington Beach.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Statement, shewing cash expenditure on construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, as of December 31st, 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 60.*)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

54. To defray the expenses of Public Works.....	\$161,600 00
55. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division	\$ 89,236 00
56. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division..	\$ 27,800 00
57. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division..	\$ 93,425 00
58. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, Temiskaming Division	\$ 62,350 00
59. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, General	\$ 25,500 00
67. To defray miscellaneous expenses, Refund Account.....	\$ 10,000 00
68. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure.....	\$231,375 30
69. To defray expenses of Legislation, Public Institutions Main- tenance and Salaries, for month of January, 1908	\$250,000 00
16. To defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools.....	\$896,667 45
37. To defray the expenses of Central Prison Industries	\$ 66,220 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions:—

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-six thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Central Prison Industries, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Bureau of Industries, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-six thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairies Branch, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand and twenty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit, Vegetables, Honey and Insects, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous expenses of Agriculture, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirteen thousand six hundred and ninety-one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-six thousand and sixty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Government House, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Parliament and Departmental Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-three thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Educational Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand one hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings in Districts, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-one thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine thousand two hundred and thirty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-three thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, Temiskaming Division, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the General Expenses of Colonization Roads, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, Refund Account, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Public Institutions, Maintenance and Salaries of the Officers of the Government and Civil Service, for the month of January, 1908.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

Thursday, 14th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Cochrane, the Petition of the Township Council of Bucke.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Methodist Church ; also, the Petition of the Young Men's Evangelistic Club, all of Campbellford ; also, the Petition of the Temperance Association of East Northumberland.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Tavistock.

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of the Central Methodist Church, Toronto.

By Mr. Reed, the Petition of the Case Methodist Church, Glanford.

By Mr. Clarke (Northumberland), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Harwood ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Roseneath.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Baptist Church, East Zorra.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Woodville.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Epworth League ; also, the Petition of the Moulton Epworth League, all of Stromness.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Ridgetown.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Epworth League, Lyons.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Epworth League of the College Street Methodist Church.

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Orillia Board of Trade ; also, the Petition of the Christian Endeavour Society of Orillia.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of W. H. Andrew and others; also, of C. P. Playter and others; also, of T. N. Sampson and others, all of Toronto, severally praying that the Bill now before the House to authorize Richard M. Tuthill to practice as a Pharmaceutical Chemist and Druggist, may not pass.

Of the Baptist Church, Chesley; also, of the Emerald Street Methodist Sunday School; also, of the Emerald Street Epworth League, all of Hamilton; also, of the Methodist Church, Fairfield Plain; also, of the Quarterly Board, Burford; also, of the Main Street Methodist Church; also, of the Epworth League, all of Picton; also, of B. O. Frederick and others of Ameliasburg; also, of the Methodist Church, Bright; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Embro; also, of the S.O.T. No 232, Kettleby; also, of the W.C.T.U., Sutton; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Winona; also, of the Epworth League, Tamworth; also, of the Methodist Church, Sheffield; also, of the Methodist Church, Middlemiss; also, of the Methodist Church, Prescott; also, of the Presbyterian Congregation of Knox Church; also, of the Young People's Society of Knox Church, all of Vankleek Hill; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following as their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bill and reports the same without amendment :—

Bill (No. 19), Confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke.

The Committee has also carefully considered the following Bills and reports the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 5), To incorporate the Insurers' Mutual Life Company.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

The Committee recommend that the Title to Bill (No. 5), be amended so as to read "An Act to incorporate the Policy Holders' Mutual Life Insurance Company."

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 20), "An Act to authorize Richard Massey Tuthill to practice as a Pharmaceutical Chemist and Druggist," the same having been withdrawn by the Promoter thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 20). Richard M. Tuthill.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 199), intituled "An Act to amend the Surveys Act." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 200), intituled "An Act respecting Colonization Roads." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Reaume,

Ordered, That the name of Mr Preston (Port Arthur and Rainy River), be added to the Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Municipal Law, and Fish and Game.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Crown.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That every mine in the Province, the annual profits of which exceed \$10,000, shall be liable for and the owner, manager, holder, tenant, lessee, occupier and operator of the same shall pay an annual tax of three *per cent*, on the excess of annual profits of such mine, above the said sum of \$10,000.

That all lands in any unorganized territory in the Province howsoever granted or acquired held for mining purposes or held in the expectation of the same becoming valuable for mining, and not used, or being reasonably capable of being used, for any other purpose; shall be liable for, and the owner, holder, lessee or occupier thereof shall pay an acreage tax of two cents *per acre* in each year.

That all natural gas in the Province of Ontario shall be subject to a tax of two cents for every thousand feet flowing, drawn or pumped from or produced by the well.

That in case any tax by the Supplementary Revenue Act, 1907, imposed, is not paid at the time in the Act provided, ten *per cent.* shall forthwith be added thereto, and in case of taxes payable under Part I of the Act, said amount shall have added to it ten *per cent.* on every subsequent first of October while it remains in default, and in case of taxes payable under Part II of the Act, ten *per cent.* shall be added at the expiration of each year thereafter that the tax remains unpaid, and the said increased amounts shall for all purposes be and become the tax due and payable under the Act.

That any person knowingly making or signing any false statement or furnishing any false or incorrect information to the Bureau of Mines or any Mining Assessor under section 8 of the Act, or giving any other false or incorrect information to any officer or person in respect to any other matter or thing required under the Act, or keeping or causing to be kept any false or incorrect book or accounts regarding anything required under the Act, with intent to deceive shall, in addition to any other liability, incur a penalty of \$200.00 for every such offence, which penalty may be recovered upon summary conviction before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the municipality in which such false statement or false information is made or furnished, or before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the municipality in which such false book or account is kept.

That every person who is required under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, to make or furnish any statement or information, and every mine in respect of which such statement or information is required to be made or furnished shall, in case of neglect to conform with the provisions of the section, be liable and assessable to a penalty of \$20.00 *per day* for each day during which default is made, which penalty or sum shall be added to and become part of the tax imposed by the Act, and such person and such mine shall also be liable to pay a tax of double the amount for which it would have been liable under section 6 of the Act, and any such penalty or double tax may be recovered with costs from any person liable therefor in any Court of competent jurisdiction in any action brought in the name of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, to be tried by a Judge without a jury.

That any person violating the provisions of section 8 of the Act, shall be liable to a penalty of \$50.00 for every such offence.

That if any order made under section 30 of the Act, is not complied with within a reasonable time after it shall have been delivered, the owner, lessee, tenant, operator or occupier shall be liable to a penalty of \$10 for every day from the delivery of the order until the same shall have been complied with to be

recovered with costs by action at the suit of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, in any Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due, and the owner, lessee, tenant, operator or occupier shall also be liable for double the tax computed upon the amount of gas estimated by the Mine Assessor to be passing through the pipe or duct during such period.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Crawford reported the Resolutions as follows :—

Resolved, That every mine in the Province, the annual profits of which exceed \$10,000, shall be liable for and the owner, manager, holder, tenant, lessee, occupier and operator of the same shall pay an annual tax of three *per cent.* on the excess of annual profits of such mine, above the said sum of \$10,000.

That all lands in any unorganized territory in the Province howsoever granted or acquired held for mining purposes or held in the expectation of the same becoming valuable for mining, and not used, or being reasonably capable of being used, for any other purpose; shall be liable for, and the owner, holder, lessee or occupier thereof shall pay an acreage tax of two cents *per acre* in each year.

That all natural gas in the Province of Ontario shall be subject to a tax of two cents for every thousand feet flowing, drawn or pumped from or produced by the well.

That in case any tax by the Supplementary Revenue Act, 1907, imposed, is not paid at the time in the Act provided, ten *per cent.* shall forthwith be added thereto, and in case of taxes payable under Part I of the Act, said amount shall have added to it ten *per cent.* on every subsequent first of October while it remains in default, and in case of taxes payable under Part II of the Act, ten *per cent.* shall be added at the expiration of each year thereafter that the tax remains unpaid, and the said increased amounts shall for all purposes be and become the tax due and payable under the Act.

That any person knowingly making or signing any false statement or furnishing any false or incorrect information to the Bureau of Mines or any Mining Assessor under section 8 of the Act, or giving any other false or incorrect information to any officer or person in respect to any other matter or thing required under the Act, or keeping or causing to be kept any false or incorrect book or accounts regarding anything required under the Act, with intent to deceive shall, in addition to any other liability, incur a penalty of \$200.00 for every such offence, which penalty may be recovered upon summary conviction before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the municipality in which

such false statement or false information is made or furnished, or before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the municipality in which such false book or account is kept.

That every person who is required under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, to make or furnish any statement or information, and every mine in respect of which such statement or information is required to be made or furnished shall, in case of neglect to conform with the provisions of the section, be liable and assessable to a penalty of \$20.00 *per* day for each day during which default is made, which penalty or sum shall be added to and become part of the tax imposed by the Act, and such person and such mine shall also be liable to pay a tax of double the amount for which it would have been liable under section 6 of the Act, and any such penalty or double tax may be recovered with costs from any person liable therefor in any Court of competent jurisdiction in any action brought in the name of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, to be tried by a Judge without a jury.

That any person violating the provisions of section 8 of the Act, shall be liable to a penalty of \$50.00 for every such offence.

That if any order made under section 30 of the Act, is not complied with within a reasonable time after it shall have been delivered, the owner, lessee, tenant, operator or occupier shall be liable to a penalty of \$10 for every day from the delivery of the order until the same shall have been complied with to be recovered with costs by action at the suit of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, in any Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due, and the owner, lessee, tenant, operator or occupier shall also be liable for double the tax computed upon the amount of gas estimated by the Mine Assessor to be passing through the pipe or duct during such period.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 102), To supplement the Revenues of the Crown.

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Matheson moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And a Debate having ensued,

The Debate was, on the motion of Mr. Atkinson, adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 9.45 P.M.

Friday, 15th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Reaume, the Petition of the Methodist Church, South Woodslie.

By Mr. Willoughby, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Wooler.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the W. C. T. U. ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Tabernacle Sunday School, all of Whitby ; also, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Prince Albert.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Methodist Church ; also, of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, all of Fonthill ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Bridgeburg ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Allanburg ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Fonthill ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, St. John, Welland.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Atwood.

By Mr. Clarke (Northumberland), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Grafton West.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Smithville ; also, the Petition of the Moral Reform Association of Louth Township.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Sunday School Association, Blenheim ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Villa Nova ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Waterford.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church ; also, the Petition of the Baptist Young People's Society, all of Parry Sound.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Epworth League ; also, the Petition of the Sunday School, all of Wilfred.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Epworth League, Ridgetown.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the Bonar Presbyterian Church ; also, the Petition of the Bonar Young Men's Association, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Lucas, the Petition of the Town Council of Thornbury ; also, the Petition of Joseph Young and others, of Thornbury ; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Maxwell ; also, of the R. T. of T., Port Law.



The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Session of St. Andrew's Church ; also, of the Royal Templars, all of Fergus ; also, of the Epworth League, Wooler ; also, of the Quarterly Board, Hastings ; also, of the Baptist Church, Bunyan ; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Bright ; also, of the Congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Rothsay ; also, of the Congregation of Zion Church, Cotswold ; also, of the Young People of Knox Church ; also, of the Baptist Church, all of Cornwall ; also, of the R. T. of T., Lindsay ; also, of the Methodist Church, Haliburton ; also, of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Bobcaygeon ; also, of the Epworth League, Tyrconnell ; also, of the Methodist Church, Dutton ; also, of the Epworth League ; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Wallacetown ; also, of the King Street Methodist Church, Trenton ; also, of the Christian Church ; also, of the S. O. T., all of Keswick ; also, of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Stouffville ; also, of Melville Presbyterian Church, Markham ; also, of the Methodist Church, Paris ; praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the Township Council of Elmsley North, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the following Bill and reports the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Select Committee, to which was referred Bill (No. 111), To amend The Ontario Insurance Act, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the Bill to them referred and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 203), intituled "An Act respecting the Form and Interpretation of the Statutes." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 204), intituled "An Act respecting the Printing and Distribution of the Statutes." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 205), intituled "An Act respecting Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 206), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Revenue derived from Legal Proceedings." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 100), To amend an Act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the Volunteers who served in South Africa and the Volunteer Militia who served on the frontier in 1866.

Bill (No. 86), To amend the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Land Grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 106), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 109), To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Galt.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Superior Copper Company (Limited.)

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Nepigon Railway Company,
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 37), To incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 14), Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19), Confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5), To incorporate the Policy Holders' Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify the following Orders-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 20th and 28th days of February last and 6th day of March instant :—

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 28th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Upon consideration of the report of Inspector Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith dated 23rd January, 1907, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly the Niagara Falls General Hospital be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of "The Charity Aid Act" and receive aid in accordance therewith.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 6th day of March, A.D. 1907.

Upon consideration of the report of Inspector Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, dated 21st February, 1907, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly the General Hospital at Wingham be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of "The Charity Aid Act" and receive aid in accordance therewith.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 28th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Upon consideration of the Report of Inspector Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, dated 20th December, 1906, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital, Goderich, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of "The Charity Aid Act" and receive aid in accordance therewith.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 28th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Upon consideration of the report of Inspector Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, dated 21st February, 1907, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, "The Victorian Hospital, Almonte" be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of "The Charity Aid Act" and receive aid in accordance therewith.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 20th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Upon consideration of the report of Inspector Dr. Bruce Smith, dated 7th February, 1907, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of

this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the Home for Incurable Children, 138 Avenue Road, Toronto, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "C" of "The Charity Aid Act" and receive aid in accordance therewith.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Clerk, Executive Council.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Graham,

That whereas it is expected that a second International Conference will soon assemble at the Hague, and it is announced that forty-six Powers will meet to discuss questions of mutual interest, instead of twenty-six, as at the first Hague conference.

And whereas it is a great and noteworthy fact that this will be the first occasion on which the Civilized Nations of the World have met together in a time of peace of their own free-will to legislate with reference to their mutual relations.

And whereas the British Government and House of Commons have taken a deep interest in making the programme of the coming Conference practical and useful in promoting the welfare of humanity. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Ontario heartily approves of and urges three main measures which will greatly conduce to the peace and welfare of the world: *viz.*,

A plan by which the Hague Conference may become a permanent and recognized Congress of the Nations.

A General Treaty of Obligatory Arbitration for the acceptance of all the Nations.

A plan for the reasonable reduction of Armaments by Concurrent International Action.

The House then adjourned at 4 P.M.

14 J.

Monday, 18th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Grantly; also, the Petition of the Prohibition Council, Osnabruck; also, the Petition of the Sunday School Association, Blenheim.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Atwood.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, Bridgenorth.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Scugog.

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Talbotville.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Bucke, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the taxation of partnership incomes.

Of the Board of Trade, Orillia, praying for legislation placing the Civil Service of Ontario on a strictly non-partisan basis.

Of the Temperance Association of East Northumberland; also, of the Methodist Church; also, of the Young Men's Evangelistic Club; all of Campbellford; also, of the Baptist Church, Tavistock; also, of the Central Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Case Methodist Church, Glanford; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Roseneath; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Harwood; also, of the Baptist Church, East Zorra; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Woodville; also, of the Epworth League, Moulton; also, of the Epworth League, Stromness; also, of the Baptist Church, Ridgetown; also, of the Epworth League, Lyons; also, of the Epworth League of the College Street Methodist Church, Toronto; also, of the Christian Endeavour Society, Orillia; also, of the Methodist Church, South Woodslie; also, of the Quarterly Board, Wooler; also, of the W. C. T. U.; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, all of Whitby; also, of the W. C. T. U., Prince Albert; also, of the Methodist Church; also, of the Quarterly Board; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, all of Fonthill; also, of the Methodist Church, Bridgeburg; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Allanburg; also, of the Methodist Church, Atwood; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Grafton West; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Smithville; also, of the Moral Reform Association, Louth Township; also, of the Sunday School Association, Blenheim; also, of the Methodist Church, Villa Nova;

also, of the Methodist Church, Waterford ; also, of the Baptist Church ; also, of the Baptist Young Peoples Society, all of Parry Sound ; also, of the Sunday School ; also, of the Epworth League, all of Wilfrid ; also, of the Epworth League, Ridgetown ; also, of the Bonar Presbyterian Church ; also, of the Bonar Young Men's Association, all of Toronto ; also, of the Methodist Church, Maxwell ; also, of the R. T. of T., Port Law ; also, of Joseph Young and others of Thornbury ; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the Town Council of Thornbury praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Bill (No. 19), Confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 128), To amend the Architects' Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Succession Duties.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.

Resolved, That where the whole value of any property passing to any one person does not exceed \$300, the same shall be exempt from payment of the duty imposed by the Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the payment of Succession Duties.

That if at any time it shall be discovered that any property was not disclosed upon the grant of letters probate or of administration or the filing of the account, the person acting in the administration of such property and the person who is liable for the duty payable under the Act shall pay to the Treasurer the amount which, with the duty (if any) previously payable or paid on such property, shall be sufficient to cover the duty chargeable according to the true value thereof at the rates fixed by the Act together with interest thereon, and shall at the same time pay to the Treasurer as a penalty a further duty of twenty-five *per cent.* of the duty chargeable on the value of the property not disclosed, and shall also, within two months after the discovery of the omission, deliver to the Surrogate Registrar an affidavit or account setting forth the property so not disclosed and the value thereof, in default of which he shall incur a penalty of \$10 for each day during which the default continues.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Duff reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That where the whole value of any property passing to any one person does not exceed \$300, the same shall be exempt from payment of the duty imposed by the Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the payment of Succession Duties.

That if at any time it shall be discovered that any property was not disclosed upon the grant of letters probate or of administration or the filing of the account, the person acting in the administration of such property and the person who is liable for the duty payable under the Act, shall pay to the Treasurer the amount which, with the duty (if any) previously payable or paid on such property, shall be sufficient to cover the duty chargeable according to the true value thereof at the rates fixed by the Act, together with interest thereon, and shall at the same time pay to the Treasurer as a penalty a further duty of twenty-five *per cent.* of the duty chargeable on the value of the property not disclosed, and shall also, within two months after the discovery of the omission, deliver to the Surrogate Registrar an affidavit or account setting forth the property so not disclosed and the value thereof, in default of which he shall incur a penalty of \$10 for each day during which the default continues.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 183), To amend and consolidate the Law relating to the payment of Succession Duties.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Pawnbrokers.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for every license or renewal thereof under the Act respecting Pawnbrokers there shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the municipality a fee to be fixed by by-law, such fee to be not less than \$250, and not more than \$500, and in addition every Pawnbroker shall give security to the satisfaction of the council of the municipality in the sum of \$1,000, for the due observance of the provisions of the Act.

That every Pawnbroker shall, before 10 o'clock in the forenoon of every business day, report to the chief of police or to such other person or officer as may be designated by by-law of the municipality, on forms to be furnished by the municipality, a description of all articles received by him in pawn on the business day immediately preceding, together with the number of the ticket issued therefor; the amount loaned thereon and the name, residence and description of the person making the pledge. Every person violating this section shall incur a penalty of \$40, to be recovered as provided in section 8 of the Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Duff reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That for every license or renewal thereof under the Act respecting Pawnbrokers, there shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the municipality a fee to be fixed by by-law, such fee to be not less than \$250, and not more than \$500, and in addition every Pawnbroker shall give security to the satisfaction of the council of the municipality in the sum of \$1,000, for the due observance of the provisions of the Act.

That every Pawnbroker shall, before 10 o'clock in the forenoon of every business day, report to the chief of police or to such other person or officer as may be designated by by-law of the municipality, on forms to be furnished by the municipality, a description of all articles received by him in pawn on the business day immediately preceding, together with the number of the ticket

issued therefor; the amount loaned thereon and the name, residence and description of the person making the pledge. Every person violating this section shall incur a penalty of \$40, to be recovered as provided in section 8 of the Act.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 199), To amend the Survey Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 203), Respecting the Form and Interpretation of the Statutes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 204), Respecting the Printing and Distribution of the Statutes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 205), Respecting Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 206), To amend the Act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Revenue derived from Legal Proceedings.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 183), To amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Payment of Succession Duties, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 188), To amend the Land Titles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.25 P.M.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Hagersville.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Odessa.

By Mr. Munro, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Methodist Church, Plattsville.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Melville Presbyterian Church, Brussels.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Paris.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Citizens' Temperance Society, Southampton.

By Mr. Bowyer, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, Thamesville.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Village Council of Stouffville; also, the Petition of the Session of Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Mount Albert; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Sutton; also, the Petition of the Young People's Guild, Egypt.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, North Brant.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Young People's Union of the Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the First Baptist Church, all of St. Catharines.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Epworth League; also the Petition of the W. C. T. U., all of Fonthill.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Thirteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and report the same without amendment :—

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same with amendments :

Bill (No. 65), To authorize Thomas Johnston to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Bill (No. 180), To confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte, in the City of Belleville.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bills (No. 34) and (No. 38), on the ground that they are Bills relating to Educational or Religious Institutions.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 55), To confirm By-law No. 742 of the City of Brantford, the Bill having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Mr. Hanna, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock Companies, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the Bill to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 34), Belleville Women's Christian Association; Bill (No. 38), St. George's Cemetery, Bentinck, and on Bill (No. 55), By-law No. 742, City of Brantford.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 203), Respecting the Form and Interpretation of the Statutes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Reaume, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Colonization Roads.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That grants may be made of such sums as may be voted for that purpose from time to time by the Legislature for the construction or repair or to aid in the construction or repair of such main or leading colonization roads as may be deemed necessary in any unsurveyed or unorganized portions of the Province, or in organized townships where roads are required to give access through unoccupied or sparsely occupied districts, or through districts unfit for cultivation or settlement, and such other roads as the Legislature, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works, deem necessary for the proper settlement and development of that portion of Ontario referred to in section 2 of the Act respecting Colonization Roads.

That upon the report and recommendation of the Minister of Public Works approving of by-law submitted to him under section 2 of the Act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that any sum, being not less than one-third and not more than two-thirds of the estimated cost of the work, may be paid to the municipality out of any appropriation made by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose.

That upon the completion of any work of road improvement in pursuance of a by-law approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the Act or at any time during the progress of such work, the council of the municipality

undertaking such work may submit to the Department of Public Works a statement setting forth the cost of such work to date, together with the declaration of the treasurer of such municipality that such statement is correct, and also the report of the inspector of the municipality that such work is in accordance with the regulations of the Public Works Department, and on receipt of such statement and certificate by the Provincial Treasurer, certified and approved by the proper officer of the Public Works Department, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct the payment to such municipal corporation, out of the funds appropriated for such purpose, of a sum not less than one-third and not more than two-thirds of the amount of such cost.

That the proportion of the cost to be borne by any township or union of townships receiving aid under the Act may be paid in money, or may, with the approval of the Minister of Public Works, be contributed in labor or partly in money and partly in labor, estimated at the rate of two dollars for a day of ten hours of faithful work by each man employed, and four dollars a day of ten hours faithful work for a man and team, but all such work shall be done under the control and to the satisfaction of the Inspector in charge of the work and shall be certified by him.

That the moneys required to meet any expenditure under the Act shall be paid by the Provincial Treasurer to the persons entitled thereto, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works, out of such money as may be from time to time voted by the Legislature for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Crawford reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That grants may be made of such sums as may be voted for that purpose from time to time by the Legislature for the construction or repair or to aid in the construction or repair of such main or leading colonization roads as may be deemed necessary in any unsurveyed or unorganized portions of the Province, or in organized townships where roads are required to give access through unoccupied or sparsely occupied districts, or through districts unfit for cultivation or settlement, and such other roads as the Legislature, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works, deem necessary for the proper settlement and development of that portion of Ontario referred to in section 2 of the Act respecting Colonization Roads.

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That the moneys required to meet any expenditure under the Act shall be paid by the Provincial Treasurer to the persons entitled thereto, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works, out of such money as may be from time to time voted by the Legislature for that purpose.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 200) Respecting Colonization Roads.

Mr. Whitney presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board upon Bills to amend the Municipal Act, relating to certain Sections known as the "Conmee clauses," referred to the Board by the Standing Committee on Municipal Law in the Session of 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 62.*)

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Board of Game Commissioners for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The Motion, having been again put, was carried, and the House accordingly again resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

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| 17. To defray the expenses of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools | \$155,593 75 |
| 48. To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities..... | \$303,663 53 |
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith,

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Duff, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following further Resolutions :—

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and three thousand six hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The several Resolutions, having been again read, were concurred in.

The House then adjourned at 10.55 P.M.

Wednesday, 20th March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Camden East ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church ; also, the Petition of James W. Wiltz and others, all of Newburg.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Port Perry.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Epworth League, Portland.

By Mr. Paul, the Petition of the Methodist People, Yarker Circuit.

By Mr. Preston (Brant), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Burford Village ; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Cathcart ; also, the Petition of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brantford.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Grantly ; also, of the Prohibition Council, Osnabruck ; also, of the Sunday School Association, Blenheim ; also, of the Baptist Church, Atwood ; also, of the four Methodist Congregations, Bridgenorth ; also, of the Methodist Church, Scugog ; also, of the Methodist Church, Talbotville, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Law, respecting majority rule.

The following Bill was, *nemine contradicente*, introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company." Mr. Aubin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 13), Respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie.

Bill (No. 1), To confirm By-law No. 1839 of the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 15), To authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, Limited, to do business in the Province of Ontario.

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Niagara Falls.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 9 of the Village of Port Colborne.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Fox,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the claim of George O. Hays, of the Township of Roxborough, to Lot No. 9 in the 9th Concession of the Township of Marmora in the County of Hastings, to be composed of Messieurs Whitney, Graham, Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), McMillan, Fraser, Ferguson (Cardwell) and Kerr, said Committee to have power to send for persons, papers and records.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 111), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawn-brokers, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to the Legal Committee.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 92), To amend the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 95), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 190), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 180), To confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte of the City of Belleville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 141), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 30), To authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry.

Bill (No. 24), To authorize Jerry Brisson to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Galt.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Superior Copper Company, (Limited.)

Bill (No. 5), To incorporate the Policy Holders' Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 53), To incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.

Bill (No. 11), To incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 188), To amend the Land Titles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 175), Respecting Burlington Beach, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committees have leave to it again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 205), Respecting Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 206), To amend the Act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Revenue derived from Legal Proceedings, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), Respecting Join Stock and other Companies, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bureau of Mines, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 4*)

Also—Report of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Also—Report of the Provincial Archivist, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

Also—Report upon Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 35.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Division Courts, for the year 1906 (*Sessional Papers No. 37.*)

Also—Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 40.*)

Also—Report upon the Lunatic and Idiot Asylums of the Province, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 41.*)

Also—Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts, Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 44.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the eighth day of March, 1907, for a Return of copies of all correspondence and papers relating to, or in the matter of the protest of Mr. Chisholm Livingstone and the Davis Estate, against the purchase price awarded them by the arbitrators for their property for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park. (*Sessional Papers No. 64.*)

Also—A Return to an Order of the House of the sixth day of March, 1907, for a Return of :—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof and any person, or persons, relating to the cancellation or granting of a liquor license to the Palace Hotel at Fort Frances, 2. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof and any person or persons, relating to the cancellation or granting of a liquor license to one Thomas Wilson, at Fort Frances. 3. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member or Official thereof and any person or persons, relating to the resignation or dismissal of the License Inspector or any member of the Board of License Commissioners at Fort Frances. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.10 P.M.

Thursday, 21st March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church Forest.

By Mr. Hendrie, the Petition of the Session of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Crawford ; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, West Bentinck.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Methodist Church, Millbrook.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the Baptist Congregation, Dummer ; also, the Petition of the Baptist Congregation, Norwood ; also, the Petition of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee, Warsaw.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, Bridgenorth.

By Mr. Labrosse, the Petition of the R. T. of T.; also, the Petition of the Methodist Church, all of Vankleek Hill.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Methodist Church, Hagersville; also, of the Congregation of the Methodist Church, Odessa; also, of the Methodist Church, Plattsville; also, of the Melville Presbyterian Church, Brussels; also, of the Regular Baptist Church, Paris; also, of the Citizens Temperance Society, Southampton; also, of the Regular Baptist Church, Thamesville; also, of the Young People's Guild, Egypt; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Sutton; also, of the Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Mount Albert; also, of the Presbyterian Church, North Brant; also, of the Young People's Union of the Baptist Church; also, of the First Baptist Church, all of St. Catharines; also, of the Epworth League; also, of the W. C. T. U., all of Fonthill, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the Village Council of Stouffville, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of municipalities for non-repair of highways.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and report the same without amendments :—

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Canadian Niagara Power Company.

Bill (No. 64), To confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 44,) Respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the Township of Cornwall.

The Committee have also carefully considered the following Bills and report the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 68), Respecting By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall, in the County of Stormont, known as the South Branch Drainage Scheme By-law.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

The Committee recommend that the Title to Bill (No. 68) be amended so as to read "An Act to confirm By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall and By-law No. 634 of the Township of Charlottenburgh."

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday, 28th March instant.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 70), Respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 63), To incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway, and find the Preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is not expedient.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 63.)

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday, the 28th day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills and Railways be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of March instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 63), Junction Terminal Railway.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Village of Port Perry.

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of South River.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Superior Copper Company (Limited.)

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 183), To amend and consolidate the Law relating to the payment of Succession Duties, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill, be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 91), To amend the High Schools Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 103), To amend the Land Titles Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 123), To amend the High Schools Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 145), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 151), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 186), To amend the High Schools Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 200), Respecting Colonization Roads.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill (No. 180), To confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte of the City of Belleville.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Ross asked the following Question :—

What are the intentions of the Government in regard to the Western Dairy School at Strathroy. Does it intend to discontinue wholly, or in part, the courses of instruction that have been carried on there. If wholly, for what purpose does it intend to use the building and equipment in the future.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied as follows :—

It is the intention of the Government to consolidate the two Dairy Schools in the western part of the Province, and after this year, to carry on all instruction work at the Central Dairy School, at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Nothing has yet been decided upon, as to the disposal or future use of the building at Strathroy.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 199), To amend the Surveys Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clapp,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 192), To make provision for plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells, be referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor :—

Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 14.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Experiment Stations of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Also—Report of the Vegetable Growers' Association of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

Also—Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)

Also—Report of the Bee-Keepers' Association of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)

Also—Reports of the Dairymen's Associations of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)

Also—Reports of the Live Stock Associations of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 22.*)

Also—Report of the Poultry Institute of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 23.*)

Also—Reports of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario, for the year 1906 (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Industries of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 28.*)

Also—Report of the Inspectors of Factories of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 29.*)

Also—Report on the Horse Industry of Ontario, for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 65.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, of the first day of March, 1907, for a Return shewing the number of Mining Companies incorporated in the year 1906, also, total amount paid into the Treasury Department from incorporation of Mining Companies in 1906, including licenses to companies previously incorporated. (*Sessional Papers No. 66.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, of the twenty-seventh day of February, 1906, for a Return shewing, according to Counties—1. How many persons held Commissions and were qualified as Justices of the Peace, within the Province, on the 7th day of February, 1905. 2. How many persons held Commissions on the 7th day of February, 1906. 3. How many persons were included in the General Commission of the Peace, issued by the present Government. 4. How many of the persons named in such General Commission were continued in office from previous Commissions. (*Sessional Papers No. 67.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.35 P.M.

Friday, 22nd March, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Neely, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, Wellburn.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Port Credit.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Methodist Church, South Cayuga.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Presbyterian Church, Camden East ; also, of the Presbyterian Congregation ; also, of James W. Wiltz, all of Newburgh ; also, of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Port Perry ; also, of the Epworth League, Portland ; also, of the Methodist People of Yarker Circuit ; also, of the Methodist Church, Burford Village ; also, of the Methodist Church, Cathcart ; also, of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brantford ; severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 189), Respecting By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

Bill (No. 74), Respecting the City of Hamilton and the Canada Screw Company (Limited.)

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 73), To incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Mr. Clark (Bruce), from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

Estimates for the year 1907. (*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Report of the Bureau of Mines. (*Sessional Papers No. 4.*)

Report of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission. (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*)

Report of Department of Public Works. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Report of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Report of Inspector of Insurance. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Report of Registrar of Loan Corporations. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Report of Minister of Education. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

Report of Ontario Agricultural College. (*Sessional Papers No. 14.*)

Report of Experimental Union. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

Report of Fruit Growers' Association. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Report of Fruit Experiment Stations. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Report of Vegetable Growers' Association. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

- Report of Entomological Society. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)
- Report of Beekeepers' Association. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)
- Report of Dairymen's Association. (*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)
- Report of Live Stock Association. (*Sessional Papers No. 22.*)
- Report of Poultry Institute. (*Sessional Papers No. 23.*)
- Report of Women's Institutes. (*Sessional Papers No. 24.*)
- Report of Farmers' Institutes. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)
- Report of Agricultural Societies. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)
- Report of Horticultural Societies. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)
- Report of Bureau of Industries. (*Sessional Papers No. 28.*)
- Report of Inspector of Factories. (*Sessional Papers No. 29.*)
- Report of the Bureau of Labour. (*Sessional Papers No. 30.*)
- Report upon Highway Improvement. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)
- Report of Game Commissioners. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)
- Report upon Fisheries. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)
- Report of the Provincial Archivist. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)
- Report upon Neglected Children. (*Sessional Papers No. 35.*)
- Report of Inspector of Division Courts. (*Sessional Papers No. 37.*)
- Report of Inspector of Legal Offices. (*Sessional Papers No. 38.*)
- Report of the Secretary and Registrar. (*Sessional Papers No. 40.*)
- Report of Inspector of Asylums. (*Sessional Papers No. 41.*)
- Report of Inspector of Prisons and Reformatories. (*Sessional Papers No. 42.*)
- Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts. (*Sessional Papers No. 44.*)
- Report on the Horse Industry of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers No. 65.*)

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed :—

Return—*re* dismissal of James Gillespie from the office of Sheriff of the County of Prince Edward. (*Sessional Papers No. 53.*)

Return—*re* Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex. (*Sessional Papers No. 54.*)

Return—*re* Fees received by the Master of Titles for 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 55.*)

Orders in Council—*re* “The Judicature Act” and “The Surrogate Courts Act.” (*Sessional Papers No. 56.*)

Return—*re* “St. Joseph Island Locatees.” (*Sessional Papers No. 57.*)

Return—*re* Succession Duty claimed by Treasury Department. (*Sessional Papers No. 58.*)

Return—*re* “Supplementary Revenue Act.” (*Sessional Papers No. 59.*)

Return—*re* Palace Hotel Licenses at Fort Frances. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*)

Report of Ontario Railway and Municipal Board upon certain Bills respecting the “Conmee Clauses” of the Municipal Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 62.*)

Return—*re* Purchase price of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park properties. (*Sessional Papers No. 64.*)

The Committee recommend that the following publications be purchased for distribution to the Members of the Legislature, the Clerk and Clerk Assistant.

100 Copies of “History of the County of Perth,” 1825-1902, by W. W. Johnston, at the price of \$3.00 each.

100 Copies of the “The Lone Furrow,” by W. A. Fraser, at 90c. each.

100 Copies of “The Canadian Annual Review of Dominion Public Affairs,” by J. Castell Hopkins, F.S.S., for 1906, at \$2.25 each.

100 Copies of “The Commercial Handbook of Canada,” at \$1.00 each.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 207), intituled "An Act to amend the Agricultural Societies Act."
Mr. Monteith

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 208), intituled "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Downey, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 63), To incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway, reported with Preamble not proven on Thursday the twenty-first instant, be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Railways, for reconsideration and report to the House.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 32), To vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church in the Village of Waterford.

Bill (No. 5), To incorporate the Policy Holders Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of North Toronto, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Labrosse,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Nipissing Mines Company, or any Official thereof and the Government, or any Member thereof, relating to the property, or title

thereto, of the said company, or any part or parcel thereof, situate in the Cobalt District; or to any application relating to the same; its title, or to the operation of the mines of the company, made by or on behalf of the company, or any of its Directors or Officers.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 14), Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 70), Respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 69), Respecting Canadian Niagara Power Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 64), To confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 68), To confirm By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall and By-law No. 634 of the Township of Charlottenburgh.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 204), Respecting the Printing and Distribution of the Statutes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 184), To amend the University Act, 1906, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Crawford reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 200), Respecting Colonization Roads, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House,

Return to an Order of the House of the seventh day of February, 1907, for a Return shewing,—1. The names of Counties which have adopted the "Alternative Method" of selecting Jurors under the Amendment of 1902 to the Jurors' Act. 2. For a Comparative Statement showing the expenses incurred under the old and new system in said Counties from the years 1902 to 1906, both inclusive. 3. The Counties (if any), in which the "Alternative Method" has been repealed and have returned to the old system of selecting Jurors. (*Sessio nal Papers No. 68.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.10 P M.

Monday, 25th March, 1907.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Clerk having announced to the House,

That Mr. Speaker was incapacitated by illness from taking the Chair, and having requested the House to nominate a Member to take the Chair,

Mr. Whitney moved, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That the Honourable the Speaker, being unable from illness to be present at the meeting of this House, To-day, this House doth, under the provisions of the Statute in such case made and provided, elect James S. Duff, Esquire, to take the Chair and preside as Speaker for this day.

And the Motion, having been put by the Clerk, was declared carried unanimously, and

Mr. Duff having then taken the Chair in accordance therewith, the Mace was laid upon the Table.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk had laid upon the Table the following Certificate:—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the second day of March, 1907, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to James M. Argue, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Carleton, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of Carleton in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of George Nelson Kidd, Esquire, who had died, Robert H. McElroy, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-second of March, 1907, which is now lodged of record in my office.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

Toronto, 25th March, 1907.

Clerk, L. A.

Ex-officio Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Prospect.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Baptist Church; also, the Petition of the Regular Baptist Church, all of Fonthill.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Fordyce.

By Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), the Petition of the Domville Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Victoria Methodist Church, all of Augusta.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Avonmore.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Session of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton; also, of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Forest; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Crawford; also, of the Presbyterian Church, West Bentinck; also, of the Methodist Church, Millbrook; also, of the Baptist Congregation, Dummer; also, of the Baptist Congregation, Norwood; also, of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee of the Methodist Church, Warsaw; also, of the Methodist Congregation, Bridgenorth; also, of the R. T. of T.; also, of the Methodist Church, all of Vankleek Hill; also, of the Methodist Congregation, Wellburn; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Port Credit; also, of the Methodist Church, South Cayuga, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act respecting majority rule.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 209), intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, chaptered 53, and intituled "An Act validating a certain agreement between the University of Toronto and the Corporation of the City of Toronto." Mr. Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 210), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees." Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, it was

Ordered, That notwithstanding the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills had elapsed, that the Rules be suspended and leave be given to present a Petition praying for the incorporation of the Village of Neustadt, and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received:—

Of Charles Heise and others, of Neustadt, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Neustadt.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, it was

Ordered, That the Rules of the House be suspended and that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Neustadt," and that the same be now read the first time.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 201), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Neustadt."
Mr. Jamieson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, it was

Ordered, That notwithstanding the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills had elapsed, that the Rules be suspended and leave be given to present a Petition respecting the Boundaries of the Town of Cobalt and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Cobalt, praying that an Act may pass to alter Boundaries of the Town so that the same shall be those laid out by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, it was

Ordered, That the Rules of the House be suspended and that leave be given to introduce a Bill respecting the Town of Cobalt and that the same be now read the first time.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 202), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt." Mr. Smyth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Town of Seaforth.

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the City of Fort William and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the Current River Power Company.

Bill (No. 19), Confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 205), Respecting Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jamieson reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 69), Respecting Canadian Niagara Power Company.

Bill (No. 64), To confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 68), To confirm By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall and By-law No. 634 of the Township of Charlottenburgh.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jamieson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Graham asked the following Question:—

1. How many prosecutions, if any, were instituted by the License Inspector of South Renfrew against the hotel keepers of Arnprior (a) between March 1st, 1904, and March 1st, 1905; (b) between March 1st, 1905, and March 1st, 1906, and (c) between March 1st, 1906, and March 1st, 1907. 2. What are the dates of the convictions, if any, and the amounts of the fines, if any, imposed in each of such periods.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied in the words and figures following:—

Between 1st March, 1904, and 1st March, 1905, there were 18 prosecutions.

Dates of Convictions:—March 29th, 1904, March 29th, 1904, March 29th, 1904, March 30th, 1904, March 29th, 1904, May 26th, 1904, May 26th, 1904, May 26th, 1904, May 26th, 1904, May 27th, 1904, June 24th, 1904, June 24th, 1904, June 24th, 1904, October 22nd, 1904, January 13th, 1905, January 13th, 1905.

Amount of Fines imposed.....\$310.00.

Between the 1st March, 1905, and the 1st March, 1906, there were seven (7) prosecutions.

Dates of Convictions:—September 27th, 1905, September 27th, 1905, September 27th, 1905, September 29th, 1905, September 29th, 1905, September 29th, 1905.

Amount of Fines imposed.....\$170.00.

Between the 1st March, 1906, and the 1st March, 1907, there were three (3) prosecutions.

Dates of Convictions:—October 19th, 1906, October 23rd, 1906.

Amount of Fines imposed.....\$20.00.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 74), Respecting the City of Hamilton and Canada Screw Company (Limited.)

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 73), To incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 65), Authorizing Thomas Johnston to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 207), To amend the Agricultural Societies Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 130), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 160), To amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 4.05 P.M.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1907.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Clerk having announced to the House,

That Mr. Speaker was still incapacitated by illness from taking the Chair and having requested the House to nominate a Member to take the Chair,

Mr. Whitney moved, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That the Honourable the Speaker, being unable from illness to be present at the meeting of this House, To-day, this House doth, under the provisions of the Statute in such case made and provided, elect Thomas Crawford, Esquire, to take the Chair and preside as Speaker for this day.

And the Motion, having been put by the Clerk, was declared carried unanimously, and

Mr. Crawford having then taken the Chair in accordance therewith, the Mace was laid upon the Table.

PRAYERS.

Robert Herbert McElroy, Esquire, Member for the County of Carleton, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Township Council of Sherbourne.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Sabbath School and Epworth League; also, the Petition of the Methodist Quarterly Board, all of Dungannon; also, the Petition of the Baptist Sunday School; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, all of Goderich.

By Mr. Currie, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church; also, the Petition of the Methodist Official Board, all of Milford; also, the Petition of the Prince Edward County Temperance Association; also, the Petition of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Point Traverse.

Mr. Reaume, from the Standing Committee on Fish and Game, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 137), Respecting Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 211), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 212), intituled "An Act respecting the Qualifications of certain Teachers." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 213), intituled "An Act for the improvement of Public Highways." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 214), intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists. Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. McElroy be added to the Standing Committees on Municipal Law and Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 184), To amend the University Act, 1906, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 54), To incorporate the Guelph Home of the Friendless and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Galt.

Bill (No. 206), To amend the Act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Revenue derived from Legal Proceedings.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill (No. 180), To confirm By-law No. 750 of the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte of the City of Belleville.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 69), Respecting Canadian Niagara Power Company.

Bill (No. 64), To confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 68), To confirm By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall and By-law No. 634 of the Township of Charlottenburgh.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 175), Respecting Burlington Beach, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 200), Respecting Colonization Roads, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 207), To amend Agricultural Societies Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 209), Respecting a certain Agreement between the University of Toronto and the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 191), To amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 196), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

On motion of Mr. McDougal, seconded by Mr. May,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all official correspondence between the Premier or any member of the Government and Sir W. R. Meredith, Chancellor of the University of Toronto, Dr. John Hoskin, Chairman of the Board of Governors and *Ex*-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Hon. Chas. Moss, *Ex*-Vice-Chancellor of the University, and James Loudon, LL.D., *Ex*-President of the University, during the years 1905 and 1906, relating exclusively to University matters.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey.

Bill (No. 65), Authorizing Thomas Johnston to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time Tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 18), To incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 P.M.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1907.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Clerk having announced to the House,

That Mr. Speaker was still incapacitated by illness from taking the Chair, and having requested the House to nominate a Member to take the Chair for and during the continued absence of the Speaker,

Mr. Whitney moved, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That the Honourable the Speaker being still unable, from continued illness, to be present at the meeting of the House, To-day, and having continued to be absent for the period of Forty-eight consecutive hours, this House doth, under the provisions of R. S. O., chapter 12, section 44, elect Thomas Crawford, Esquire, to act and preside as Speaker during the continuance of the absence of the Speaker, and the said Thomas Crawford shall, during the said continued absence, have and execute all the powers, privileges and duties of Speaker.

And the Motion, having been put by the Clerk, was declared carried unanimously, and

Mr. Crawford having then taken the Chair in accordance therewith, the Mace was laid upon the Table.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hendrie, the Petition of G. R. Wilkinson and others, of Owen Sound.

By Mr. Fisher, the Petition of the Paris Board of Trade.

By Mr. Sutherland, the Petition of the R. T. of T., Norwich; also, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Oxford Centre.

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Avonmore.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Methodist Church, Prospect; also, of the Baptist Sunday School; also, of the Regular Baptist Church, all of Fonhill; also, of the Methodist Church, Fordyce; also, of the Domville Methodist Church; also, of the Victoria Methodist Church, all of Augusta; also, of the Methodist Church, Avonmore, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same without amendments:—

Bill (No. 42), To incorporate the Village of Courtright.

Bill (No. 185), To consolidate certain debts of the Town of Alliston.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 193), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the City of London.

The Committee recommend that the Title to Bill (No. 193), be amended so as to read "An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the City of Ottawa and for other purposes."

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 177), To ratify By-law No. 12 of the Town of Cornwall; Bill (No. 61), To authorize R. C. Tefft to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon; Bill (No. 39), Respecting the City of Windsor, and Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

The Committee also recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 5th day of April next.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 5th day of April next.

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and report the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers.

Mr. Monteith, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the House of the 13th day of February last, relating to enquiry as to the effect of existing laws respecting the employment, in manual, or other physical labour, of young persons of both sexes, presented their report, which was read. (*Appendix No. 1.*)

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Standing Committees on Private Bills and Railways, be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Fifth day of April next.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills:—(No. 177), By-law No. 12 of the Town of Cornwall; Bill (No. 61), R. C. Tefft; Bill (No. 39), City of Windsor, and Bill (No. 72), Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

On motion of Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Preston (Brant),

Ordered, That One thousand copies of the Report upon Child Labour be printed for immediate distribution to the Members of the House and others.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 215), intituled “An Act to amend the Department of Education Act.” Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Town of Berlin, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Kenora, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 131), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 153), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 211), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Bill (No. 118), Respecting certain Railway and other Corporations.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

Bill (No. 211), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

Bill (No. 212), Respecting the Qualifications of certain Teachers.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

Bill (No. 213), For the Improvement of Public Highways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

Bill (No. 214), To consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That the Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows :—

1. By adding at the end of Rule 53 the following words :—“ If the application is for authority to issue debentures to a municipal corporation, the notice shall set out the particulars of the municipality's existing debenture debt and the reasons for requiring a further issue of debentures.”

2. By inserting after the word “ Bill ” in the second line of Rule 61 the following words :—“ or a Bill providing for the consolidation of a floating debt or for the consolidation or renewal of debentures (other than local improvement debentures) of a municipal corporation.”

3. By adding the following as Rule 61a :—

61a. Every Private Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of a floating debt or for the consolidation or renewal of debentures (other than local improvement debentures) of a municipal corporation, when the Bill has been read a first time, shall without special reference stand referred to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for their report ; and a copy of such Bill and of the Petition on which the same is founded shall be forthwith transmitted by the Clerk of the House to the Board in order that the Board may, after an enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill, and into any other matters which the Board may deem necessary in connection therewith, report to the House whether or not it is reasonable that such Bill or the part thereof relating to the matters aforesaid, should be passed, and what alterations, if any, should be made in the same, and the Board shall make such enquiry accordingly and shall sign the same ; and the said Report, Bill and Petition shall be transmitted to the Clerk and the Report shall be read by the Clerk at the Table and shall be entered on the Journals of the House, and the Bill together with the Report shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

And it shall be the duty of the Law Clerk to report to the Clerk of the House as to whether any such Private Bill does so provide as aforesaid.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday, the third day of April next.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, To-day, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday next, the third day of April, at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 4.45 P.M.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the Waterloo Board of Trade.

By Mr. Downey, the Petition of the Guelph Board of Trade; also, the Petition of the Young People's Society, Carluke.

By Mr. Bradburn, the Petition of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Baptist Church, Springfield.

By Mr. Smith (Peel), the Petition of the Congregational Church, Albion.

By Mr. McMillan, the Petition of the Sons of Scotland, No. 93, McCrimmon; also, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church, Kirkhill.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting reduction of hours, for sale of intoxicating liquors.

Of the Township Council of Sherbourne, praying for the repeal of Section 606 of the Municipal Act, respecting the liability of Municipalities for the non-repair of highways.

Of the Sabbath School and Epworth League; also, of the Methodist Quarterly Board, all of Dungannon; also, of the Baptist Sunday School; also, of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, all of Goderich; also, of the Epworth League; also, of the Methodist Official Board, all of Millford; also, of the Prince Edward County Temperance Association; also, of the Official Board of the Methodist Church, Point Traverse; also, of the R. T. of T., Norwich; also, of

the Quarterly Board, Oxford Centre Circuit; also, of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Avonmore, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of G. R. Wilkinson and others, of Owen Sound, praying for certain amendments to the Election Act, respecting absentee voters.

Of the Paris Board of Trade, praying for legislation placing the Civil Service of Ontario on a strictly non-partisan basis.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 183), To amend and consolidate the Law relating to the payment of Succession Duties.

Bill (No. 111), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

Bill (No. 175), Respecting Burlington Beach.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 210), To amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees.
Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 189), Respecting By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 42), To incorporate the Village of Courtright.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 185), To consolidate certain debts of the Town of Alliston.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the City of London.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 181), Respecting Sales of Land by Canada Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 198), To amend the Liquor License Law, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers, and, after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 209), Respecting a certain Agreement between the University of Toronto and the Corporation of the City of Toronto, and, after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 214), To consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 118), Respecting certain Railway and other Corporations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 216), intituled “ An Act respecting the Salaries of Members of the Executive Council.” Mr. Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House :—

A Return to an Order of the House of the sixth day of March, 1907, for a Return of copies of correspondence between the Government and the Northumberland-Durham Power Company with respect to a lease of water power at Healey Falls. (*Sessional Papers No 69.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.40 P.M.

Thursday, 4th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O’Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the W. C. T. U., Eloida.

By Mr. Clapp, the Petition of the Methodist Church, Whitechurch ; also, the Petition of Tiffin’s Methodist Church, Langside.

By Mr. Preston, the Petition of the Colbourne Street Methodist Church, Brantford.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Epworth League Convention, Blyth.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventeenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 49), Respecting the Town of Mount Forest.

Bill (No. 178), Respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 201), To incorporate the Village of Neustadt.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 7), To confirm By-law No. 409 of the County of Perth, and Bill (No. 195), Respecting the Village of Hintonburg the same having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively :—

Bill (No. 60), To incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company ;
and

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

The Committee have amended the Preambles to the said Bills so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to the Committee.

The Committee have had before them Bill (No. 63), To incorporate the Junction Terminal Railway Company, recommitted by this Honourable House for reconsideration and report, and report that the Bill has been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 40), To incorporate the Sudbury-Cobalt Railway Company, the Bill having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 7), By-law No. 409, County of Perth ; Bill (No. 195), Village of Hintonburg, and Bill (No. 40), Sudbury-Cobalt Railway Company.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 14), Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Brampton and the Brampton Public Library Board.

Bill (No. 18), To incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentineck, in the County of Grey.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Town of Berlin.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 125), To create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Salaries of Members of the Executive Council of Ontario.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Salaries of the following Ministers, members of the Executive Council of Ontario, shall be as follows, that is to say :—

The Attorney-General.....	\$6,000
The Secretary and Registrar of the Province.....	6,000
The Treasurer of the Province.....	6,000
The Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.....	6,000
The Minister of Agriculture... ..	6,000
The Minister of Public Works.....	6,000
The Minister of Education.....	6,000
The President of the Executive Council.....	6,000

The Member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister, shall receive in addition \$3,000 *per annum*.

The said Salaries shall be payable yearly and *pro rata*, for any period less than a year out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follows :—

Resolved, That the Salaries of the following Ministers, members of the Executive Council of Ontario, shall be as follows, that is to say :—

The Attorney-General.....	\$6,000
The Secretary and Registrar of the Province.....	6,000
The Treasurer of the Province.....	6,000
The Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.....	6,000
The Minister of Agriculture	6,000
The Minister of Public Works.....	6,000
The Minister of Education.....	6,000
The President of the Executive Council.....	6,000

The Member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister, shall receive in addition \$3,000 *per annum*.

The said Salaries shall be payable yearly and *pro rata*, for any period less than a year out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 216), Respecting the Salaries of Members of the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Monteith,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Public Schools and Public School Teachers.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That where the Board of Trustees of a Union School section establishes continuation classes in their school, or joins with one or more other Boards of Trustees in establishing such classes as provided by the Act to amend the *Public Schools Act*, the Municipal Council of each municipality having the whole or part of its territory within the Union School section shall levy and collect upon the taxable property of such Union School section within its jurisdiction, its proper share of the expense of establishing and maintaining the said continuation classes according to the equalized assessment of each portion of the said Union School section in the respective municipalities.

That the Township Council shall pay to the trustees of such Rural School section their actual disbursements for the maintenance of their pupils at, and the transportation of their pupils to and from the school they attend, not exceeding the minimum sum required by subsections 2, 3 and 4 of section 70 of the Act, to be levied, collected and applied to teachers' salaries in school sections where schools are maintained.

The said trustees shall also be entitled to receive such share of the legislative and county grants as may be determined by the Minister of Education, in case the amount received from the Township Council is not sufficient to cover the said actual disbursements.

That every Urban School Board shall have power to expend such sums as they may deem expedient in promoting and encouraging gymnastics and other athletic exercises, provided such sums shall not exceed two hundred dollars *per annum* when the annual registered attendance of pupils does not exceed 3,000, and \$50 additional for each additional thousand in attendance.

That the Municipal Council of every organized county shall levy and collect by an equal rate upon the taxable property of the Public School supporters of the whole county, (not included in urban municipalities or annexed to any urban municipality for school purposes) according to the

equalized assessments of the municipalities in the manner provided by the Act, and the *Municipal and Assessment Acts*, a sum which shall be equal to at least that portion of the legislative grant which is apportioned by the Minister of Education on the basis of the equipment and accommodations of the Rural Public Schools of the county, and such sums shall be payable to the Trustees of the respective schools receiving such legislative grants in the same proportions as the said grants are apportioned.

That where the assessed value, according to the equalized assessments aforesaid, for the three next preceding years of all the taxable property of the Public School supporters in any township in an unorganized county, is at least equal to an average annual assessment of \$30,000 for each Public School Section therein, the Municipal Council of such township shall, each year, levy and collect by assessment upon the taxable property of the Public School supporters of the whole township (not included in urban municipalities or annexed to any urban municipality for school purposes) in the manner provided by the Act and the *Municipal and Assessment Acts*, the sum of \$300 at least for every Public School where the teacher or principal teacher is engaged for a whole year exclusive of vacations and a proportionate amount of such sum of \$300 at least where a teacher or principal teacher is engaged for six months or longer; and the additional sum of at least \$200 for every assistant teacher engaged for a whole year exclusive of vacations, and a proportionate amount of such sum of \$200 at least for every assistant teacher engaged for six months or longer.

That in every organized county where such assessed value, according to the equalized assessments aforesaid for the three next preceding years, is less than an average annual assessment of \$30,000 for each Public School section in any township and in every organized township in the territorial or judicial districts, whatever its assessments may be, the Municipal Council of such township shall, each year, levy and collect as aforesaid the sum of \$150 at least for every Public School where a teacher or principal teacher is engaged for a whole year exclusive of vacations, and a proportionate amount of said sum of \$150 at least where a teacher or principal teacher is engaged for six months or longer; and an additional sum of at least \$100 for every assistant teacher engaged for a whole year exclusive of vacations, and a proportionate amount of such sum of \$100 at least where such assistant teacher is engaged for six months or longer.

That the sums so levied and collected by the council of the township shall be applied exclusively to teachers' salaries.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follows :—

Resolved, That where the Board of Trustees of a Union School section establishes continuation classes in their school, or joins with one or more other Boards of Trustees in establishing such classes as provided by the Act to amend the *Public Schools Act*, the Municipal Council of each municipality having the whole or part of its territory within the Union School section shall levy and collect upon the taxable property of such Union School section within its jurisdiction, its proper share of the expense of establishing and maintaining the said continuation classes according to the equalized assessment of each portion of the said Union School section in the respective municipalities.

That the Township Council shall pay to the trustees of such Rural School section their actual disbursements for the maintenance of their pupils at, and the transportation of their pupils to and from the school they attend, not exceeding the minimum sum required by subsections 2, 3 and 4 of section 70 of the Act, to be levied, collected and applied to teachers' salaries in school sections where schools are maintained.

The said trustees shall also be entitled to receive such share of the legislative and county grants as may be determined by the Minister of Education, in case the amount received from the Township Council is not sufficient to cover the said actual disbursements.

That every Urban School Board shall have power to expend such sums as they may deem expedient in promoting and encouraging gymnastics and other athletic exercises, provided such sums shall not exceed two hundred dollars *per annum* when the annual registered attendance of pupils does not exceed 3,000 and \$50 additional for each additional thousand in attendance.

That the Municipal Council of every organized county shall levy and collect by an equal rate upon the taxable property of the Public School supporters of the whole county (not included in urban municipalities or annexed to any urban municipality for school purposes), according to the equalized assessments of the municipalities in the manner provided by the Act, and the *Municipal and Assessment Acts*, a sum which shall be equal to at least that portion of the legislative grant which is apportioned by the Minister of Education on the basis of the equipment and accommodations of the Rural Public Schools of the county, and such sums shall be payable to the Trustees of the respective schools receiving such legislative grants in the same proportions as the said grants are apportioned.

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That the sums so levied and collected by the council of the township shall be applied exclusively to teachers' salaries.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 211), To amend the Public Schools Act.

On motion of Mr. Foy, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Division Court Clerks, Sheriffs and others.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then Resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That every Division Court Clerk shall be entitled to retain to his own use in each year all the fees and emoluments earned by him in that year up to \$2,000.

That of the fees and emoluments earned by any Division Court Clerk in each year he shall pay to the Provincial Treasurer a percentage of 20 *per cent.* on the excess over \$2,000.

That a fee of two dollars shall be payable to the local registrar or deputy clerk of the Crown for his own use for entering an action for trial at the Assizes or Sittings.

That the Lieutenant-Governor may, from time to time, appoint a registrar of the Surrogate Court in every county to hold office during pleasure, and upon the death, resignation or removal of such registrar shall supply the vacancy.

That section 5 of *The Act respecting the Fees of Officers Engaged in the Administration of Justice* is amended by adding thereto the following words: "Provided however that where a levy has not been necessary the allowance to the sheriff shall be \$2 on every \$100 of the amount received by him in respect of any such fine or recognizance."

That where a solicitor or counsel, whose remuneration is wholly or partly by salary, annual or otherwise, is paid by salary, the person or corporation employing such solicitor or counsel shall notwithstanding have the right to recover and collect lawful costs in all actions and proceedings in the same manner as if the solicitor or counsel were not receiving a salary where the costs are by the terms of his employment payable to the solicitor or counsel as part of his remuneration in addition to his salary.

That where a sheriff is directed by the judge to perform any service or do any act for which no fee is provided, the sheriff may be allowed such fees as the judge may think adequate and may direct, and the same shall be payable by the county.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolutions as follows:—

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That where a sheriff is directed by the judge to perform any service or do any act for which no fee is provided, the sheriff may be allowed such fees as the judge may think adequate and may direct, and the same shall be payable by the county.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Ontario Inter-Urban Railway Company.

Bill (No. 57), To incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company,

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Nepigon Railway Company.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company.

Bill (No. 70), Respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company.

Bill (No. 74), Respecting the City of Hamilton and Canada Screw Company, (Limited.)

Bill (No. 73), To incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.

Bill (No. 189), Respecting By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

Bill (No. 185), To consolidate certain debts of the Town of Alliston.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the City of London.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 37), To incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 139), To amend the Liquor License Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 217), intituled "An Act respecting Cobalt Lake and Kerr Lake."
Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 218), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act."
Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.45 P. M.

Friday, 5th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Kerr, the Petition of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society also, the Petition of the Mission Band; also, the Petition of the Lord's Day Alliance; also, the Petition of the I. O. O. F., all of Avonmore.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Quarterly Board, Durham.

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the Methodist Sunday School, Caledonia.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Waterloo Board of Trade; also, of the Guelph Board of Trade, severally praying for legislation placing the Civil Service of Ontario on a strictly non-partisan basis.

Of the Young Peoples' Society, Carluke; also, of the St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough; also, of the Baptist Church, Springfield; also, of the Congregational Church, Alton; also, of the Sons of Scotland No. 93, McCrimmon; also, of the Presbyterian Church, Kirkfield, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees relative to Private Bills and Railways be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the 10th day of April next.

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Report, which was read as follows, and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered Bills numbers 77, 79, 82, 90, 93, 108, 112, 121, 124, 127, 140, 144, 146, 150, 155, 156, 157, 158, 161, 164 and 171, referred to them, and have embodied the substance thereof in a Bill intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907."

The Committee have carefully considered Bills numbers 105, 122, 132, 165, 167 and 172, and have embodied the substance thereof in a Bill intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1907."

The Committee have carefully considered Bills numbers 108, 110, 117, 136, 142, 148 and 154, referred to them, and recommend that Sections 2 of Bills 108 and 117, and the whole of the provisions of the said Bills be referred to the Statute Revision Commission for consideration and report to the Assembly.

The Committee have also carefully considered the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 97), To amend The Municipal Light and Heat Act.

Bill (No. 106), To amend The Municipal Drainage Act.

Bill (No. 109), To amend The Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Bill (No. 129), To amend The Municipal Waterworks Act.

Bill (No. 174), To amend the Act Respecting Municipal Sanitoria for Consumptives.

Bill (No. 182), To amend The Public Parks Act.

Bill (No. 191), To amend The Act Respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water, and

Bill (No. 196), To amend The Municipal Drainage Act, and report numbers 97 and 196 without amendment, and the others with certain amendments.

The Committee have also carefully considered Bills numbers 166 and 168, referred to them, and recommend that 168 be referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for consideration and report to the Government, and that 166 be withdrawn for this Session, but that during the Recess, the Government take steps to ascertain the views of the various municipalities throughout the Province of Ontario, respecting the changes proposed to be made in such Bill and report the result of the same to the Assembly with a view to the consideration of such Bill at the next Session thereof.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Reports of Committees on Private Bills and Railways, be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the tenth day of April next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time: —

Bill (No. 219), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 220), intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1907." Mr. Hanna

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 221), intituled "An Act for the preservation of Butler's Burying Grounds at Niagara-on-the-Lake." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 189), Respecting By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

Bill (No. 185), To consolidate certain debts of the Town of Alliston.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 50), Respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 193), To confirm certain By-laws of the City of Ottawa and for other purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting the Town of Mount Forest.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 178), Respecting the Township of York.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 201), To incorporate the Village of Neustadt.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 60), To incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), Respecting Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 214), To consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House :—

A Return to an Order of the House, of the seventh day of February, 1907, for a Return, shewing the number and names of the settlers located in the Township of Gaudette and Hodgins in the District of Algoma, since the year 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 70.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.25 P.M.

Monday, 8th April, 1907.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Honourable Mr. Whitney, a Member of the Executive Council of the Province, rising in his place, said :—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor commands me to acquaint you that the Honourable Joseph Wesley St. John, Member for the West Riding of the County of York, and also Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, has departed this life, and that his seat in the Assembly having thereby become vacant, the appointment of another Speaker is rendered necessary.

It is therefore His Honour's pleasure that you do forthwith choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you do present him, whom you shall have so chosen, to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in this House, To-day, for his Honour's approbation.

Mr. Whitney, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, Thomas Crawford, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of West Toronto, which motion was seconded by Mr. Foy, and it was

Resolved, That the Honourable Thomas Crawford do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared the Honourable Thomas Crawford duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgement to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And he thereupon sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the Table.

The House then adjourned until 3.45 P.M.

3.45 P.M.

The House having met, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the House and took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect :—

May it please Your Honour,

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly whose servant I am.

Mr. Whitney, a Member of the Executive Council of the Province, then said,

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That on Tuesday and Wednesday next, the House shall meet at the hour of Two of the Clock in the afternoon, and that on Thursday next and on each remaining day of the Session, there shall be Two Sitzings of the House, the first to begin at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon—Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair at One of the Clock until Three, without the question being put—and that at each and every Sitting, Government Business shall have precedence over all other business.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That out of respect to the memory of the Honourable Joseph Wesley St. John, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, recently deceased, this House do now adjourn.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

2 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Tudhope, the Petition of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Orillia.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Methodist Church, Whitechurch; also, of the Tiffin's Methodist Church, Langside; also, of the W. C. T. U., Eloida; also, of the Colbourne Street Methodist Church, Brantford; also, of the Epworth League Convention, Blyth; also, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; also, of the Mission Band; also, of the Lord's Day Alliance; also, of the I. O. O. F., all of Avonmore; also, of the Quarterly Board, Durham; also, of the Methodist Sunday School, Caledonia, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :—

Bill (No. 107), Respecting the Mortgage of Real Estate.

Bill (No. 103), To amend the Land Titles Act.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 222), intituled “ An Act to amend the Liquor License Act.” Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 223), intituled “ An Act to amend and consolidate the law respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.” Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 224), intituled “ An Act to amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.” Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 118), Respecting certain Railway and other Corporations, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 116), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Ontario Inter-urban Railway Company.

Bill (No. 37), To incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company.

Bill (No. 74), Respecting the City of Hamilton and Canada Screw Company, (Limited.)

Bill (No. 73), To incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the City of London.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 70), Respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 99), Respecting Manhood Suffrage Registration, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 193), To confirm certain By-laws of the City of Ottawa and for other purposes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 42), To incorporate the Village of Courtright.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting the Town of Mount Forest.

Bill (No. 178), Respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 201), To incorporate the Village of Neustadt.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 60), To incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No 211), To amend the Public Schools Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), Respecting Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

Mr. Whitney delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

WM. MORTIMER CLARK.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain further sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1907, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 9th April, 1907.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 42), To incorporate the Village of Courtright.

Bill No. 49), Respecting the Town of Mount Forest.

Bill (No. 178), Respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 201), To incorporate the Village of Neustadt.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 75) Respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 182), To amend the Public Parks Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 215), To amend the Department of Education Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 216), Respecting the Salaries of the Members of the Executive Council.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 217), Respecting Cobalt Lake and Kerr Lake.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 218), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 220), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1907.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

70. To defray the expenses of Civil Government.....	\$ 21,735 00
71. To defray the expenses of Legislation.....	\$ 900 00

72. To defray the expenses of Administration of Justice.....	\$ 14,158 00
73. To defray the expenses of Education	\$ 43,702 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be received on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Mr. Bowyer asked the following Question :—

(1.) Is the Government aware of the recent trouble and litigation between Dr. Crichton, a duly qualified physician of the Province, and the body known as the Medical Council of Ontario. (2.) Is it the intention of the Government, at this Session, to introduce legislation with the object of curtailing the powers, real or arrogated, of the Medical Council of Ontario.

To which the Premier and President of the Council replied as follows :—

1. Yes. 2. No.

If any powers are improperly arrogated by the Medical Council of Ontario no legislation is necessary in regard thereto.

The powers to remove a name from the Register is now confined to cases of conviction for felony or misdemeanor or to a case where a practitioner has been guilty of any infamous or disgraceful conduct. There is an appeal to a Divisional Court of the High Court of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, the Eleventh day of April, at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon.

The House then adjourned at 10 P.M.

Thursday, 11th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

11 O'Clock, A.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Methodist Congregation, St. George.

By Mr. Neely, Two Petitions of the County Council of Middlesex.

The following Petition was read and received :—

Of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Orillia, praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered Bills Numbers 91, 123 and 186, severally proposing to amend the High Schools Act, and recommend that no action be taken with regard to the same at the present Session, but that an opportunity be given, between this Session and the next, to High School Boards and County Councils, to meet the Minister of Education and discuss the questions involved in these Bills and cognate questions.

The Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 210), To amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees, and report the Bill without amendment.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 102), To supplement the Revenues of the Crown, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, at the next Sittings of the House, To-day.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 78), To encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario.

Bill (No. 76), To amend the Mines Act, 1906,

Bill (No. 203), Respecting the Form and Interpretation of the Statutes.

Bill (No. 11), To incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 30), To authorize Sadie Holmes to practice Dentistry, having been read,

Mr. Sutherland moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Downey moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Clark (Bruce),

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be read the third time on this day six months."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division

Yeas 35—Nays 43.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put,

Mr. Mackay moved, seconded by Mr. Harcourt,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out the following words where they occur in the Preamble thereof: "and because of the fact that for a great portion of that time she has been the sole support of her mother."

And the Motion having been put, was carried, and the Clerk at the Table was instructed to strike out and did strike out the words accordingly.

The Motion for the third reading of the Bill as amended, having been then again submitted to the House, the same was carried and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No 24), To authorize Jerry Brisson to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon, having been read,

Mr. Racine moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Clark (Bruce), moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Downey,

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be read the third time on this day six months."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division, and

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put, was carried and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at Three.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Nineteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill, and report the same without amendments:—

Bill (No. 67), To incorporate the Village of Hepworth.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and report the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 197) Respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company.

Bill (No. 66), An Act to confirm By-law No. 20, 1906, of the Township of Sombra, in the County of Lambton, and By-law No. 530 of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, in the County of Kent.

Bill (No. 194), Respecting the Title and Trust Company.

The Committee recommend that the time for receiving Reports from Private Bills and Railways be further extended until Friday, the Twelfth day of April instant.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 35), To incorporate the Artesian Water Company (Limited), and Bill (No. 202), Respecting the Town of Cobalt, the same having been withdrawn by the Promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twelfth day of April instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 35), Artesian Water Company, and Bill (No. 202), Town of Cobalt.

Mr. Carnegie, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their Report, which was read. (*Appendix No. 2.*)

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 225), intituled “An Act to provide for the transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities.” Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 101), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 199), To amend the Surveys Act.

Bill (No. 65), Authorizing Thomas Johnston to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon.

Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers.

Bill (No. 209), Respecting a certain Agreement between the University of Toronto and the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 57), To incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Nepigon Railway Company.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.

Bill (No. 53), To incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.

Bill (No. 193), To confirm certain By-laws of the City of Ottawa, and for other purposes.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 137), Respecting Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, having been read,

Mr. Reaume moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Dunlop moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McGarry.

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out section 21 of the Bill.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:

Yeas 36—Nays 39.

The motion for the third reading, having been again put,

Mr. Eilber moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "The Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend subsection A of section 11, by substituting 1st for 6 in the second line, and 15 for 20th."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried, and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 211), To amend the Public Schools Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 213), For the Improvement of Public Highways. and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 214), To consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 223), To amend and consolidate the law respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.55 P.M.

Friday, 12th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

11 O'Clock A.M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sittings of the House To-day.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk had laid upon the Table:—

Supplementary Return from the Records of the several Elections in the Electoral Divisions of West Middlesex and Carleton, since the General Elections of January 25th, 1905, shewing:

- (1) The number of votes polled for each Candidate in the Electoral District in which there was a contest;
- (2) The majority whereby each successful candidate was returned;
- (3) The total number of votes polled in each District;
- (4) The number of votes remaining unpolled;
- (5) The number of names on the Voters' Lists in each District.

(Sessional Papers No. 46.)

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twentieth Report, which was read as follows and adopted,

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and report the same with amendments:—

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the City of Toronto.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 220), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lucas reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 223), To amend and consolidate the law respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 102), To supplement the Revenues of the Crown, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 106), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 107), Respecting the Mortgage of Real Estate, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 103), To amend the Land Titles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 109), To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 129), To amend the Municipal Waterworks Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 191), To amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 210), To amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 197), Respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 66), To confirm By-law No. 20, 1906, of the Township of Sombra, in the County of Lambton, and By-law No. 530 of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, in the County of Kent.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 194), Respecting the Title and Trust Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 67), To incorporate the Village of Hepworth.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 224), To amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at Three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor :—

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 39.*)

Also—Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 15th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Methodist Congregation, St. George, praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

Of the County Council of Middlesex, (two Petitions) praying that the Act to confirm By-law No. 580 of the County of Middlesex, be not repealed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 67), To incorporate the Village of Hepworth.

Bill (No. 213), For the improvement of Public Highways.

Bill (No. 107), Respecting the Mortgage of Real Estate.

Bill (No. 129), To amend the Municipal Waterworks Act.

Bill (No. 210), To amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees.

Bill (No. 191), To amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 223), To amend and consolidate the law respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 97), To amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 174), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 197), Respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 194), Respecting the Title and Trust Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Whitney delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

WM. MORTIMER CLARK.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits further Supplementary Estimates of certain further sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1907, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 13th April, 1907.

(Sessional Papers No. 2.)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

74. To defray the expenses of Public Institutions, Maintenance.....	\$ 9,656 00
76. To defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration.....	\$ 9,600 00
80. To defray the expenses of Public Works.....	\$33,150 00
81. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads.....	\$34,900 00
83. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous.....	\$14,100 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 226), intituled "An Act to provide for the Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 227), intituled "An Act to provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities." Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Whitney presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Documents and Correspondence regarding Petewawa Camp. (*Sessional Papers No. 71.*)

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report on the Feeble-minded in Ontario. (*Sessional Papers No. 63.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.30 P. M.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

11 O'Clock A.M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208). The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 222), To amend the Liquor License Laws.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 225), To amend the Act to provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 227), To provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 221), For the preservation of Butler's Burying Grounds at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), Respecting Stationary Engineers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 218), To amend the Ontario Election Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 196), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 106), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 219), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907, having been read.

Mr. Hanna moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Lennox,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out section 20 thereof.

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried, and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 211) To amend the Public Schools Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 215), To amend the Department of Education Act, and, after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 182), To amend the Public Parks Act.

Bill (No. 97), To amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act.

Bill (No. 174), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives.

Bill (No. 194), Respecting the Title and Trust Company.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 103), To amend the Land Titles Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 188), To amend the Land Titles Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 51), Respecting the City of Toronto, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 66), To confirm By-law No. 20, 1906, of the Township of Sombra, in the County of Lambton, and By-law No. 530 of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, in the County of Kent, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 187), To amend the Election Act, having been read,

Mr. Smith (Peel) moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 226), To provide for the Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 212), Respecting the Qualifications of certain Teachers, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 216), Respecting the Salaries of the Members of the Executive Council, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

Wednesday, 17th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

11 O'Clock A.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Thompson (Wentworth), the Petition of the Baptist Church, Palmerston.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 106), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Bill (No. 197), Respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company.

Bill (No. 211), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Bill (No. 215), To amend the Department of Education Act.

Bill (No. 227), To provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities.

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the City of Toronto.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 125), To create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury, having been read,

Ordered, that the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 221), For, the preservation of Butler's Burying Grounds at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 226), To provide for the Plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells, and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 118), Respecting certain Railway and other Corporations, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again at the next Sitzings of the House To-day.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Statement of distribution of Revised and Sessional Statutes, 1897 to 1906.
(*Sessional Papers No. 72.*)

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and report the same with amendments :—

Bill (No. 179), Respecting the Weekly Court.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 224), To amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again,

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 214), To consolidate and amend the Act respecting Voters' Lists, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 217), Respecting Cobalt Lake and Kerr Lake, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Foy then moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time

Mr. Mackay moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Smith (Sault),

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be read the third time on this day six months.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	McCoig	Preston (Brant)	Ross
Auld	McMillan	Racine	Smith (Sault)
Graham	Mackay	Reed	Studholme—14
Labrosse	Pense		

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Bowyer	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lackner	Paul
Bradburn	Fisher	Lennox	Pearce
Brower	Fox	Lewis	Preston (Durham)
Calder	Foy	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Carnegie	Fraser	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Clark (Bruce)	Gallagher	McElroy	Pyne
Dargavel	Galna	McNaught	Smellie
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Neely	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pattinson	Willoughby—48

PAIRS.

Reaume	Anderson.
Cochrane	Harcourt.
Nixon	Smith (Peel.)
Macdiarmid	Cameron.
Dunlop	Tudhope.
Tucker	Bowman.
Jamieson	Hislop.
Beck	Rathbun.
Jessop	Thompson (Wentworth.)
McGarry	Clarke (Northumberland.)
Morrison	Currie.
Craig	Kohler.
Mahaffy	Munro.
Carscallen	May.
Clapp	McDougal.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again proposed,

Mr. McDougal moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. May,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to add to section 1 the following words: Provided that the Government must recompense any successful claimant, or litigant, to the amount of the proven claim."

And the Amendment having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	McCoig	Preston (Brant)	Ross
Auld	McMillan	Racine	Smith (Sault)
Graham	MacKay	Reed	Studholme—14
Labrosse	Pense		

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Bowyer	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lackner	Paul
Bradburn	Fisher	Lennox	Pearce
Brower	Fox	Lewis	Preston (Durham)
Calder	Foy	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Carnegie	Fraser	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R.R.)
Clark (Bruce)	Gallagher	McElroy	Pyne
Dargavel	Galna	McNaught	Smellie
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Neely	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pattinson	Willoughby—48.

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Reaume		Anderson.
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Macdiarmid		Cameron.
Dunlop		Tudhope.
Tucker		Bowman.
Jamieson		Hislop.
Beck		Rathbun.
Jessop	.....	Thompson (Wentworth.)
McGarry	.....	Clarke (Northumberland.)
Morrison	.....	Currie.
Craig	.....	Kohler.
Mahaffy	.....	Munro.
Carscallen	.....	May.
Clapp	.....	McDougal.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Bowyer	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lackner	Paul
Bradburn	Fisher	Lennox	Pearce
Brower	Fox	Lewis	Preston (Durham)
Calder	Foy	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Carnegie	Fraser	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Clark (Bruce)	Gallagher	McElroy	Pyne
Dargavel	Galna	McNaught	Smellie
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Neely	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pattinson	Willoughby—48

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	McCoig	Preston (Brant)	Ross
Auld	McMillan	Racine	Smith (Sault)
Graham	Mackay	Reed	Studholme—14
Labrosse	Pense		

PAIRS.

Reaume	Anderson.
Cochrane	Harcourt.
Nixon	Smith (Peel.)
Macdiarnid	Cameron.
Dunlop	Tudhope.
Tucker	Bowman.
Jamieson	Hislop.
Beck	Rathbun.
Jessop	Thompson (Wentworth.)
McGarry	Clarke (Northumberland.)
Morrison	Currie.
Craig	Kohler.
Mahaffy	Munro.
Carscallen	May.
Clapp	McDougal.

And the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 83), To amend the law with respect to Compensation to Workmen, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 114), To amend the Registry Act.

Bill (No. 218), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sums :—

77. To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities.....	\$ 85,700 00
78. To defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Govern- ment Buildings.....	\$ 15,500 00
79. To defray the expenses of Public Buildings.....	\$166,200 00
20 J.	

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 224), To amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Matheson moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Studholme moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McDougal,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this House regrets that the Government has not seen fit to require, in Contracts for Central Prison labour, that all convict made goods be labelled such."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The main Motion, having been then again proposed, the same was carried and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sum:—

84. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous..... \$9,050 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again,

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 184), To amend the University Act, 1906, having been read.

Mr. Whitney moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Mackay moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Tudhope,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend section 6 by adding the following words "and all such Orders-in-Council shall be presented to the Legislature for ratification.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division :

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	Kohler	May	Reed
Auld	Labrosse	Munro	Ross
Clarke (Northumberland)	McDougal	Pense	Thompson (Wentworth)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	—18
Hislop	MacKay	Racine	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Cardwell)	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Bowyer	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Bradburn	Fisher	McElroy	Pyne
Brower	Fox	McNaught	Smellie
Calder	Foy	Matheson	Smyth
Carnegie	Fraser	Monteith	Studholme
Clark (Bruce)	Hanna	Montgomery	Sutherland
Dargavel	Hendrie	Neely	Thompson (Simcoe)
Devitt	Hodgins	Pattinson	Torrance
Downey	Hoyle	Paul	Whitney
Duff	Kerr	Pearce	Willoughby—47
Eilber	Lackner	Preston (Durham)	

PAIRS.

Jamieson	.....	McCoig.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Lennox	.....	Cameron.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Beck	.....	Smith (Sault.)
Reaume	.....	Currie.
McGarry	.....	Bowman.

The motion for the third reading having been then again put, the same was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Aubin	Ferguson (Cardwell)	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Bowyer	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Bradburn	Fisher	McElroy	Pyne
Brower	Fox	McNaught	Smellie
Calder	Foy	Matheson	Smyth
Carnegie	Frazer	Monteith	Studholme
Clark (Bruce)	Hanna	Montgomery	Sutherland
Dargavel	Hendrie	Neely	Thompson (Simcoe)
Devitt	Hodgins	Pattinson	Torrance
Downey	Hoyle	Paul	Whitney
Duff	Kerr	Pearce	Willoughby—47
Eilber	Lackner	Preston (Durham)	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	Kohler	May	Reed
Auld	Labrosse	Munro	Ross
Clarke (Northumberland)	McDougal	Pense	Thompson (Wentworth)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	—18
Hislop	MacKay	Racine	

PAIRS.

Jamieson	.....	McCoig.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Lennox	.....	Cameron.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Beck	.....	Smith (Sault.)
Reaume	.....	Currie.
McGarry	.....	Bowman.

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The House then adjourned at 12 of the Clock, Midnight.

Thursday, 18th April, 1907.

PRAYERS.

11 O'Clock A.M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Baptist Church, Palmerston; also of W. J. Young and others, of Omemee, severally praying for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, respecting majority rule.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 179), Respecting Weekly Courts, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

Mr. Jessop asked the following Question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to dismiss from office, Sheriffs, County Attorneys, Registrars and other officials, against whom judgments and other legitimate debts are standing, if not paid immediately.

To which the Attorney-General replied as follows :—

No general rule has been laid down in respect to the officials mentioned. Each case has to be considered and dealt with on the special facts, on any complaint that may be made.

Mr. Duff asked the following Question :—

Is there any truth in the report that the Judge of the County of Prescott decided a suit entered in the Division Court, by a clergyman against a parishioner, on Parish or Ecclesiastical Law, or on Laws, or Customs, of another Province.

To which the Attorney-General replied in the words following :—

The Ontario Courts could not and do not recognize any of the laws or customs referred to in the question, and it would be unlawful to do so.

The Judge of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell gave a written judgment in the suit mentioned in the question and based his decision on common law in force in this Province, and found that there was a contract and promise to pay the amount sued for, and says his decision would have been the same if the action had been brought by a Protestant Clergyman against one of his flock, and that in the argument by the solicitors in the case, no reference was made to any Quebec law.

The case referred to, was tried about six years ago.

Mr. Foy then laid upon the Table :—

A copy of a letter from His Honour, A. Constantineau, Judge of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, addressed to the Attorney-General of Ontario in the matter of the case, *Chatillon vs Bertrand*. (*Sessional Papers No. 73.*)

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Matheson moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Auld moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McCoig,

That all the words of the Motion, after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor : "this House regrets that the Government has not shewn greater diligence in dealing with the San José scale and other pests that infest the orchards of Ontario, greatly reducing the quantity and impairing the quality of the fruit and entailing heavy loss on the producers."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	Kohler	May	Reed
Auld	Labrosse	Munro	Ross
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Pense	Smith (Sault Ste. Marie)
Currie	McDougal	Preston (Brant)	Studholme
Graham	McMillan	Racine	Thompson (Wentworth)
Hislop	Mackay		

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lackner	Pratt
Bowyer	Fisher	Lewis	Preston (Durham)
Bradburn	Fox	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Brower	Foy	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Calder	Gallagher	McElroy	Pyne
Carnegie	Galna	McNaught	Smellie
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	Matheson	Smythe
Dargavel	Hanna	Monteith	Sutherland
Devitt	Hendrie	Montgomery	Thompson (Simcoe)
Downey	Hodgins	Neely	Torrance
Duff	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Eilber	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—51.
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pearce	

PAIRS.

Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
McGarry	.....	Cameron.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)

The Main Motion, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lackner	Pratt
Bowyer	Fisher	Lewis	Preston (Durham)
Bradburn	Fox	Lucas	Preston (Lanark)
Brower	Foy	McCowan	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Calder	Gallagher	McElroy	Pyne
Carnegie	Galna	McNaught	Smellie
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	Matheson	Smyth
Dargavel	Hanna	Monteith	Sutherland
Devitt	Hendrie	Montgomery	Thompson (Simcoe)
Downey	Hodgins	Neely	Torrance
Duff	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Eilber	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—51
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pearce	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	Kohler	May	Reed
Auld	Labrosse	Munro	Ross
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Pense	Smith (Sault)
Currie	McDougal	Preston (Brant)	Studholme
Graham	McMillan	Racine	Thompson (Wentworth)
Hislop	Mackay		

PAIRS.

Cochrane	....	....	....	....	Harcourt.
Tucker	....	....	....	....	Anderson.
McGarry	....	....	....	....	Cameron.
Dunlop	....	....	....	....	Tudhope.
Reaume	....	....	....	....	Bowman.
Nixon	....	....	....	....	Smith (Peel.)

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee,

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sum :—

75. To defray the expenses of Agriculture.....\$22,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-day.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-day.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That this House, do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting Aid to the Thessalon and Northern Railway.

Mr. Whitney acquainted the House that his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the construction of that portion of the Thessalon and Northern Railway extending from the Town of Thessalon, northerly to some point on the

Algoma Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a cash subsidy of Five thousand dollars, provided that if such portion of said Railway is not completed within two years from the passing of the Act, to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works, the subsidy shall lapse and revert to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, that the Report be now received.

Mr. Hoyle reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the construction of that portion of the Thessalon and Northern Railway, extending from the Town of Thessalon, northerly to some point on the Algoma Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a cash subsidy of Five thousand dollars, provided that if such portion of said Railway is not completed within two years from the passing of the Act, to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works, the subsidy shall lapse and revert to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 208), Respecting the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House :

Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-second day of March, 1907, for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Nipissing Mines Company, or any Official thereof and the Government, or any Member thereof, relating to the property, or title thereto, of the said company, or any part or parcel thereof, situate in the Cobalt District; or to any application relating to the same; its title, or to the operation of the mines of the company, made by or on behalf of the company, or any of its Directors or Officers. (*Sessional Papers No. 74.*)

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Order of the Day for the House to again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been again read,

Mr. Matheson moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee.

Mr. Smith (Sault) moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Mackay,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "In the opinion of this House, as to lands now or hereafter opened for settlement, the *bona-fide* settler should have the free grant of the lands, and all timber and minerals thereon or thereunder, including petroleum, subject to proper restrictions and regulations to prevent location of lands unfit for settlement for agricultural purposes. That actual settlement in Ontario should be encouraged, and nothing be permitted to prevent or retard *bona-fide* settlement, or the development of mineral properties, provided that where timber licenses cover land required for settlement, or mineral development, equitable arrangements be made protecting the just rights of licensees."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs.

Atkinson	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Auld	Labrosse	May	Reed
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Currie	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault Ste. Marie)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	Studholme—21
Hislop			

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Kerr	Pearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lackner	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Carnegie	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Dargavel	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—52

PAIRS.

Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth)
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
McGarry	.....	Cameron.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)

The Main Motion, having been then again proposed, the same was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Kerr	Pearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lacknr	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Carnegie	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Dargavel	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—52

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Auld	Labrosse	May	Reed
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Currie	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	Studholme—21
Hislop			

PAIRS.

Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth.)
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
McCarry	.....	Cameron.
Reaume	.....	Bownan.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1907, the following sum :—

82. To defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands. \$44,900 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following further Resolutions :—

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-three thousand seven hundred and two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-five thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-six thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time, were concurred in.

The House according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Seven millions two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$7,294,382.28) to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Hoyle, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution which was read as follows:—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Seven millions two hundred and ninety-four thousand three hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$7,294,382.28), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 228), intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year one thousand nine hundred and seven, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Mr Matheson.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Mackay moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

That this House is of opinion that the administration of all Liquor License Laws should, as far as possible, be removed from the realm of party politics. This House, therefore, regrets the introduction by the present Government of what is commonly known as the Spoils System in connection with the administration and enforcement of such laws, contrary to the repeatedly expressed and oft recorded opinions of its members while in opposition.

Mr. Hanna moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

That all the words of the Motion after the word “politics” be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: “and, therefore, this House takes pleasure in declaring its hearty approval of the course pursued by the Government with reference to the administration of the Liquor License Act.”

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Fisher	Lackner	Pratt
Bowyer	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Bradburn	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Brower	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Calder	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Carnegie	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Dargavel	Hanna	Matheson	Studholme
Devitt	Hendrie	Monteith	Sutherland
Downey	Hodgins	Montgomery	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hoyle	Pattinson	Torrance
Eilber	Jamieson	Paul	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pearce	Willoughby—53.
Ferguson Grenville)			

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	Hislop	McMillan	Preston (Brant)
Auld	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Clarke (Northumberland)	Labrosse	May	Reed
Currie	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Graham	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault)—20

PAIRS.

Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth).
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
McGarry	.....	Cameron.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)

The Motion, as amended, having been then submitted, the same was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Fisher	Lackner	Pratt
Bowyer	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Bradburn	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Brower	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R.R.)
Calder	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Carnegie	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Dargavel	Hanna	Matheson	Studholme
Devitt	Hendrie	Monteith	Sutherland
Downey	Hodgins	Montgomery	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hoyle	Pattinson	Torrance
Eilber	Jamieson	Paul	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Kerr	Pearce	Willoughby—53
Ferguson (Grenville)			

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Atkinson	Hislop	McMillan	Preston (Brant)
Auld	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Clarke (Northumberland)	Labrosse	May	Reed
Currie	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Graham	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault)—20.

PAIRS.

Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth).
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
McGarry	.....	Cameron.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel).

And it was

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the administration of all Liquor License Laws should, as far as possible, be removed from the realm of party politics, and therefore, this House takes pleasure in declaring its hearty approval of the course pursued by the Government with reference to the administration of the Liquor License Act.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 113), To amend the Liquor License Law, having been read,

Mr. Graham moved.

That the Bill be now read the second time.

Mr. Lackner moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That all the words in the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted, "the Bill be not now read the second time, but be read the second time on this day three months."

Mr. Hanna then moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

That all the words of the proposed Amendment, after the first word "That" be omitted and there be substituted therefor the following, "it is the duty of the Legislature to take such steps as will minimize the drink evil in this Province; that to this end the provisions of the *Liquor License Act* relating to Local Option have been enacted and this House has confidence that such changes, as experience in the operation of the said provisions may shew to be necessary, or desirable, either in relation to the majority necessary to bring the By-law into effect, or in other respects will from time to time be proposed by the Government for the consideration of this House, and this House accordingly orders that the said Bill be not now read a second time, but be read a second time this day six months."

The House having continued to sit until 12 of the Clock midnight.

Friday, 19th April, 1907.

The amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs.

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lennox	Pearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lewis	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lucas	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	McCowan	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Carnegie	Galna	McNaught	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	Matheson	Snellie
Dargavel	Hanna	Monteith	Smyth
Devitt	Hendrie	Montgomery	Sutherland
Downey	Hodgins	Morrison	Torrance
Duff	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Eilber	Kerr	Paul	Willoughby—50
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Lackner		

NAYS.

Messieurs.

Atkinson	Hislop	McMillan	Racine
Auld	Kohler	Mackay	Reed
Clarke (Northumberland)	Labrosse	Munro	Ross
Currie	McCoig	Pense	Smith (Sault)
Gallagher	McDougal	Preston (Brant)	Studholme—21
Graham			

PAIRS.

Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)
McGarry	.....	Cameron.
Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth.)
Thompson (Simcoe)	.....	May.

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following division—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lennox	Pearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lewis	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lucas	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	McCowan	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Port Arthur and J.R. R.)
Carnegie	Galna	McNaught	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Gamey	Matheson	Smellie
Dargavel	Hanna	Monteith	Smyth
Devitt	Hendrie	Montgomery	Sutherland
Downey	Hodgins	Morrison	Torrance
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Reaume		Bowman.
Tucker		Anderson.
Nixon		Smith (Peel.)
McGarry		Cameron.
Neely		Thompson (Wentworth)
Thompson (Simcoe)	.....	May.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried upon the same division, and it was

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Legislature to take such steps as will minimize the drink evil in this Province; that to this end the provisions of *The Liquor License Act* relating to Local Option have been enacted, and the House has confidence that such changes as experience in the operation of the said provisions may show to be necessary or desirable either in relation to the majority necessary to bring the By-law into effect, or in other respects will from time to time be proposed by the Government for the consideration of this House; and this House accordingly orders that the said Bill be not now read a second time, but be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 224), To amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, having been read.

Mr. Foy moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Graham moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Preston (Brant),

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend Section 1 by striking out the following words: 'and to every town, being a county or district town having a population of nine thousand or over by the last Dominion Census,' and by inserting after the words 'city and' in the second line of clause 1, the word 'town.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Auld	Labrosse	May	Reed
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Currie	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault Ste. Marie)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	Studholme—21
Hislop			

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Kerr	Pearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lackner	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Carnegie	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Dargavel	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—52

PAIRS.

Neely	.....	Thompson (Wentworth.)
Cochrane	.....	Harcourt.
Tucker	.....	Anderson.
Dunlop	.....	Tudhope.
McGary	.....	Cameron.
Reaume	.....	Bowman.
Nixon	.....	Smith (Peel.)

The motion for the third reading having been again submitted, the same was carried on the following division :

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Aubin	Ferguson (Grenville)	Kerr	Fearce
Bowyer	Fisher	Lackner	Pratt
Bradburn	Fox	Lennox	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Foy	Lewis	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Fraser	Lucas	Preston (Port Arthur and R. R.)
Carnegie	Gallagher	McCowan	Pyne
Clark (Bruce)	Galna	McElroy	Smellie
Dargavel	Gamey	McNaught	Smyth
Devitt	Hanna	Matheson	Sutherland
Downey	Hendrie	Monteith	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Hodgins	Montgomery	Torrance
Eilber	Hoyle	Pattinson	Whitney
Ferguson (Cardwell)	Jamieson	Paul	Willoughby—52

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Messieurs :

Atkinson	Kohler	Mackay	Racine
Auld	Labrosse	May	Reed
Clarke (Northumberland)	McCoig	Munro	Ross
Currie	McDougal	Pense	Smith (Sault Ste. Marie)
Graham	McMillan	Preston (Brant)	Studholme—21
Hislop			

PAIRS.

Neeley -	-	-	-	-	Thompson (Wentworth)
Cochrane -	-	-	-	-	Harcourt.
Tucker -	-	-	-	-	Anderson.
Dunlop -	-	-	-	-	Tudhope.
McGarry -	-	-	-	-	Cameron.
Reaume -	-	-	-	-	Bowman.
Nixon -	-	-	-	-	Smith (Peel.)

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The House again resolved into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That the full Indemnity be paid to each Member of the Legislature, who has been in attendance during the present Session, and that the Indemnity of the late Mr. G. N. Kidd, the former Member for Carleton, who died during the present Session, be paid to his widow, Esther A. Kidd.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy, it was—

Resolved, That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

This House has learned with surprise and regret of the action of the Dominion authorities in taking, without the consent of the Province, 55,000 acres of its lands, with the timber thereon and with the avowed intention of making no compensation for the lands, or the timber, and this House cordially approves the course taken by Your Honour's advisers of earnestly protesting against the action taken.

This House desires also, to assure Your Honour that it will, by all the means which it can command, assist Your Honour's advisers in maintaining the rights of the Province.

Mr. Clark (Bruce), from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed :

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 39.*)

Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*)

Documents and correspondence, *re* Petawawa Camp Property. (*Sessional Papers No. 71.*)

The Committee recommend that in future, 1750 copies of First Reading of Government Bills be printed for distribution.

The Committee recommend that 3,000 extra copies of Paper No. 71, *re* Petewawa Camp, be printed.

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:—

Return *re* Mining Companies incorporated for the year 1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 66.*)

Return *re* Justices of the Peace holding Commissions. (*Sessional Papers No. 67.*)

Return *re* the Alternative Method of selecting Jurors. (*Sessional Papers No. 68.*)

Return of correspondence *re* Northumberland-Durham Power Company (*Sessional Papers No. 69.*)

Return *re* Settlers located in Townships of Gaudette and Hodgins (*Sessional Papers No. 70.*)

Statement of the Distribution of Statutes, 1897-1906. (*Sessional Papers No. 72.*)

Correspondence Chatillon *vs.* Bertrand. (*Sessional Papers No. 73.*)

Return of correspondence *re* Nipissing Mines Company. (*Sessional Papers No. 74.*)

The Committee recommend that there be purchased, for distribution to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Clerk and Clerk Assistant, the following publications :

“The Annual Financial Review,” 100 copies.

“Five Thousand Facts about Canada,” 100 copies.

The Committee recommend that the account for \$25 for 100 copies of “Chronology of Canadian History,” for 1905, be paid.

The Committee recommend that \$100 be granted towards printing the Annual Report of Canadian Reading Camps Association.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Saturday next. at 2.30 in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 2 A.M.

Saturday, 20th April, 1907.

2.30 O'clock P. M.

His Honour, William Mortimer Clark, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Clerk Assistant then read the Titles of the Acts which had passed severally as follows :—

Cap.

2. An Act respecting the Form and Interpretation of the Statutes.
3. An Act respecting the Printing and Distribution of the Statutes.
4. An Act to consolidate and amend The Act respecting Voters' Lists.
5. An Act to amend and consolidate The Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.
6. An Act to amend The Ontario Election Act.
7. An Act respecting the Salaries of Members of the Executive Council.
8. An Act to amend The Act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Revenue derived from Legal Proceedings.
9. An Act to supplement the Revenues of the Crown.
10. An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the payment of Succession Duties.
11. An Act to amend The Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

Cap.

12. An Act to amend The Act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the Volunteers who served in South Africa, and the Volunteer Militia who served on the Frontier in 1866.

13. An Act to amend the Mines Act, 1906.

14. An Act to encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario.

15. An Act respecting Cobalt and Kerr Lakes.

16. An Act for the Improvement of Public Highways.

17. An Act respecting Colonization Roads.

18. An Act to amend and consolidate the Law respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

19. An Act to provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities.

20. An Act to amend the Agricultural Societies Act.

21. An Act for the preservation of Butler's Burying Ground at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

22. An Act respecting Burlington Beach.

23. The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907.

24. An Act respecting the Weekly Court.

25. An Act to create the Provisional Judicial District of Sudbury.

26. An Act respecting Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures.

27. An Act respecting Mortgages of Real Estate.

28. An Act to amend the Act respecting Investments by Trustees.

29. An Act to amend the Registry Act.

30. An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.

31. An Act to amend the Surveys Act.

32. An Act respecting Stationary Engineers

33. An Act to amend the Act respecting Pawnbrokers.

34. An Act respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

Cap.

35. An Act to amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water.

36. An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act

37. An Act respecting certain Railway and other Corporations.

38. An Act to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906.

39. An Act respecting the Land Grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

40. The Municipal Amendment Act, 1907.

41. The Assessment Amendment Act, 1907.

42. An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

43. An Act to amend the Public Parks Act.

44. An Act to amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act

45. An Act to amend the Municipal Waterworks Act.

46. An Act to amend the Liquor License Laws.

47. An Act to provide for the plugging of Natural Gas and Oil Wells, and to prevent the wasting of Natural Gas.

48. An Act to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

49. An Act respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

50. An Act to amend the Department of Education Act.

51. An Act to amend the Public Schools Act.

52. An Act respecting the Qualification of Certain Teachers.

53. An Act to amend the University Act, 1906.

54. An Act respecting a certain agreement between the University of Toronto, and the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

55. An Act to amend the Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives.

Cap.

56. An Act to consolidate certain Debts of the Town of Alliston.
57. An Act respecting the Assessment and Water Rates of the Hotel Quinte of the City of Belleville.
58. An Act respecting the Town of Berlin.
59. An Act respecting the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Brampton, and the Brampton Public Library Board.
60. An Act respecting the Town of Cornwall and the Modern Bedstead Company, Limited.
61. An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall.
62. An Act to confirm By-law No. 570 of the Township of Cornwall.
63. An Act to confirm By-law No. 729 of the Township of Cornwall and By-law No. 634 of the Township of Charlottenburg.
64. An Act to incorporate the Village of Courtright.
65. An Act confirming Tax Sales in the Township of Etobicoke.
66. An Act to incorporate the City of Fort William, and for other purposes.
67. An Act respecting the Town of Galt, 1907.
68. An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.
69. An Act respecting the City of Hamilton and Canada Screw Company
70. An Act to incorporate the Village of Hepworth.
71. An Act respecting the Town of Kenora.
72. An Act respecting the Town of Kincardine.
73. An Act respecting the City of London.
74. An Act respecting the Town of Mount Forest.
75. An Act to incorporate the Village of Neustadt.
76. An Act respecting the City of Niagara Falls.
77. An Act respecting the Town of North Toronto.
78. An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.
79. An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and for other purposes.

Cap.

80. An Act to confirm By-law No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Ottawa.

81. An Act respecting By-law No. 558 of the County of Oxford.

82. An Act respecting the City of Peterboro.

83. An Act to incorporate the City of Port Arthur and for other purposes.

84. An Act to confirm By-law No. 9 of the Village of Port Colborne.

85. An Act respecting the Village of Port Perry.

86. An Act to confirm By-law No. 1,839 of the City of St. Catharines.

87. An Act respecting the Municipality of St. Joseph.

88. An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

89. An Act respecting the Town of Sault Ste Marie.

90. An Act respecting the Town of Seaforth.

91. An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

92. An Act to confirm By-law No. 20, 1906, of the Township of Sombra, in the County of Lambton, and By-law No. 530 of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, in the County of Kent.

93. An Act to incorporate the Village of South River.

94. An Act respecting the Town of Thessalon and the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company.

95. An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

96. An Act respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

97. An Act respecting the City of Windsor.

98. An Act respecting the Township of York.

99. An Act respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

100. An Act respecting the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

101. An Act respecting The Nepigon Railway Company.

102. An Act to incorporate the Niagara Peninsular Railway Company.

103. An Act to incorporate the Ontario Interurban Railway Company.

Cap.

104. An Act respecting the Ottawa River Railway Company.
105. An Act to incorporate the Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Wiarton Railway Company.
106. An Act respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company.
107. An Act respecting the Petrolea Rapid Railway Company.
108. An Act to incorporate the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company.
109. An Act to incorporate the Stratford and St. Joseph Radial Railway Company.
110. An Act to incorporate the Thessalon and Northern Railway Company.
111. An Act to incorporate the Thurlow Railway Company.
112. An Act respecting the Windsor and Tecumseh Electric Railway Company and the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.
113. An Act respecting the Canadian Niagara Power Company.
114. An Act to incorporate the Current River Power Company.
115. An Act to authorize the Mercantile Trust Company of Canada, Limited, to do business in the Province of Ontario.
116. An Act to incorporate the Policy Holders Mutual Life Insurance Company.
117. An Act respecting the Superior Copper Company, Limited.
118. An Act respecting the Title and Trust Company.
119. An Act to incorporate the Guelph Home of the Friendless, and for other purposes.
120. An Act to incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.
121. An Act respecting the St. George's Cemetery in the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey.
122. An Act to vest certain lands in the Rector and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, in the Village of Waterford.
123. An Act to authorize Jerry Brisson to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon
124. An Act to authorize Sadie Holmes to practise Dentistry.

Cap.

125. An Act to authorize Thomas Johnston to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon.

126. An Act respecting the Marriage Settlement of Robert Woods Prittie and Jane Prittie.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Mr. Speaker then said:

May it please Your Honour:—

We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty’s person and Government, and humbly beg to present for your Honour’s acceptance Bill intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1907, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

To this Act the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

“His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this Act in His Majesty’s name.”

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

In relieving you from the arduous labours of the Session I desire to convey to you my congratulations upon the careful attention you have given to the exercise of your public duties, and for the many measures of public importance which have been enacted by you. It is satisfactory to know that in a Session in which so much work has been undertaken, you have been able to deal carefully and wisely with the several important questions which have come before you, the result of which has been the numerous Acts passed.

Among these measures are: the Act to amend the Mines Act, 1906; the Act to encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario; the Ontario Companies’ Act; the Act to supplement the Revenues of the Crown; the Ontario Game and

Fisheries Act ; the Act to amend the Public Schools Act ; the Act respecting the qualifications of certain teachers ; the Act for the Improvement of the Public Highways ; the Act respecting Colonization Roads ; the Act respecting Railways and other Corporations ; the Act to amend and consolidate the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act ; the Act to amend the Department of Education Act ; the Act respecting the salaries of Members of the Executive Council ; the Power Commission Act ; the Succession Duty Act ; the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1907 ; the Municipal Amendment Act, 1907 ; and the Assessment Amendment Act, 1907 ; as well as a number of other very desirable and valuable enactments.

I notice, with pleasure, the steady development and progress manifested in every portion of the Province, and particularly that part of it known as New Ontario. The very great value of the mineral deposits in the Cobalt District is becoming more apparent every day, and I observe, with satisfaction, the efforts of my Ministers, by careful legislation, to aid in the development of these deposits in the interest alike of the mining prospector, the investor and the people of the Province. This has been done, as far as possible, by the mining legislation above indicated, as well as by the enactment of the Ontario Companies' Act.

The agricultural interests of the Province are still growing in importance and value, hence the question of farm labour is assuming a serious aspect. My Ministers have determined to increase, during the present year, the efforts made during past years by the Department of Agriculture, to obtain for the farmers of the Province a more adequate supply of the help that is needed.

The question of the education of the children of the people of the Province is of paramount importance. I desire, therefore, to congratulate you upon the ample and liberal appropriation you have made towards this object.

I am glad to inform you that considerable progress has been made in the very thorough revision of the Provincial Statutes, which is being effected by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and that my Ministers expect to be able to present to you the results of the revision at your next Session.

As heretofore, the activity in business circles, together with the increasing wants of our people, are evidenced by the volume of private legislation, which is steadily growing. Some of this legislation is of a very important character and bears distinct evidence of having received that careful supervision, which is always desirable and is indeed, in every instance very necessary.

The evidences of the material progress of the people are to be seen on every hand. The requirements and demands of the Public Service, which are increasing year by year, have so far been met by a growing increase in the

Provincial revenue, and we may reasonably look forward to a continuation of this increase of revenue. In connection with this subject, I observe, with pleasure, the healthy condition of the Provincial finances, which show a very substantial surplus over the expenditure for the year.

Questions of grave character and great importance relating to the respective jurisdictions of the Dominion and the Province with reference to Railway and other corporations have come before you. A measure has been adopted, namely an Act respecting certain Railway and other Corporations, which, it is hoped, will serve to protect the Province from any encroachments upon its jurisdiction.

I observe by the terms of the Address, which you have presented to me, that another grave question has arisen, namely, the claim of the Dominion to assume, for military purposes, and without compensation, certain lands and timber which are the property of the Province. In pursuance of the terms of the Address, my Ministers will take all necessary steps to protect the interests of the Province in that behalf.

I thank you for the liberality displayed by you in making the necessary appropriations for the Public Service for the current year, and assure you that the supplies you have voted will be expended as economically as is compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service.

In relieving you from your duties, I desire again to express my thanks for the great public service you have rendered, and join with you in expressing the hope that the blessing of Almighty God will continue to rest upon our country and upon our people.

The Minister of Education then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued, and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.



LIST OF APPENDIXES.

No. 1.—REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED
RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF 13TH OF FEBRUARY,
1907, RELATING TO ENQUIRY AS TO THE EFFECT OF
THE EXISTING LAWS RESPECTING THE EMPLOYMENT,
IN MANUAL, OR OTHER PHYSICAL LABOUR, OF YOUNG
PERSONS OF BOTH SEXES—CHILD LABOUR.

No. 2—REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
ACCOUNTS OF 1906, WITH MINUTES, PROCEEDINGS AND
EVIDENCE ADDUCED.

(Appendix No. 1)

REPORT

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILD LABOR.

The committee to whom were referred certain resolutions on child labor have the honor to report:

That we have taken the evidence of many witnesses as to the extent to which child labor is employed in Ontario, and as to the conditions under which it is employed. A careful consideration of the evidence leads us to conclude that the law respecting the employment of children in factories and shops has been enforced by the inspectors in a painstaking and conscientious manner; that employers for the most part are disposed to co-operate in lessening and preventing the employment of children of tender years, and that the conditions under which both children and adults are required to labor have been greatly improved. Nothing is to be found in Ontario comparable with the condition of things that has given rise to agitation of this subject in Great Britain and the United States. Neither is there anything to compare with the abuses which have arisen in connection with coal mining, and certain other industries in the United States whereby children of tender years are defrauded of their right to education, health and happiness, and too often of life itself. Nevertheless your committee is of opinion that certain abuses exist, and that they have arisen, first, because our factory and shop laws are not sufficiently comprehensive, and second, because our compulsory education law has lacked adequate enforcement.

Your committee does not feel that the situation is such as to call for precipitate action. At the same time there is little reason to doubt that had our industries and resources attained the same measure of development as in some other countries, the conditions now prevailing here might have been very different. With this consideration in mind, the wisdom and importance of safeguarding conditions for the future becomes at once apparent, all the more so when the steady increase in factory production and the immigration of many children from over seas are taken into account.

In submitting our conclusions, we do so with the following objects in view, first to indicate the objects to be aimed at looking to the protection of wage-earning children; second, to point to existing defects in the present laws bearing upon the subject; third, to indicate means for overcoming these defects in instances where your committee has been able to arrive at a unanimous recommendation. Where a remedy is not readily apparent for the evil complained of we submit the case for further consideration.

A child labor law to be of value to the community must protect children against immature labor and overwork. The well-being of the child, mental, moral and physical, should take precedence over the necessities of parents, the exigencies of industries, or any other consideration. The state is impoverished when from any cause the material out of which useful citizens could be made is ruthlessly wasted. It is the quality of our citizenship that counts in the upbuilding of a nation. The child of to-day is the man of tomorrow. As the irresponsible ward of the state, he should be protected against neglect and greed on the one hand, and on the other, he should be given a fair opportunity to secure at least an elementary education, to attain physical strength, and to develop good health, sound brains and a clean life. Under no consideration should he be allowed to become the victim of industrial conditions while still immature and helpless. It is felt that to make any law respecting child labor thoroughly effective, an intelligent public opinion is necessary, and that all should be led to recognize the evil of sending young children to workshops and factories.

It would be idle to maintain that all work for children is harmful, or that it is not occasionally necessary for a child to find employment even at a comparatively early age; there are cases where a child is absolutely dependent on his own efforts for his daily bread, or where he has others dependent upon him, and the circumstances of the home, such as illness, accident or other misfortune, make it imperative that he should contribute to the support of himself or others as soon as possible. Particularly in the case of immigrant families is it often necessary for all members to render such assistance as they can, at any rate until the parents secure steady employment and a satisfactory footing in the community. So far, however, as the native population is concerned, the cases where working people of the Province are unable to support their children until they have received such education as the law prescribes, are exceptional. Nevertheless, if there are cases where it would entail hardship on the child, or on the family to require him to remain at school until he is fourteen years of age, then it would seem but reasonable to suggest that, in the interest of the community, the state should make some provision to help cases of this kind; that the requirement carries with it a corresponding obligation is evident. If we say that no child under the age of fourteen shall work, in order to enforce that law we should be prepared to guarantee to the child freedom from work up to its fourteenth year.

Admitting that child labor is in many cases necessary and cannot be dispensed with, it becomes the duty of the state to so restrict and regulate that labor that it may do as little harm as possible to those who engage in it; to ascertain what classes of work children may properly undertake, and what classes should be prohibited; what the duration of the hours of work should be in the various callings to which they are admitted, and what age, educational and other qualifications should be demanded.

We submit that desirable work for the child should not only be in itself harmless, but should tend to the continued development of the child's faculties. At fourteen he is as yet in the formative period, and his education should continue, and not cease with the days spent at the public school. Too large a percentage of boys are engaged in callings, which, instead of benefiting, are calculated to render them the worse for the work performed. To-day they earn a pittance; to-morrow they will require to be earning a living, but are receiving no preparation for it.

There are industries and processes that are in themselves unfit for children to engage in,—processes particularly dangerous to health, operations hazardous to life and limb, become doubly so when performed by child labor, and children should either be prohibited from participating in them, or should be allowed to do so only under careful regulation. Among the occupations that come within the undesirable class for children may be mentioned those where the operator is compelled to stand all day or sit all day at the task performed; where heavy manual labor is required, such as the operation of a machine by hand or foot power; where the operation involves the performing of a limited number of acts unceasingly throughout the day, without any variation, and where the stress and strain is severe; where the child is brought into contact in any way with influences inimical to his moral well-being. To shut a child within the walls of a factory, store or office for many hours each day is in itself undesirable; where that child is required to perform night work in addition, it becomes a menace to his well being. Unfortunately, nearly every child at work to-day is subject to one or more of these undesirable conditions to come extent or other. In spite of a child's natural resilience, and the ease with which robust youth can cast off the ill

effects, such conditions must tend to handicap his growth and development, especially during the most plastic period of the child's life, from fourteen to eighteen years. It is here that the danger exists not only to the individual, but to the community, for if persisted in they must produce a dwarfed physical and mental life—first, of the individual, subsequently of the family, and ultimately, if they widely prevail, of the nation itself.

There is another phase of the subject to which attention should be drawn, and that is the effect of child labor on the wage scale of the adult. It is maintained, and is doubtless susceptible of proof, that child labor means cheap labor, and that the child becomes a competitor in the labor market with his older brother, or even with his parents. Thus, instead of increasing the family income, the employment of children appears to reduce it.

In the consideration of a general law dealing with the subject, certain complexities surround the practical application of the principles laid down. One of these is that any drastic and sudden curtailment of the hours during which children are required to work would in some instances lead to a more or less demoralized condition of our industries, owing to the association of the work of the adult with that of the child and his dependency upon it. Considerations of this nature dictate that legislation should aim at placing such restrictions on youthful labor that employers will find it profitable to give preference to more mature help.

SHOPS AND FACTORIES ACTS.

The laws relating to children in force in the Province lack uniformity and comprehensiveness. Much confusion has arisen from the fact that the Shops Act, which applies to places other than factories, permits children as young as ten years of age to be employed therein, whereas the Factories Act places the age limit at fourteen years. This provision is also at variance with the requirements of the Truancy Act, which states that a child must be at school until fourteen years of age. As an example of the anomaly existing between the Factories and Shops Acts is instanced a case where an inspector, refusing to allow boys under age to remain at their employment in a factory, was compelled to admit that there was nothing except the truancy law to prevent their obtaining any other class of employment. Apart from the fact that conditions in shops are frequently more injurious than in factories, ten years is far too low an age at which to send a child into the world to fight the battles of life; the child is unprepared mentally, morally or physically for such a contest. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Shops Act be brought into conformity with the Factories Act and Truancy Act in this respect.

It is commonly supposed that the present factory and shop laws reach all places where children are employed, but this is not the case, and an extension of their operation is needed. For example, a family may be engaged at piece work under sweat shop conditions in a room of a dwelling house, but so long as outside help is not employed, the provisions of the Act do not apply. In poor neighborhoods in cities the practice of employing children in this way is very common. The sweat shop has been termed the nursery of child labor. Whether in its major or minor form it should be open to inspection alike with all places where persons work for wages.

We find also that hotels, concert halls, amusement resorts and similar places where children are often employed, do not come under inspection of any kind so far as child labor is concerned, and provision should be made therefor.

We further recommend that the Acts respecting shops and factories be consolidated and revised. As the present factory inspection staff would be inadequate to carry out the provisions of a more extended Act, we recommend that the requirements of the case be considered when the work of redrafting the Act is undertaken. In this connection enquiry might be made as to whether it would not be advisable to require municipalities in which health and police departments are maintained at public expense, to assist through these departments in the carrying out of the law.

TRUANCY.

The Truancy Act provides that all children, save upon special permit, must be at school until fourteen years of age, but the permit does not include permission to work in factories, as is sometimes supposed. Had this Act been generally observed, not many children under the stipulated age would have found employment in industrial occupations, nor would illiterate children have been found at work—at least not among the native-born. The proper enforcement of this law would do much to solve the problem of child labor, and insure to children the requisite amount of school training. It has been made very clear that the truancy law is, in most parts of the Province, a dead letter. The responsibility for the appointment of a Truancy Officer and the enforcement of the law rests with the municipality. While some municipalities have appointed special officers for the purpose, too often they decline to pay the money necessary to secure efficient service, and the holder of several minor offices in small towns and villages is frequently given this duty to perform, with unsatisfactory results. Most of the rural municipalities have ignored the law entirely.

Such enforcement of the law as takes place is based upon the reports of the School Boards as to absentees; but there seems to be no means of reaching children who have recently come into a municipality and whose names, for the reason that they have not attended school, do not appear on the school register. A search for children of this class should be made. The factory inspectors suggest that School Boards instruct truant officers to investigate factories, shops and like places for children illegally employed. This plan would be of great assistance in bringing to light children of whose existence the school authorities are ignorant. Vagrant children should also be looked up and compelled to go to school; assistance could be secured from Children's Aid Societies (of which there are sixty in the Province), orphanage boards, and other institutions. We strongly recommend that the truancy law be made more effective, and that the municipalities be compelled to enforce it or that the Government take the duty on its own shoulders, and, if necessary, bear the expense.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTERING EMPLOYMENT.

Under the law the only stipulation in regard to a child entering industrial life is that it shall be of a certain prescribed age. This matter should not be determined by the child's age alone; no child should be permitted to become a wage-earner until the requirements of elementary instruction are satisfied, and the standard of age in all round physical development is attained. It appears obvious that the law making education compulsory must, as a measure of social reform, be doomed to barrenness to a certain extent so long as age alone constitutes the passport of admission to industrial life. The factory inspectors in their reports frequently allude to the

surprising illiteracy of children and to the necessity for restraining them from beginning work before elementary schooling has been secured. It is difficult even for the ambitious to rise in the social scale where there is lacking the ground work of a school education. If this were realized, it would promote intelligence and create a superior class of workers.

An educational test for children exists in those States of the Union that have the most advanced child labor legislation. In New York State the law provides that a child shall not engage in any of a long series of named occupations until he can read English fluently and write legibly, and until he can be shown to have received instruction in geography, grammar and arithmetic through fractions. Massachusetts goes farther and defines what ability to read and write means by stipulating the school grade a child shall reach before engaging in a wage-earning occupation.

Your committee regard age and schooling certificates as among the most difficult questions with which it has had to deal. No form of certificate is prescribed by law; and a certificate is demanded from the parent or guardian only where the inspector has reason to believe that a child under legal age is being employed. These certificates the inspectors frequently find it impossible to verify on account of absence of registration of birth. In such cases they are powerless to prevent the child remaining at work, although convinced that it is not of legal age. The situation is further complicated by the presence of immigrant children, some of whom, being of foreign birth, do not speak the English language and yet are by no means illiterate.

For the employment of children under the age required by Statute, the parents and guardians are largely to blame. They frequently give false certificates in order to get the children employment, being ignorant or careless of harmful results. When such children are dismissed from a factory, they are usually to be found engaged elsewhere in a very short time, and invariably in such cases the child has been registered as having passed the legal age.

The reasons commonly given for sending children to work under age are either that their earnings are necessary to the maintenance of the family, or that the mother is a widow, or has been deserted by her husband, and has a family dependent upon her. Cases of the latter type command public sympathy. A manager of a factory naturally finds it difficult to resist the pleadings of the poor, and the tears of desolate widowhood and is tempted to disregard the law.

While most men will not employ a child whom they know to be under age, some do not scruple to do so; and an age certificate will doubtless be considered an essential feature of any measure looking to the protection of children. The difficulties in the way of securing a reliable document are obvious. Twenty-two of the states require merely the affidavit of the parent or guardian, unsupported by school record or other proof. It is stated that the most successful results are attained where the children bring certificates from the school they last attended, showing age, date and place of birth, a record of the school grade last occupied, with a statement from the teacher that the child is able to read and write simple sentences in English. Many states have adopted the system of appointing an officer to hear applications for certificates. In the larger municipalities, a central bureau has been suggested for a systematic record by the school authorities for reference purposes.

Your committee having carefully considered the matter believe that it would lessen the evasion of the law to require that all children from fourteen to sixteen years should present a certificate of legal age on making ap-

plication for employment; that employers be forbidden to employ children who do not possess certificates; and we recommend that the law be changed to that effect. The superintendent or principal of a school, or such officer as may be appointed by the school board should be authorized to issue certificates, first having satisfied himself by the school register, the affidavit of parent or guardian, or if any of these are not available by the affidavit of the child, that the applicant is of the full age of fourteen years and is able to read and write legibly simple sentences in English. No such officer should be obliged to issue said certificate if he has reason to doubt that accuracy of the evidence given, or considers the child physically unfit for industrial life. Where the child is illiterate, provision might be made, in the discretion of the officer issuing the certificate for attendance at a night school, wherever this class of school exists, in lieu of further attendance at day school.

REGISTRATION.

With regard to the registration of Vital Statistics, evidence was given that not more than eighty-five per cent. of the births are recorded; other authorities believe that the percentage is even lower. A more complete record would greatly facilitate the work of the authorities in verifying age certificates, and your committee recommend that more stringent provisions be made for the enforcement of the law.

REGULATING HOURS OF LABOR.

Considerable evidence has been offered as to the number of hours per day that a child may be employed without injury. One witness stated that seven hours of work per diem was all that should be permitted. Others have placed the limit at eight or nine hours; the recommendation of the International Labor Conference, held at Berlin, Germany, in 1890, was that children of twelve years should not be permitted to work more than six hours per day. In Ontario, the law allows children of fourteen to work in factories for 60 hours per week, and permits girls to work $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours overtime in addition on thirty-six days during the year. There is no restriction as to the amount of overtime a boy may work. Under the Shops Act, children of ten years may legally be employed for 60 hours per week, and there is a somewhat indefinite provision as to overtime.

The practice in most trades is to work from 54 to 60 hours per week, but the tendency, especially in cities, appears to be in the direction of shorter hours of labor, many employers realizing that the health and efficiency of their helpers is decreased when the hours of labor are excessive. In textile mills where children and women are largely employed, the hours of labor are uniformly from 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., with one hour's intermission, and a half day on Saturday. In these mills, children work 11 hours per day, and these long hours are said to be necessary to give the half holiday which employees would not sacrifice. In one of the reports the Inspector states, referring to the long operating hours in these mills:—"I have seen some of these little ones on their way to work at six o'clock in the morning (which means that they were up at 5.30), the thermometer being perhaps 20 degrees below zero, the sidewalks covered with a fresh fall of snow, up to their knees in depth in some places; then going into a mill heated up to 70 or 80 degrees to remain in their wet clothing, and listening to the clatter of looms and the vibration of machinery for eleven long hours."

Where the piece-work system is in vogue,—and its adoption is quite general—and long hours prevail, a combination is presented of danger to women and children. Piece-work stimulates the energies of the worker to the highest possible pitch. Girls will often work so rapidly that their efforts are painful to the onlooker. The strain on the nervous system is intense, and the results are clearly seen in the wearied looks and pale faces of the operators. A shorter day for this class of work is certainly desirable. Medical testimony agrees that no female under the age of sixteen should be employed in any vocation where she is compelled to remain continuously sitting or standing throughout the day. This being the case, the health of the future women of the country, compelled to work in shops and factories, would be better safeguarded by raising the limit at which they could be employed to sixteen years.

Your committee, while recognizing the desirability of a shorter working day for the young, have also recognized that their labor is closely associated with that of adults; that a sudden shortening of their hours of labor would cause serious injury to industries, and therefore recommend that their employment be permitted for not more than eleven hours in any one day, nor for more than sixty hours per week.

We find that the restrictions limiting the amount of overtime to a certain number of hours during the year are sometimes evaded by allowing employees to take work from the factory to be performed at home after hours, contrary to the principle of the law. In the ranks of garment workers this appears to be a difficult matter to regulate, and it is an evasion of the law with which inspectors have no power to deal. This is not a desirable state, nor should boys of fourteen be allowed to work any number of hours, either day or night, that their employers see fit. Although it has been represented that some injury would probably result to certain industries, notably glass works, by changing the law, we recommend that no member of either sex under sixteen years of age be permitted to be employed between 6.30 p.m. and 6.30 a.m., either in the factory or at piece-work at home or elsewhere, except that provision be made for a reasonable amount of overtime at holiday seasons. In drafting legislation it might be seen to that this clause shall not injuriously affect retail dealers in towns, villages and townships, provided the maximum service of sixty hours is not exceeded.

CANNING INDUSTRY.

The canning of fruits and vegetables is an industry of recent and rapid development in Ontario, and few realize its extent. It is still in the process of evolution, and it is not surprising that conditions surrounding the workers are often far from satisfactory. As yet it has not shared in the benefits other industries have derived from the enforcement of the Factories Act, owing to considerable exemption from regulation.

The regulation of child labor in connection with this occupation is difficult. The character of the industry invites such labor, which must, during the canning season, often be performed under great stress and at irregular hours. Its exigencies as to time practically exhaust the physical endurance of those employed. This condition is recognized under the law as it stands, provision being made for the employment of children without any age limit and for almost any number of hours for five months from June 1st to November 1st. The Inspectors report that they have seen mothers with whole families from five years up at work; and that it is urgently necessary to bring this industry within the general regulation of the Factories Act, especially

as to age limit and restriction of working hours. We have had before us some of the proprietors of canning factories, who are anxious that these special privileges should in the main be continued, and who represent that their business would be seriously handicapped if any change of importance were made in the law. We are of opinion, however, that their necessities would be fully cared for by forbidding the employment indoors of children under twelve years of age, by restraining children under fourteen years from working between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 6.30 a.m., and by restricting the period during which children may be employed from June 15th to October 1st.

DAINGEROUS OCCUPATIONS.

The Factories Act permits the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to specify occupations dangerous to children. This authority has never been exercised. The factory inspectors have placed in our hands a list of these occupations upon which they desire that action should be taken. Dangerous occupations may be divided into two classes, those dangerous to life and limb, and those involving processes dangerous to health. Statistics show that boys in factories have a probability of accident twice that of the adult, and this is borne out by the factory inspectors' records. In connection with high speed automatic machines, including metal stamping and wood working machines, accidents to boys, such as the loss of fingers and thumbs, are very frequent. Other occupations coming within this category include the manufacture of explosives, work in mines, etc.

MINING PROHIBITIONS.

The Ontario Mines Act provides that no child shall be allowed to work below ground under the age of fifteen; female labor is prohibited; boys between the age of fifteen and seventeen years are not allowed below ground more than eight hours a day, or more than forty-eight hours in any one week, nor on Sunday; the operations in which boys are chiefly employed are in the sorting of rock and mineral, driving horses, etc. It would be well, however, in view of rapid development of Ontario's mines, to ensure that this class of legislation, as it affects child labor, is entirely adequate, and that proper inspection is provided for.

OPERATION OF ELEVATORS.

In some States of the Union the law provides that no high speed elevator shall be operated by an attendant under eighteen years of age. It has been represented to the committee that boys as young as eleven years of age are in some places operating freight and passenger elevators. This is an employment in which no child under sixteen years of age should be engaged; and legislation to that effect is strongly recommended, as is also legislation barring the employment of small boys as drivers of delivery waggons.

HANDLING OF LIQUOR.

Your committee is of opinion that children under eighteen years should not be permitted to work in breweries, distilleries, liquor bottling works, or in any plant of a similar description. The Liquor License Act provides that children shall not be employed in serving liquor behind a bar. Your com-

mittee submits that this restriction should be made to cover the delivery of liquor out of any distillery, brewery, warehouse or shop, and that the age limit in such employment should be at least sixteen years; nor is it desirable that boys under that age should be employed at hotels or other places where liquor is sold.

STREET TRADES.

Several witnesses have been examined relative to the street trades—newsboys, messenger boys and the like. Until recently the newsboy was not included in the child labor problem. In consequence he has been left the absolute master of his time, and has become industrious or shiftless, honest or dishonest in his methods, according to his natural inclination. Many of them are thrifty and industrious; they take up the work because of the opportunities it affords, and eventually become useful citizens. Such boys should be given every opportunity to pursue their trade. Abuses in connection with the calling have given rise to the demand in some leading cities of the United States that it be regulated and controlled. One is the employment of boys of ten years and younger. For these the privation, exposure and irregular life is most injurious. They are also particularly susceptible to the evil influences of the street, and often, not being able to compete with older boys, they resort to begging tactics. The vending of newspapers, because of the opportunity it affords for gain, also attracts boys of the vagrant class and encourages truancy. A life full of excitement and free from restraint has a tendency to induce a boy to break away from authority of every description. The truant tends to become a vagrant, and home and school know him no more; from vagrancy to crime is but a short step.

The New York law provides that no male child under ten years (twelve was the original intention), and no girl under sixteen shall engage in selling newspapers on the street; that all children over ten and actually or apparently under fourteen, must first obtain a permit and a badge from the District Superintendent of the Board of Education of the school district where the child resides, and that no child to whom a permit has been issued shall sell papers after ten o'clock at night.

There is in Ontario no general law governing these trades, but under the Municipal Act municipalities are permitted to pass by-laws relative thereto. No municipality has acted on this authority save the City of Toronto, which permits, contrary to the provisions of the Truancy Act, the employment of children in this way at as tender an age as eight years. A provincial law should govern this question; provision should be made for newsboys and others ten years and upward working after school hours, but not later than 7 p.m., and boys who perform such work as a calling should come under the general regulation as to age, namely, fourteen years for day work and sixteen years for night work.

THEATRICAL CALLINGS AND THEATRE ATTENDANCE.

Your committee recommend that provision be made forbidding the employment of children in such unhealthful occupations as acrobats, tumblers, etc. It has been represented to the committee that in cities like Toronto hundreds of boys from nine to sixteen are frequent attendants at cheap shows. The late hours, nervous excitement and moral deterioration resulting from the practice are injurious to character. This, with the reading of dime novels, smoking cigarettes, etc., frequently prevents boys from settling down

to a trade or to regular employment, and leads to idleness, theft and vicious habits. Half the men in our prisons had, prior to conviction, never learned a trade. We, therefore, recommend that the attendance of children of either sex under fourteen years of age at theatrical and kindred performances when given by professionals should be prohibited, unless they are accompanied by parents or guardians.

IDLENESS BETWEEN FOURTEEN AND SIXTEEN YEARS.

The recommendation made by the Superintendent of Neglected Children, that boys between fourteen and sixteen years who are not in industrial life ought to be kept at school, is also deserving of careful consideration. We regret that there is a general disposition on the part of boys to leave school at too early an age. It is worth considering if school life cannot be made to have a closer relationship to the industrial pursuits they are likely to lead in after years, thus making them more disposed to remain at school for a longer period. This is all the more important because manufacturers who have appeared before the committee complain that there is a general breaking down of the apprenticeship system and a need of the Province providing some substitute therefor.

STATE RELIEF MEASURES.

Some evidence has been offered as to the desirability of the state coming to the relief of families who are in absolute need of the earnings of children below the legal age for industrial life. We are of opinion that, in the interests of society at large, it would be better to provide for these unfortunates from the public funds, rather than that children should be prevented from securing the opportunity for development.

Your committee have ascertained that those states of the Union that have been most active of recent years in procuring child labor legislation have taken up in earnest the task of supplementing the incomes of families where the enforcement of the law would otherwise work hardship. In a number of cities the plan has been adopted of offering relief to the family through the child in the form of what is called a scholarship. These scholarships range in amount from 75 cents to \$4 per week, and are adjusted in some cities on the basis of the probable earnings of the child, and in others on the actual need of the family. Under this arrangement the earnings of the child excluded from employment are replaced, in cases where those earnings are necessary to the support of the family, without relief taking the form of direct charitable aid.

In investigating the record of results, one is struck with the small number of cases calling for material assistance. The local child labor committee in New York City, having first given wide publicity to their intention, began to put this plan into effect some seventeen months ago. As a result they received 490 applications for scholarships within fifteen months, and of 330 of those that came within the age limit 95, or about 30 per cent., were granted as meritorious. The sums given ranged from \$1 to \$3 per week, the total outlay being about \$100 per month, or \$5,000 per year. These figures relate to the entire City of New York, with a population of 4,250,000, which is considerably in excess of the population of this Province.

In Chicago, where a similar plan is in operation, but fifteen scholarships were awarded during a period of three years; in Philadelphia the number granted in one year was twenty-eight or one-fifth of the total number of

applications; in Pittsburg the number was but three in the same period; in Minneapolis ten full scholarships were granted in the year and in some thirty other cases partial relief was given. In other cities, such as Boston, Baltimore and Kansas City, the same end has been accomplished by referring cases of apparent hardship to charitable organizations. The experience of the last four years in the United States has, it is affirmed, given the measure of the problem. It has demonstrated that the number of families needing relief is small, and that the problem of parental dependence should not, and need not, be an obstacle to progressive child legislation.

In the event of its being decided to raise the age limit of children employed in shops to the fourteen year standard, but to continue the practice of granting exemptions in cases where the family is dependent on the earnings of the child, your committee recommend that greater care be exercised in granting the privilege than appears to have been the case in the past, and that they be granted only by a responsible organization or official, such as the Inspector of Public Schools.

UNIFORM LEGISLATION.

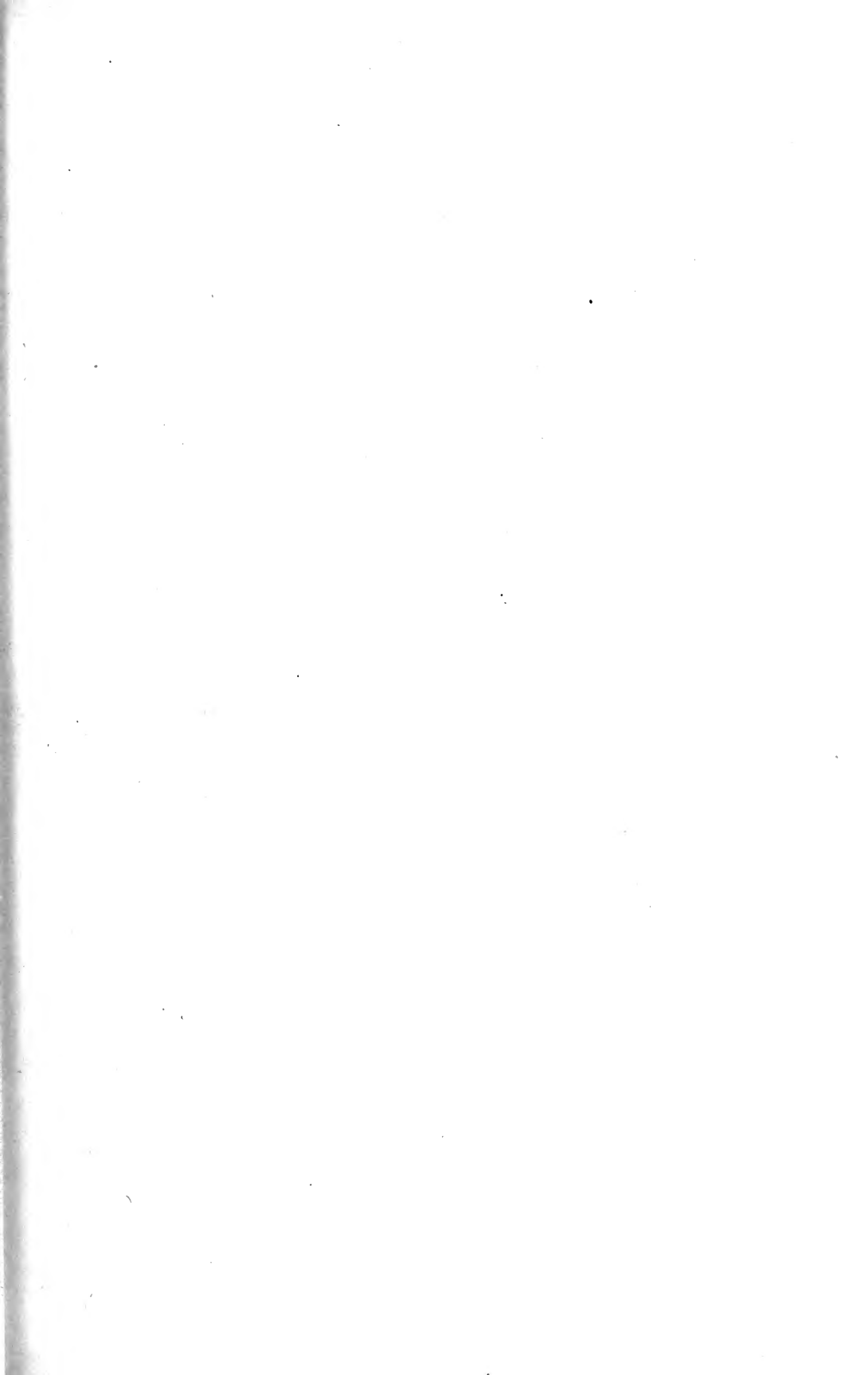
The desirability of more uniform legislation by the several Provinces in respect to child labor has been referred to by the Inspectors, who have instanced cases where firms, to escape the provisions of the Ontario law, have moved or threatened to move across the Provincial boundary. The committee recommend that the Government should seek the co-operation of other Provinces in securing more uniform enactments in this regard.

REVISION OF THE PRESENT LAW.

Your committee recognize the fact that at this late stage of the session a revision of the law is impracticable in 1907. They, therefore, submit their recommendations for consideration during recess, with a view to a comprehensive measure dealing with the whole subject of factory and shop inspection being brought down at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON MONTEITH,
Chairman.

TORONTO, March 25, 1907.



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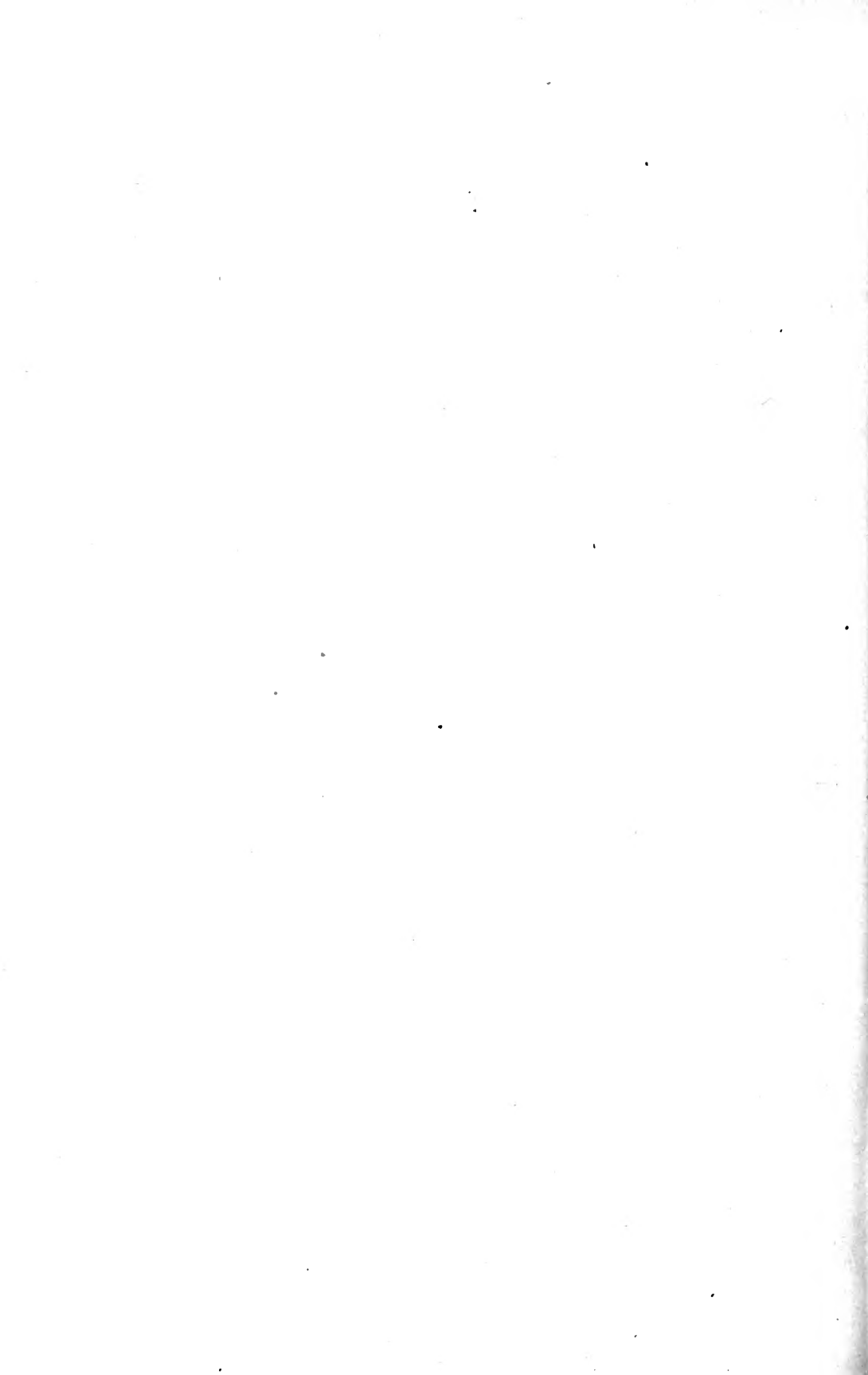
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To the Honourable,

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as its

REPORT.

Your Committee has had produced before it the following accounts, vouchers and statements in connection with the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1906, which it has carefully examined and considered.

All the accounts connected with payments to L. E. C. Thorne on page 15 of the Public Accounts.

All the accounts in connection with the item \$58,905.02 (Central Prison Industries), page 184 of the Public Accounts.

All the accounts in connection with the item \$56.91, page 183, of the Public Accounts.

Messrs. Inspector Rogers, L. E. C. Thorne, Walter Scott, Samuel McBride and J. O. Anderson examined.

All papers, vouchers and documents in connection with payments to A. B. Brinkman during 1906.

All papers relating to all Mining Leases entered into between the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and any person, persons or corporation and all correspondence relating thereto between any member of the Government and the members of the Commission.

Messrs. Englehart and McDermott examined.

All papers and accounts bearing on payments made for the cost and operation of the Launch "I'll See."

Your Committee has held eight meetings during the present Session. It submits herewith the minutes of its proceedings and the evidence given as taken by stenographers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. CARNEGIE,
Chairman.

Committee Room, April 11th, 1907.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Public Accounts Committee Room, Legislative Assembly,
Toronto, March 7th, 1907.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1906, and composed of the following members:—Messieurs Bowman, Carnegie, Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Cochrane, Craig, Crawford, Dargavel, Eilber, Fox, Fraser, Gamey, Graham, Hendrie, Lucas, MacKay, Mahaffy, Matheson, May, Munro, McCoig, McDougal, Pattinson, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Racine, Rathbun, Reaume, Ross, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe), Tucker, Tudhope and Whitney, met this day at 10.30 a.m. for organization and business.

Present:—Messieurs Bowman, Carnegie, MacKay, Matheson, McDougal, Munro, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Reaume and Ross—10.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Reaume, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Carnegie be re-elected Chairman for the Session.

On motion of Mr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. McDougal, it was

Ordered, That all accounts connected with the item of \$2,398.65 *re* L. E. C. Thorne, on page 15 of the Public Accounts, 1906, be produced at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. McDougal, it was

Ordered, That all accounts in connection with the items of \$58,905.02 on page 184 of the Public Accounts for 1906, be produced at the next meeting; also, the item of \$208,023.19, Revenue, Secretary Department, page cv.

On motion of Mr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. McDougal,

Ordered, That all accounts in connection with item \$56.91, page 183, Public Accounts 1906, *re* Taylor and Scott, be brought down and that Inspector Edwin R. Rogers be called as a witness at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Matheson,

Ordered, That the Committee adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, 12th March, 1907, at 10.30 a.m.

Committee Room,
Tuesday, 12th March, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Carnegie, Chairman; Messieurs Dargavel, Eilber, Fox, Hanna, MacKay, Matheson, Munro, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Ross, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe.)

Inspector Edwin R. Rogers examined.

Mr. L. E. C. Thorne, who was present at the meeting, was instructed by Mr. Matheson to attend for examination at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Smith (Sault),

Ordered, That a Return showing the various amounts paid during 1906 to one A. B. Brinkman as Fire Ranger, Forest Ranger, or in any other capacity, be produced at next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned until Thursday, March 14th, 1907, at 12 noon.

Committee Room,
Thursday, 14th March, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 12 noon.

Present: Mr. Carnegie, Chairman; Messieurs Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Dargavel, Eilber, Fox, Hanna, Mahaffy, MacKay, Matheson, Munro, McDougal, Pattinson, Preston (Durham), Ross, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Tudhope.

Mr. L. E. C. Thorne examined and instructed to attend at next meeting.

Instructions issued to find Walter Scott, late of Central Prison Industries (Woodwork Department), and summon him to attend at next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, March 20th, 1907, at 10 a.m.

Committee Room,
Wednesday, 20th March, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m., but as room occupied, adjournment was made until 12 noon.

Present: Mr. Carnegie, Chairman; Messieurs Bowman, Clark (Bruce), Dargavel, Gamey, Hanna, MacKay, Matheson, Munro, McDougal, Pearce, Preston (Port Arthur), Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Ross, Smith (Sault), Smyth, Thompson (Simcoe), Tucker.

Messrs. Thorne and Scott attended and were examined.
Mr. Scott instructed to attend at next meeting.

Instructions issued to summon Mr. Samuel McBride to attend at next meeting.

The Committee adjourned until Friday, March 22nd, 1907, at 10.30 a.m.

Committee Room,
Friday, 22nd March, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 a.m.

In the absence of Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), was, on motion of Mr. Matheson, appointed acting Chairman.

Present: Mr. Thompson, acting Chairman; Messieurs Bowman, Clark (Bruce), Fox, Matheson, Munro, McDougal, Preston (Port Arthur), Ross, Tucker, Pearce.

Messrs. Scott, Thorne, McBride and Anderson attended and Messrs. Scott, McBride and Anderson were examined.

On motion of Mr. McDougal,

Ordered, That all papers relating to all Mining Leases entered into by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission with any person, persons or corporation, and all correspondence relating thereto, either between members of said Commission or any Member of the Government, be produced before the Committee; and that Mr. Englehart and the Secretary of the said Commission be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Committee adjourned until Wednesday, March 27th, 1907, at 12 noon.

Committee Room,
Wednesday, 27th March, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 12 noon.

Present: Mr. Carnegie, Chairman; Messieurs Dargavel, Hanna, Matheson, Munro, McElroy, McDougal, Pattinson, Preston (Port Arthur), Preston (Lanark), Ross, Smith (Sault).

Messrs. Englehart and McGee, Secretary T. & N. O. Ry. Commission, attended, and Mr. Englehart was examined.

Messrs. Englehart and McGee were instructed to attend at next meeting of the Committee.

Committee adjourned until Wednesday, April 3rd, 1907, at 11 a.m.

Committee Room,
Wednesday, 3rd April, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 a.m.

As room was occupied by Municipal Committee an adjournment was taken until 12 noon, when Committee reassembled.

In the absence of Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) was, on the motion of Mr. Matheson, appointed acting Chairman.

Present: Mr. Thompson, acting Chairman; Messieurs Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Dargavel, Gamey, Hanna, Hendrie, Mahaffy, MacKay, Matheson, McDougal, McElroy, Pattinson, Pearce, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Ross, Smith (Sault), Smyth.

Messrs. Englehart and McGee attended and Mr. Englehart was examined.

On motion of Mr. Smith (Sault),

Ordered, That a Return of all papers, accounts and documents bearing on the cost, operation, etc., of the Launch "I'll See" be produced at the next meeting of the Committee.

Instructions issued to summon Mr. T. W. McDermott, Auctioneer (Ottawa), C. B. Smith, if in town, and that J. O. Anderson, Clerk in the Accountant's Office of the Central Prison, be ordered to hold himself in readiness to be examined, if called upon, and that Messrs. Englehart and McGee attend next meeting of the Committee.

Committee adjourned until Friday, April 5th, 1907, at 11 a.m.

Committee Room,
Friday, 5th April, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 a.m., but meeting could not be held as room was occupied for other purposes.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday, April 9th, 1907, at 11 a.m., and instructions were issued to resummon all those whose presence was required at this meeting.

Committee Room,
Tuesday, 9th April, 1907.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 a.m.

Present: Mr. Carnegie, Chairman; Messieurs Clark (Bruce), Clarke (Northumberland), Dargavel, Eilber, Mahaffy, MacKay, Matheson, McCoig, Pattinson, Pearce, Preston (Port Arthur), Reaume, Ross, Smith (Sault), Thompson (Simcoe), Tudhope.

Messrs. McDermott (Ottawa), Englehart and McGee attended and Messrs. McDermott and Englehart were examined.

Mr. J. O. Anderson was sent for and examined.
The Committee then adjourned.

EVIDENCE.

TORONTO, March 12, 1907.

The Public Accounts Committee met, Mr. Carnegie in the Chair.

EDWIN R. ROGERS called:—

By MR. A. G. MACKAY:—

Q.—What is your position? A.—Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities.

Q.—How long have you held that position? A.—Since September, 1905.

Q.—What was your business before that? A.—The hardware business.

Q.—Is it in the north block of the Central Prison that this woodenware contract is being carried on? A.—The north block, sir.

Q.—Do you remember the date of the contract with Ellen Charlotte Taylor? A.—It was dated July, 1905.

Q.—You would be familiar with that contract, Mr. Rogers? A.—I was all through it, sir.

Q.—Prior to that contract, you were inspector for how many months? A.—When the contract was drawn up I was not Inspector.

Q.—Did you have anything to do with preparing and recommending the contract? A.—I did not.

Q.—Were you familiar with its terms? A.—I had read them over before signing it.

Q.—It was practically in its present form? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—In that department, what foremen or officials are there in behalf of the Government or the department? A.—There is one foreman who is paid for, half by the Government, and half by the company, and the guards.

Q.—The guards are paid by the Government, and one foreman is paid a half the salary by the Government, and a half by the company? A.—Yes.

Q.—What is his work? A.—He has general supervision.

Q.—A general foreman. Then can you account for the fact that the Government pays half of his salary? A.—Except by the contract.

Q.—They have the use of machinery and shops free? A.—Yes, under clause 2.

Q.—Then, under that contract the Government or the Department provides the company with prison labor at practically 3 cents an hour, or 30 cents a day? A.—Yes, under section 14, up to 4 cents an hour for each prisoner.

Q.—Under the contract it may run up to 4 cents an hour? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—That is, roughly, 30 or 40 cents a day, *per* man for prison labor? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Then, under the contract, Taylor, Scott & Co., pay nothing for the machinery, shop or yard—

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: The contract speaks for itself.

Q.—You are familiar with the labor market. What is free labor worth? A.—From 15 to 17 cents an hour up.

Q.—How does prison labor compare with ordinary labor, generally? A.—How, sir?

Q.—Is it as valuable? A.—No, sir, it is not generally looked upon as as valuable.

Q.—Take outside labor as being worth 15 to 17 cents an hour, would you not say that prison labor should be worth at least 10 cents an hour? A.—No, sir, I would not, considering the importance of keeping these men employed.

Q.—I do not get your point? A.—Keeping these men employed, they are not looked upon as of valuable as free labor. I was saying I did not think they would be worth 10 cents an hour.

Q.—In the manufacturing of woodenware, is there a reasonable amount of skilled labor required? A.—With regard to skilled labor, Mr. Taylor provides a certain amount of skilled labor himself.

Q.—With regard to prison labor, has part of that been moderately skilled labor? A.—No, sir.

Q.—None of it? A.—Well, I could not say, none, but on the average the labor is not skilled.

Q.—Now, is it part of your duty as Inspector to follow up the cause of loss to the Government in any department? A.—In what connection?

Q.—Well, perhaps I can make it a little plainer. I find that the report of the Inspector of Prisons gives a net profit to the Province in 1902 of \$16,727.14. In 1903, a net gain of \$22,697.59. In 1904, the net gain to the Province was \$23,243.27. And in 1905 I find that there is a loss to the Province of \$4,073.40. There had been a drop of upwards of \$20,000. Can you account for that? A.—Except as to the values that might have been placed on the product during those years. They might have been fictitious figures.

Q.—Have you any reason for thinking them fictitious? A.—Nothing. Taking the report as made out for 1905, it was made out on strict book-keeping principles.

Q.—Don't you think that the Charlotte Taylor contract had something to do with the drop, taking into account that the Government only got 3 cents an hour, and the *employes* cost \$167 apiece.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: Did Mr. Rogers say that the *employes* cost \$167 apiece?

Mr. MACKAY: I was asking him a question.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: Did Mr. Rogers give that answer, because I am inclined to think it is wrong.

Mr. MACKAY: Well, I will ask that. I understand that the cost of keeping the prisoners was as follows:—In 1902, \$169.64; in 1903, \$180.76; in 1904, \$179.02; in 1905, \$167.54. Out of this cost you take the 3 cents an hour. Do you think that the loss is due to the difference? A.—No, the amounts earned by the prisoners in those years would not be great enough to make up any deficiency.

Q.—You would be familiar with the binder twine contract? A.—I remember it.

Q.—Did the contractor pay about 50 cents a day? A.—To the best of my recollection, the amount of supplies furnished by the Government, that is in connection with the machinery, is greater in the twine mill than in the woodenware factory.

Q.—It costs more, but in neither case does the contractor pay anything for its use? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Well, then do you think that accounts for the difference that the Government is allowing? A.—As I say, the machinery in the twine mill is much more valuable, and to keep the machinery in repair it would cost much more than in the north shop.

Q.—I notice that the Government pays one-half the salary of the man who keeps it in repair, can you suggest any reason for that, seeing that the Government supplies the machines free? A.—Well, the Government should have someone to look after the machines for it.

Q.—Back in 1890, labor would not be more than half or two-thirds as valuable as at present? A.—Probably it would be more than half.

Q.—Would I be fair in putting it at two-thirds—that is to say, are wages fifty *per cent.* higher now? A.—No, I don't think they would be fifty *per cent.* higher. They might be one-third.

Q.—Looking at the Brandon contract, I see that the contractor paid fifty cents *per day*, and also paid \$6,500 a year. Don't you think this contract should have been better instead of worse than that? A.—Well, the

working out of the Brandon contract was not so profitable to the Government as the present one.

Q.—Perhaps there were not so many men? A.—I think there were the same number.

Q.—How then, could the Government make more out of it? A.—I don't think that in the working out of the contract they did.

A.—Assuming that the prison furnished 100 men in 1890, and the Government got 50 cents a day, and \$6,000 annually, and in 1906 they got only 30 cents a day, will they get more profits? A.—I don't think the former contract showed up the profits that were said to have been made by the Government.

Q.—Do you mean to say the contractor did not do as much work? A.—Well, I have not gone into that.

Q.—You would not like to say anything about it? A.—No.

Q.—It was long before your time. Can you tell me, and if you cannot, you can tell me how to get it, as to the amount of manufactured goods on hand, and sold to Charlotte Taylor when she took hold? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Is there some other official who could get that?

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: Mr. Thorne has all that. Mr. Rogers has not gone into those details.

Q.—Were you actually on duty when the transfer was made by the Department to Charlotte Taylor? A.—That took place before I took office.

Q.—Perhaps then, as Inspector, you can tell us who kept check on the goods manufactured, who kept check of the number of pieces under each sub-division which were made, and for which the contractor would have to pay? A.—The foreman would have to keep track of any special work.

Q.—Who was the foreman? I could not tell you the name.

Q.—I want to know who checked the work done by piece work? A.—I don't know the name.

Q.—What part did you play in seeing that the proper check was kept? Did you do anything? A.—The accountant keeps track of all those things.

Q.—As turned in to him by the foreman. Who is the accountant? A.—At that time it was Mr. Anderson—that is Mr. J. O. Anderson.

Q.—Can you tell me who valued the manufactured goods, lumber and raw material, when it was turned over to the company? A.—I could not tell you that; it was before my time.

Q.—Who valued the lumber then? A.—It was Mr. McBride.

Q.—Who is Mr. McBride? A.—A lumber dealer in the city.

Q.—Do you know that he had any dealings with the Taylor, Scott Company before he was called on to value lumber as between the Government and the company? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you learn his valuation? A.—Yes, sir. The letter came in with the valuation.

Q.—Can you tell us the amount? A.—I have not the letter.

Q.—You cannot speak from memory? A.—I cannot.

Q.—Before signing the contract did you go into it yourself, enquire into its terms, its reasonableness, or anything of that sort? A.—I did not.

Q.—Do you know, as a matter of fact, whether the department had any official keeping check of the amount of work done under piece work? A.—When?

Q.—During your inspectorship, all the time? A.—Except in the way I speak of, as regards the foreman and the accountant.

Q.—The foreman turns the check over to the accountant; did you keep account of his check? A.—I did not.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: I may say that Mr. Rogers had little or nothing to do with the checking. The matter was done almost entirely by Mr. Thorne, so far as the central office here was concerned, from the accounts at the Central Prison. Mr. Rogers was not troubled with the accounts.

Mr. MACKEY: I gathered that from his answers.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: It would be impossible. It is the constant work of one man.

Q.—Was the foreman who was to keep this check the same man who was paid partly by the Government? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Was there any other foreman who might keep this check, that you know of? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Was Mr. Thorne an *employe* when you were appointed; what position did he hold? A.—I looked upon him as the accountant for the Central Prison industries, and he was then making up and putting in a set of books for the department.

Q.—Would he be under Mr. Anderson? A.—Under Mr. Anderson, no sir; he was under Mr. Hanna.

Q.—I see, directly, he was a sort of special officer. This contract that you are speaking of bears the date July 19th, 1905, can you tell me what business Charlotte Taylor was engaged in before that? A.—I could not say, sir, except by hearsay.

Q.—She was trading under the name of Taylor, Scott & Co., before that? A.—She was engaged in the woodenware business.

Q.—In the city? A.—Yes, sir, I bought some things from her myself.

Q.—Oh, then you know. Were you in the shop? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is that contract with Charlotte Taylor still in operation, Mr. Rogers? A.—Yes, sir.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Mr. Rogers, this contract was made subject to the approval of the Legislature? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And it was approved? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You are inspector, not only for the Central Prison, but for all the Asylums? A.—Yes, sir, and for the Mercer Reformatory.

Q.—Have you any information as to the details? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Who has then? A.—Mr. Thorne and others.

Q.—Then you might be mistaken in some of your answers? A.—I might be.

Q.—I understood you to say that the Government paid one-half the salary of the general foreman, was it the machinist? A.—It was my reading of the contract, sir. It might have been the machinist.

Q.—As a matter of fact? A.—He is a machinist.

Q.—Then the Government do not pay half the salary of the general foreman? A.—No, sir, the machinist.

Q.—Looking after the machinery for the Government? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—What is the average time of persons in prison that are employed by Taylor, Scott & Co.? A.—I don't know exactly.

Q.—Can you give an idea? A.—Some are less than six months. Those under six months anyway.

Q.—What is the class of labor coming in there anyway? A.—Generally it is a poor class of labor.

Q.—Mr. MacKay asked if the labor would be worth 10 cents an hour, as compared with 15 to 17 cents for free labor; would it be worth 5 cents? A.—No, sir, I would not consider it worth 5 cents.

Q.—Would these men have had any experience in running machinery such as is there? A.—No, sir, they would not.

Q.—Do you know what the actual payment by Taylor, Scott & Co. was; has it averaged 3 cents? Has it averaged 4 cents? A.—The last payment brought it up to 4 cents I think, sir.

Q.—You do not know the details. I don't want you to say anything if you do not know it yourself. You are not acquainted with the general management. Who is? A.—Mr. Thorne.

Q.—Mr. MacKay asked you if the foreman kept track of the amount of goods turned out. Are you aware who kept track? A.—No, sir.

Q.—So that you cannot say it was the contractor's foreman who kept track? A.—No, sir, it was merely my understanding of it.

Q.—Generally, Mr. Rogers, in connection with this contract, you had only general supervision; it was left to Mr. Thorne? A.—I had no supervision.

Q.—Well, in carrying it out? A.—I had little or nothing to do with it. It would be impossible.

By Mr. DARGAVEL:

Q.—Mr. MacKay sought to make out that the Government was receiving only about 3 cents an hour for the services of the prisoners, and that under the Brandon contract, the Government received 5 cents an hour, and thereby, the Province seemed to have realized profits of \$22,000, to \$27,000 a year. Have you any information to show whether that amount was ever realized by the Province, or was a loss to the Province by reason of not being paid? A.—I have not.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Which would require more skilled labour, the manufacture of binder twine, or the manufacture of woodenware? A.—I don't know; but I should imagine that the working of binder twine machinery is more complex.

Q.—One would suppose from the nature of the product, that the skill would be required for the woodenware? A.—Well, many machines run automatically.

Q.—Then any one could run them? A.—The binder twine machinery is the more complicated.

Q.—Speaking of the amount paid to the Department under the contract, I show you a return brought down to the House, in answer to a question, and, as you see, including the 1st payment. The total amount received by the Government was \$9,611.33. The total number of hours was 268,387 2-5. That makes about 3½ cents an hour. If you take that last payment off you will observe it is not 3 cents an hour.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: The last payment is simply an adjustment of the year's business.

Mr. MACKAY: When that would not be putting it fairly. Taking the other payments, if you work it out, about 3.5 cents an hour, it about the actual result? A.—Yes, sir.

The Committee adjourned.

March 14th, 1907.

The Public Accounts Committee met, Mr. CARNEGIE in the Chair.

L. E. C. THORNE called :

By Hon. Mr. HANNA :

Q.—Your full name? A.—L. E. C. Thorne.

Q.—Your business before you came to the department? A.—I was employed in Port Huron with the Port Huron Engine and Threshing Machine Company, and allied companies, as book-keeper and accountant.

Q.—Your experience there would be in what line? A.—I made up the cost on each line of the output of that company, and the sale prices were established on the basis of the figures which I made.

Q.—And it was a company which had in its employ about how many? A.—I should say about 600 or 700 men.

J.—And you have been here about how long? A.—Two years this month.

Q.—You came here particularly for what work at the outset? A.—When I first came it was understood that I was to install a set of books for all the public institutions, including asylums.

Q.—And your work began where? A.—At your request I began with the Central Prison.

Q.—Did you go into questions of cost and prices? A.—I did in some shops.

Q.—In what shops? A.—In the woollen mill, the machine shop, and the north shop.

Q.—Confining ourselves to the north shop, you found the north shop manufacturing woodenware? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Have you any idea roughly how many kinds of goods, lines, they were manufacturing? A.—I cannot say how many at that time. Since then I have made up a list of some twenty-five.

Q.—Was there any method whereby the cost of putting out each particular line could be determined? A.—There was not.

Q.—As a result of what you did there, what was your conclusion as to the methods of carrying out the business under Government operation? A.—Do you mean what conclusion did I arrive at? I found that the operation on Government account, especially in latter years, was carried on at a loss financially, and that this loss entered into all parts of the business. In purchasing material, the purchase prices were higher than ordinary manufacturers would pay for the same qualities. I found the loss there in the purchase. I found that the management, especially of the manufacturing, was not carried on as economically as in ordinary firms, and that the goods were sold in some cases at less than cost. There was loss in all three departments; manufacture, purchase and sale.

Q.—Give us an instance in regard to purchase? A.—The principal item, of course, is lumber. They used more of that than of anything else. I found, and reported to you, that the lumber was not up to the specification called for in the written tender, and it simply meant that the lumber was not worth what was paid for it.

Q.—Give us an instance? A.—The best instance was that which you gave on the floor of the House. The lumber was purchased—three carloads of it—and a large part of that was found to be culls by the Government inspector. A new inspector was agreed upon between the Government and the contractor, and that inspector found 22,000 feet of culls, whereas there should have been no culls in the whole 50,000 feet.

Q.—And these culls would have been worth how much? A.—Only their value as fuel. I could not put that in figures.

Q.—Well, that was at the outset, Mr. Thorne, and later on these very difficulties continued to repeat themselves in a fairly large degree? A.—They did. That is perfectly true.

Q.—You are speaking now of lumber. Can you say that the same applied to other materials? A.—It did both in the hardware and in the paint.

Q.—So much for the purchasing; now for the sale? A.—In the sales I found that the manager of the shop was practically at the mercy of the buyers. They went to him and said the price was too high, they could buy at a lower rate, and he met the prices without investigation.

Q.—As a result of that, what did you find? A.—In certain articles I found the sale value below cost value; in others above cost value. I would be safe in saying that in 90 *per cent.* his sale value was below cost. In other words he was selling those goods below cost, and those above he did not sell.

Q.—As you went on from time to time this work extended over some weeks or months? A.—Yes, it ran from March to July.

Q.—Now, you reported to me, how frequently? A.—I reported to you, often, daily, or two or three times a week.

Q.—And it was the outcome of that that led to the change from Government operation to a contract in the hands of someone in the trade? A.—That was the case.

Q.—Now go on to what would be a fair contract; how far did you inform yourself of the past experience in the Central Prison? A.—I went back to 1883, during the time of the Brandon contracts, and familiarized myself with its terms and its results.

Q.—What other contracts did you find in other branches? A.—A contract with H. A. Nelson for the manufacture of brooms, and a contract with the Independent Cordage Company for the manufacture of cordage.

Q.—As a result of that we have the Taylor, Scott contract? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—I propose to confine myself to what was touched upon the other day. Mr. Rogers spoke of one foreman paid one-half by the company and one-half by the Government? A.—He was mistaken. It was the machinist. We pay no foreman's salary.

Q.—You pay no foreman's salary. Then in the questioning the other day, some reference was made to the report of the Inspector of Prisons. That gives a net profit in 1902 of \$16,700. in 1903 a net gain of \$22,000, in 1904 of \$23,000. while in 1905, it is said, there was a loss of \$4,000. Now, then, do those figures relate to all the undertakings, or to the north shop? A.—To all the undertakings.

Q.—Are they a fair statement? A.—No, they are not, especially in regard to the north shop.

Q.—Let us know what happened in working out the gains in the north shop? A.—If you take the Inspector's report and summarize the profits, during the period, you will find that the total of those profits very closely approximates the increase in the inventory of the goods on hand from the beginning to the end of that period, and the goods were not there at the end of that period.

Q.—Now, tell us, Mr. Thorne, just how that would work out in the case of lumber? A.—You mean in case the goods were not there?

Q.—The inventory values of lumber—work those out, and what do you have? A.—There was an advance in the price of lumber from 1903 to 1905.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—An advance in the value of lumber? A.—An advance in the cost. Now lumber was bought at a certain price in 1903. It varies in quality. By 1905 the better part of the shipment had been used, and when we came to have it valued what remained was leavings.

By Hon. Mr. HANNA :

Q.—Some of it we had had how long? A.—Some of it eight years. When the management inventoried it they inventoried these leavings at, not the cost of the whole when purchased, but at the advanced price of good qualities of that same lumber, according to the market at that date.

Q.—When you had lumber inventoried at \$22 or \$23 a thousand, according to the accounts, what did you find instead on going into the yard? A.—I found the culls of lumber which had cost \$2 or \$3 below that.

Q.—Culls worth how much? A.—I should estimate \$6 or \$8 a thousand. I should qualify that; it would not average over 50 *per cent.* of culls.

Q.—Now, going into other items, say finished goods, what would you find there? A.—I found that they were inventoried out of all proportion to the stage at which they were. I took a set of croquet, I took enough balls, I took enough partially finished mallets and hoops, and the inventoried value in this unfinished set would total more than the value of a set finished and complete.

Q.—As to goods that had been purchased, or supplies that had been purchased, and it was found impossible to use them, and no other market presenting, what happened, then, in the inventory from year to year? A.—There were several cases of that; two of the best are a carload of veneer and three barrels of tin washers. The carload of veneer was bought as an experiment. It was hoped that it could be used as backing for washboards, but it was soon found out that the backs warped. What should have been done was to purchase a bale. But they purchased this carload, which was of absolutely no value, and it was inventoried at cost price. The tin washers are used on the outside of boys' express wagons. It looks as if the salesman told the buyer he would save money by buying a lot. He bought three barrels—several millions—and they are still there.

Q.—Are they in your inventory this year? A.—Yes, but there is no value.

Q.—Are they written off? A.—Yes, they are written off.

Q.—These have been made gains in former years? A.—Well, they looked so. They appeared in the inventory.

Q.—It was asked yesterday if the Taylor, Scott contract had anything to do with the drop in the figures that have already been given for the years 1903, 1904 and 1905—this drop from \$22,000 profit to \$4,000 loss; now, had the Taylor, Scott contract anything to do with that? A.—No, sir.

Q.—How did the drop occur? A.—It was due to our writing off this veneer and other valued items.

Q.—Then the drop was one which, properly speaking, should have been spread over several years? A.—That is right. The loss should have been spread over four or five years back.

Q.—Mr. Mackay can go into details, but, in comparing the results to the Treasury of the Province under the Brandon contract, and I am speaking of cash results, with the cash results to the Province under the Taylor, Scott contract, what do you find? A.—Under the Brandon contract they did not pay the amounts due at the time they were due. That is, they were in default of payment. The result of that is that you cannot put any one year on its own footing. You have to take them as a whole, and take the

average. The net cash results of the Brandon contract, as my reading serves me, were something like \$2,500 a year, if you do not charge several items which any ordinary manufacturer would have to pay, and which I rather feel were charged to something else. At the time the Brandon contract was in operation, a very prominent point in that connection was the matter of repairs, which are carried in the Central Prison books as receivable from the Province, and amounted in 1905 to \$30,000.

Q.—If, under the Brandon contract, the goods had been charged with what would ordinarily have been charged against that class of goods, by a business man, the successful business man if you like, would there have been anything for the labor of the prisoners? A.—No; it would have all been wiped out if you charged anything for depreciation of building and machinery. Now, it is plain that the machinery was not kept in shape. The machinery was in bad shape. The floor was very rough. The line shafting was out of line, and it was throwing a load on the engine of 40 horse power which was needed to run the machinery. So the place was not kept in repair, and depreciation should have been charged.

Q.—So it would not have allowed anything for the prisoners? A.—No, it would have been a loss.

Q.—This, you told us, I think, you considered, generally and in detail a result of the Government operation in the twelve years prior to 1905? A.—I did.

Q.—And the result of that was what net loss to the Province *per day per man*? A.—Three-fifths of a cent. *per man per ten hour day*.

Q.—That statement was made, you say, after careful investigation by you? A.—Very careful, and very lengthy.

Q.—Now, take the Taylor, Scott contract, Mr. Thorne, when they started in there we had orders on the books and off the books? A.—We certainly had.

Q.—Perhaps we had better not take the time of the Committee with that unless the Opposition care to. Going into the prices which obtained prior to July 1, 1905, how did they compare with the current market for the same goods? A.—At that time?

Q.—Yes? A.—The market had been forced to meet some of them. In the case of those that had not been forced the market was higher.

Q.—The current market? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—When you take a number of sales, broom handles, and one line and another, and compare those sales with the current prices, what result would you have? A.—I don't think I get just what you are after.

Q.—Take a number of sales and compare them with the general market for a like class of goods, and how the prices compare? A.—In the case of washboards the sales at the Central Prison were below the market, and in the case of broom handles the Central Prison was the largest producer, and the market had been forced to meet Central Prison prices. In the case of sleighs the prices were not only low, but one manufacturer told me below his cost, and he preferred to buy them there.

Q.—And leave his machinery idle? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—How have the prices that have been obtained since this contract was entered into, compared with the general market? A.—I don't believe I can answer that. I can say that they have been advanced in all but few lines, on the prices obtained under Government operation. I do know that some manufacturers of washboards and broomhandles—although there are no broom handles now made at the Central Prison, because they cannot get the prices—are selling considerably below Taylor, Scott's price.

Q.—When Taylor, Scott & Co. came in in July, 1905, and down until well on in 1906, is it not true that they were working out in part orders that were partly filled, and on goods partly completed, on an arrangement between the Department and them? A.—There was some arrangement to complete the unfinished goods on hand, and to fill the orders.

Q.—Did you keep in close touch all the time since then? A.—In close touch with all—

Q.—With the accounting? A.—Oh, yes, I am there at least twice a week.

Q.—Now something was said as to the check upon quantities put out; is the check on quantities put out now a matter of any consequence to the Department? A.—It has not been since July 1st, 1906, because the Taylor, Scott Company agreed to bring the price to 4 cents an hour after that. They thought there would be a saving in clerical work, and that it would work up to that, anyway.

Q.—So that since that time the amount payable is determined by the time sheets, and the amount put out has not been a factor? A.—That is right.

A.—So that when we have the 4 cents an hour, under one clause of the contract; under another clause what do you have? A.—Five cents.

Q.—While the amount earned comes to 3½ cents, that is due to the overlapping the first year in working out these odds and ends? A.—That's right; it will average over 4 cents an hour during 1907.

Q.—The amount of machinery in the north shop would be what in value? A.—In its condition in July, 1905, it would not be worth more than \$7,000 or \$7,500.

Q.—Is that something you can speak of from your personal knowledge? A.—I took a rough inventory.

Q.—And you know the value of that class? A.—Yes, I do.

Q.—As a general proposition—I will not trouble you with figures—take the work done in the Central Prison from the outset, and charge against the output what ordinarily would be charged in every day business; have you any opinion as to whether the Province has realized a cent for labour from the outset to the present? A.—I have not made up such a statement; but I doubt very much if there would be any net gain at all.

By Mr. MacKAY:

Q.—Who valued the lumber when the transfer was made to Taylor, Scott & Company? A.—Ald. Sam. McBride, of the City of Toronto.

Q.—Who valued the manufactured goods? A.—The manufactured goods were valued on the prices obtained under Government operation, less a small amount to cover sale expenses. The unfinished stuff was not sold to Taylor, Scott, because it was finished and sold under a subsequent agreement.

Q.—It was completed under a subsequent agreement? A.—Yes, sir, between the Department and the contractor. There was only the other item of raw material.

Q.—What do you mean by that? A.—Some nuts and bolts. It only amounted to six or seven hundred dollars.

Q.—Was there any iron, such as for shoeing sleigh runners? A.—All there was on hand was inventoried as machine shop material, because under Government operation it was charged to the machine shop, because there it was bent and drilled, and when it was taken to the north shop, there was a cross entry made. What was on hand I think Taylor, Scott & Co., afterwards took.

Q.—Do you know what the Department got for that? A.—Well, you see, I cannot say it was sold by the machine shop. You see it could be used there just as well in making up beds.

Q.—I suppose the accountant would keep the books; that would be the proper check of goods bought and goods sold? A.—Yes, and no. Part of the books were kept by the accountant, and part by the manager of the north shop.

Q.—Who was the manager prior to 1905? A.—I have forgotten the initials; I think that the name was Scott.

Q.—When did he go out of the employ of the Department? A.—July, 1905.

Q.—What did you say he was, foreman or manager? A.—Manager.

Q.—Of the north shop? A.—Yes.

Q.—And he went out of the Government's employ about the time the Taylor, Scott contract came into force? A.—Yes.

Q.—He would be practically in charge of the shop day after day? A.—Yes.

Q.—In whose possession are the books which he kept? A.—Mine.

Q.—Then you have those books? A.—Yes.

Q.—What other books are there? A.—Cash books, etc., for the Central Prison.

Q.—Who has charge of those? A.—I have. The other books—those formerly there—are out of use now. But, I think Mr. Anderson could get them for you.

Q.—Who is he, the accountant? A.—He was at that time.

The Committee adjourned.

March 20, 1907.

Mr. CARNEGIE in the chair.

Mr. THORNE recalled:

Hon. Mr. HANNA: Mr. Thorne desires to make a statement as to an apparently incorrect impression.

Mr. THORNE: In regard to the evidence I last gave I may have left the impression that the veneer was still on hand. I did not say so. As a matter of fact it was sold to Taylor, Scott and Company during 1906 for \$12 *per* thousand. They did not use it for the purpose it was originally purchased for, but for a new line in manufacturing previous to their taking the contract.

By Hon. Mr. HANNA: Q.—What would it cost a car load? A.—In the neighborhood of \$500.

Q.—And was on hand how long? A.—Six or seven years. I also want to say that the round iron was sold to Taylor, Scott & Company during 1906 at \$2.05 *per* 100 pounds. I have the invoices here.

Q.—How does that compare with current prices for like material? A.—Taylor, Scott & Company had quotations for \$2.02 *per* 100 pounds. At the present time I think round iron costs \$2.10 *per* 100 pounds.

By Mr. McDUGAL: Q.—Where were you working before you were appointed by the Ontario Government to your present position? A.—Port Huron, Michigan.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: That has all been brought out.

Mr. McDUGAL to Mr. THORNE: Q.—What were you employed at there? A.—I acted as auditor and accountant for the Port Huron Company and its allied companies.

Q.—You were not bookkeeper there? A.—No, sir. I kept no books.

Q.—What did you do in the way of accounting? A.—Worked out the costs of their productions, and I established the sale prices.

Q.—What kind of business did they do? A.—They were primarily a threshing machine company. They had several other lines of manufacture, involving engines and what is known as grain separators.

Q.—Grain separators? A.—Yes. They also had a large malleable iron plant and a large woodenware plant.

Q.—And I suppose you were an expert in all these branches of the business? A.—I became an expert before I left.

Q.—In four years? A.—They thought so.

Q.—I suppose you think so? A.—No, I am going by the opinions expressed by other people.

Q.—We want your own. A.—I had 135 lines of manufacture to look after.

Q.—You do not claim to have become an expert in 135 lines in four years, do you? A.—You must understand that one line would include some 20 or 30 different kinds of engines. If you become an expert in one of them you become expert in most that pertains to another.

Q.—Do you mean to say that you became an expert in all those different kinds of engines?

Hon. Mr. HANNA: We are not children. We are not here to monkey or to fritter away time, or to threaten to be gay. We are not in a court.

Mr. McDUGAL: I am not doing any of those things.

To Mr. THORNE: Q.—Then you say that you were an expert in all those different lines? A.—In the cost of them.

Q.—In other words, you claim to be an expert in about a thousand different lines? A.—I claim to be able to walk up to a steam engine in the place where it was produced and in a very short time tell you within two or three *per cent.* of what it cost.

Q.—Then you must have known all about that branch, including material, make-up and everything else? A.—I knew the market price of the materials at that time. What I did not have in my head I had in tabulated form.

Q.—In books? A.—Yes, in books like any other accountant.

Q.—Did you bring your books here? A.—No, sir.

Q.—You left all your information behind? A.—Yes, in the printed or written form. I carried some away in my mind naturally.

Q.—Before that what kind of work had you been in? A.—I was teaching school and also worked for an underwear concern.

Q.—Where? A.—I taught school at Port Huron, and I was cost clerk and shipping clerk for an underwear company at Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Q.—Then the only time you had any experience in regard to engines was while you were at Port Huron? A.—Yes.

Q.—You knew something of woodenware but had no knowledge of engines. Had you any knowledge of them at school? A.—I had a college education and obtained some scientific knowledge there. I learned something of the theory of the expansion of steam and the working of cylinders.

Q.—You studied physics? A.—Certainly.

Q.—You were not a specialist? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Well, what you gained at the college was not a very technical knowledge in regard to steam engines? A.—No, sir.

Q.—That is not required in accounting? A.—No, sir, it is not.

Q.—I don't suppose you claim to have a very technical knowledge of it?
A.—No, sir.

Q.—The principal part of your business was the accounting? A.—Yes.

Q.—So that you do not pretend to be an expert in all these lines? A.—No.

Q.—You do not say that there are not in Canada men more expert than you? A.—Oh, no.

Q.—How long have you been in Canada? Just since you were employed by the Government? A.—Yes.

Q.—How long? A.—Two years.

Q.—You have met some other accountants while in Canada? A.—I have.

Q.—Canada is a large country and Ontario a big Province. I suppose you know there are quite a number of accountants in Ontario? A.—I think so.

Q.—I suppose there are a number of expert accountants in Ontario? A.—I have met better accountants than myself in Ontario.

Q.—And these better accountants could have been employed at this work? A.—Yes, I suppose so.

Q.—And if they are better then could do better work than you? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—Are you a British subject? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Have you taken the oath of allegiance? A.—No, sir.

By Mr. MACKAY: Q.—Do you intend to take it? A.—I may. I do not know.

Q.—If you remain in the service of this Province, do you intend to take it? A.—I may. I do not know that I intend to remain in the service of the Province very long.

Q.—In four years you learned all the lines at the Port Huron Company and you presume to give us all the information you gave us here on the last day? A.—I am perfectly willing to say that the information I gave is straight on the experience I have had.

Q.—You do not mean to say that the opinions of other experts would not be different? A.—I think they could not help but come to the same conclusions that I have reached if they studied the question. I want to say that I was under one of the best accountants in the west.

By Mr. McDUGAL: Q.—What do you know about lumber? A.—I bought lumber at Port Huron.

Q.—I suppose you consider yourself as fit to buy lumber as men who have been in the business all their lives? A.—Yes.

Q.—You had four years' knowledge of accounting at Port Huron and at the same time learned how to value lumber? A.—I learned enough to know a cull from a first.

Q.—So that you put your experience in regard to the buying of lumber against that of people who have been all their lives in the business? A.—Not at all.

Q.—Then your experience in regard to lumber is not much good? A.—It certainly is some good.

Q.—Do you mean to say that you have sufficient knowledge of lumber to be able to value it? A.—I have sufficient knowledge to know whether it is worth nearer \$8 than \$20 per M.

Q.—You have sufficient knowledge? A.—Yes.

Q.—Where did you say you acquired your knowledge of the value of lumber? A.—With the Port Huron Company. They handle four or five million feet a year.

Q.—How do their prices compare with prices in Ontario? A.—They use a different grade altogether, or rather I should not say grade, what I mean is a different kind.

Q.—So that your knowledge is confined to the kind of lumber at Port Huron? A.—They use basswood to some extent, but not to a large extent, and of course I have more knowledge of their class.

Q.—What knowledge of any other class? A.—I did not handle much of other kinds.

Q.—Then you have no knowledge of any other kinds than the lumber you came into contact with at Port Huron? A.—If you will let me explain I will try to make it clear. If one cannot tell a slab-side from a board, or a board that is full of knots from a good board or whether the slab is pine or bass wood he should not be in the employ of the Government to decide on those matters to say the least.

Q.—You do not profess to have a knowledge of any other kind than you dealt with? A.—Yes, I do. I claim to know enough about lumber to know whether culls are being bought or first grade lumber. As to the prices one can get the market reports every day in the week.

Q.—How about iron, are you an expert? A.—I am not an expert, but we used round iron very largely in Port Huron.

Q.—Do you know anything about iron? A.—Yes, one or two things.

Q.—Are you a practical mechanic? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Do you know anything about mechanics? A.—Not more than a general knowledge gained by being around a factory three or four years.

Q.—You could not learn that branch in the office? A.—I learned something about it.

Q.—You could not have been four years in the factory when you were doing accounting. You could not learn those things in the office? A.—I did not say that I did. I have no doubt there are many people in the business who know far more about it than I do.

Q.—And you would rely on the opinions of people in the business? A.—To the extent necessary.

Q.—Certainly, and not upon your own? A.—To the extent that my opinion might be backed up by them.

Q.—If your own opinion was different to those of people in the business you would not take theirs? A.—Not until I had argued the matter out and they had convinced me that I was wrong.

Q.—You would presume to doubt the opinion of an expert in a factory? A.—I would presume to make him show how I was wrong.

Q.—You would put your opinion against that of experts even though they had applied themselves to study in the factory? —A.—Certainly.

Q.—And I suppose that is what you are doing here? A.—Yes.

Q.—In other words, they would have to show you in Port Huron where you were ignorant and perhaps they are doing it here? A.—No, I don't think so.

Q.—No one here can show you anything? A.—Not at all. I am not holding that opinion.

Q.—You are trying to give the opinion that you know all?

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: In accounting work.

Mr. MacKAY: No. on all the other things too.

Mr. McDougal: According to your own evidence I think you are a wonderful man.

By Mr. McDougal: Hon. Mr. Hanna asked you a question from a type-written document. Did you have that prepared? A.—No.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: That was not a typewritten prepared document. It was from the evidence given by Mr. Rogers before the Committee, and from that evidence I asked him some questions. Mr. McDougal is giving a wrong impression when he asks if it was prepared by Mr. Thorne.

By Mr. McDUGAL: Q.—Did you know anything about the papers? A.—I saw that he had a paper in his hand.

Q.—And from that he was asking you questions? A.—I don't know, I am not sure.

Q.—Could any of the Canadian accountants have done the work you have been doing? A.—Not anyone, perhaps, but some of them.

By Mr. HANNA: The output that you made the cost prices on for the Port Huron Company, and its allied concerns; what was the total, about? A.—One million two hundred thousand dollars the last year I was there.

By Mr. SMITH (Sault Ste. Marie): Q.—Have you done any work in connection with this contract for Taylor, Scott & Company? A.—To this extent. When Taylor, Scott & Company took the contract at the Central Prison they pointed out the great difficulty of arriving at the cost of their output with Prison Labor.

Q.—Who pointed that out? A.—Mr. Taylor, of Taylor, Scott & Company. I had the experience in cost accounting and had done four or five months' work in connection with the Prison contract, and for that reason, perhaps, was as well prepared as anyone to show them what sort of system of accounting they should have in order to know the cost of their products. If they knew the cost of the different lines of their output they would not make the error of pushing a line on which they were not making money. If they had made that error which had been made by contractors before them they would perhaps have become bankrupt and stuck the Government—if I may be allowed to use that phrase—to the extent of \$12,000 or \$45,000 as other contractors did. By installing a proper system of accounting at their request, I assured the Government that in all probability the company would not become bankrupt. That is the extent of my action.

By Hon. Mr. HANNA: And you did not get a cent from them or remuneration in any way? A.—No, not one.

By Mr. SMITH: Q.—Have they followed your recommendations? A.—To the letter.

Q.—How much have they made on the contract? A.—The system which I installed was primarily and solely a cost accounting system; the work I did in no way had anything to do with the total or any profits. It would simply show profits on any one article of manufacture and I am not able to say anything about their profits.

Q.—And they manufacture articles most profitable to them on your recommendation? A.—Certainly.

Q.—You cannot say approximately what their profits have been during the past two years? A.—No.

Q.—Did you ever make the statement that the profits on the four years' contract would be at least \$200,000? A.—I never did, nor any other amount.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: That would be a dollar a day profit on every prisoner employed. You could not get any factory to show profits like that.

Mr. SMITH: You cannot. It costs factories \$1.50 a day and upwards for their hands.

By Mr. ROSS: Q.—Mr. Thorne, you went into the old contracts? A.—Yes, for a number of years back.

Q.—Do you remember the figures for 1891 and 1892? A.—No, I would have to refresh my memory. That was the Brandon Contract.

Q.—Yes, and the Nelson Contract also? A.—As I said the other day in dealing with the Brandon Contract it was a case of being always in default of payments and in the end there was \$12,000 loss which is still owing, and it is impossible, therefore, to put any one year on a distinct footing.

Q.—Well, take two years together, 1891 and 1892, prior to the abandonment of the old system. In 1891 according to the Inspector's Report, the Government received from the broom department \$9,510.79 for 18,839 days' work, an average of 50.05 cents, say 50½ cents, a day *per* prisoner. From the woodenware department the receipts were \$12,802.50 for 20,802 days, an average of 61.5 cents a day. Can you say that that report is incorrect? A.—I don't know.

Q.—No. Why? A.—The Government paid considerable amounts that are not shown in that. Those are gross amounts.

Q.—No, they are the amounts received according to the official reports for the work of the prisoners? A.—They are gross and not net amounts.

Q.—It does not matter whether they are net or gross. They received so much for so many days' work and the report says so. You are not in a position to contradict that report? A.—No.

Q.—Then in 1892, the report shows that from the broom department there was received \$9,939.34 for 19,326 days' work, and the woodenware department \$10,156.85 for 15,914 days' work. That is 51.4 cents and 63.8 cents *per* day respectively. You cannot say those figures are wrong? A.—Not at all.

By Hon. Mr. HANNA: Have you got the figures for this year? A.—No.

Q.—Do you admit the figures he quotes? A.—Not at all. I simply say that I cannot contradict him. I would have to look into the figures.

By Mr. MACKEY: Q.—In the report for 1890 I find, duly certified, that there were 19,674 days' work in the woodenware shop for which \$16,520 was paid, or 84 cents a day. You are not contending that that official statement is not right, I suppose. Now, on your statement the other day that six hours a day formed a fair average for the prisoners' work day— A.—I don't think I said that.

Q.—What do they work? A.—They work about 2,500 hours a year.

Q.—How much is that a day for 312 days? A.—For what?

Q.—How much a day for 312 days? A.—They probably do not work 312 days. They only work half a day on Saturdays.

Q.—Would it be fair to say that they work six hours a day? A.—No.

Q.—Take the report I have mentioned and figure it out. It is a certified report audited in 1890. The prisoners worked 19,674 days and the Province received \$16,520, which I make out to be 84 cents and a fraction *per* day. If they work 10 hours a day that would be a fraction over 8 cents an hour. If they work 6 hours a day it would work out at about 14 cents? A.—I have not looked into those figures lately.

Q.—You would not pretend to say that if they worked only 6 hours a day that it would not figure out at 14 cents? A.—I have not looked into those figures for sometime.

By the Hon. Mr. MATHESON: Q.—Your special training was in cost accounting, and to do that you first get at the cost of the material and the amount of labor? A.—In a general way that is the way.

Q.—You do not pretend to be an expert in the making of an engine. You simply have knowledge as to getting at its cost? A.—Yes.

Q.—And your training in the examination of any one article would apply in the study of any other? A.—Yes.

Q.—So that suppose 135 articles were made in the prison you would apply the same principle in getting the cost of any of them? A.—Yes.

Q.—You do not claim to be an expert in the making of any? A.—No.

By Mr. SMITH (Sault Ste. Marie): Q.—Did the company you were with at Port Huron manufacture sleighs or sleigh runners? A.—No.

Q.—You have no knowledge of what it costs to build a sleigh or runners for sleighs? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Could you give us an idea of what sleigh runner iron would be worth a pound or a ton bent and drilled ready for use? A.—No, sir, I could not, but I could go to the shop and figure it out.

Q.—Then your knowledge is simply based on figures from the shop given by someone else? A.—I could go into a shop, watch a man work the iron and drill it, then go to the office, get the invoice and tell you within 5 *per cent.* of what it cost.

Q.—Any person could do that? A.—Not without experience, Mr. Smith.

Q.—If an offer was made for five or ten tons of sleigh runners already bent and drilled, would you be able to tell your people what they should pay for them? A.—I think I could.

Q.—How much a ton? A.—I could not do it in the office; I would have to work it out.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: With Mr. MacKay's permission I will ask Mr. Thorne to look into the figures given by Mr. Ross and Mr. MacKay and compare them with the present figures.

Mr. MACKAY: I do not see how they can begin to compare. The figures I have given cannot be disputed. They are the amounts paid to the Province.

Hon. Mr. HANNA: They are gross receipts, not net.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—When you went to the Central Prison there was a lot of lumber; on hand, did you value it? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you value anything that was on hand? A.—The stuff I valued was valued from the price list, a copy of which I can furnish you, and the raw material from the cost price, at which it was purchased.

Q.—But you did not value anything on your own knowledge; anyone could have valued them as you did? A.—Yes.

Q.—You made up an estimate of the value of all the goods that were there? A.—Not an estimate; I valued those items.

Q.—And you wrote a whole lot off them? A.—No, sir.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—It is due to ask you, is it true that you keep an American flag floating over your desk in the office? A.—No, I did once, for pretty nearly a week—a little flag about that long.

Q.—Did you have any one make any objection to it? A.—No, I never did.

By Mr. HANNA:

Q.—How high was it? A.—About an inch or an inch and a half. Some of the other clerks put it on my desk because I was an American.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—That is not the point. Is it not a fact that you and some other officials had a clash over the flag? A.—No one said a word to me about it.

Q.—Did they say anything about it? A.—They did not say anything to me about it.

Q.—Perhaps, Mr. Thorne, you will tell us whether you object to becoming a British subject? A.—I have already told Mr. Hanna, that if he

desired it I would become a British subject. If I stay any length of time, I will become a British subject.

Q.—What would you call a considerable length of time? How long would you draw the people's money before becoming a British subject? A.—I may be leaving at any time. I cannot tell how long I am going to stay.

WALTER SCOTT called:—

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—What is your full name? A.—Walter Scott.

Q.—What position did you hold at the Central Prison? A.—Manager of the north shop—the woodenware department.

Q.—When did you enter the Government employ? A.—By appointment in July, 1889.

Q.—Are you a bookkeeper or practical man? A.—I did the practical work of the shop.

Q.—How many years as a practical man in woodenware did you have before? A.—Since I was a boy; twenty-five or thirty years.

Q.—What position did you hold in the north shop? A.—Manager from July 1, 1899.

Q.—And you continued in that position until when? A.—Until July 13, 1905.

Q.—Were you there when Taylor, Scott & Co. came into possession of the shop? A.—Yes.

Q.—You were; did you have anything to do with the transfer of the lumber and material to them? A.—Nothing.

Q.—What do you mean? A.—I was never consulted.

Q.—Who did the practical valuing of everything? A.—I do not know.

Q.—You were not asked? A.—No.

Q.—The statement has been made by Mr. Thorne, that there were a great many culls in the lumber, turned over to Taylor, Scott & Co.? A.—That is not true.

Q.—Give me your practice with regard to the lumber? A.—The contract for the lumber calls for "mill run" and "mill culls out?"

Q.—That is the contract? A.—That is the contract.

Q.—Advertising for lumber in that way, what kind did you get? A.—We got firsts and seconds down to culls—what is known as "mill culls."

Q.—Who inspected the lumber—I mean the lumber which was on hand when Taylor, Scott came into possession? A.—Mr. George Ross.

Q.—Was he a competent man? A.—Well, he was if he did not take a spite.

Q.—That is? A.—If they found fault with his measurements.

Q.—As a fact what kind of lumber was on hand at the Central Prison when the transfer was made to Taylor, Scott & Co.? A.—The lumber on hand was as near as possible what was called for by the contract.

Q.—Would it be true to say that culls had accumulated? A.—No. My practice has been that it did not pay to handle culls. It did not pay to pile them, and repile them. The space was too valuable. Take them in with the other lumber, and then get rid of them.

Q.—I am asking you how you handled it? A.—Take it into the shop; use it up for what it will make; if there are pieces in it that are no good, burn them.

Q.—In other words you never repiled your lumber piles? A.—No.

Q.—If there was anything of no use, you burned it? A.—Yes.

Q.—Consequently there were no culls? A.—No, sir.

Q.—How much lumber would you have on hand in July, 1905, when Taylor, Scott, took it over—about how much? A.—I should judge about a half million might be there.

Q.—Mostly what? A.—Mostly basswood and hard maple.

Q.—And you are speaking now from the practical knowledge of your whole life? A.—Yes, sir, of that lumber. I don't know so much about pine, and we did not have much pine in the Central Prison. But basswood and maple I knew.

Q.—Speaking of the lumber Taylor, Scott & Co., took over, was that good lumber? A.—Just what I expected; what you would expect to get from the saw mill under the contract. Some cars I found fault with, just as anyone would.

Q.—It was a fair average under the contract? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is it at all true that there was an accumulation of culls there?

A.—There was no accumulation of culls. It is absolutely untrue.

By Mr. SMITH, (Sault Ste. Marie):

Q.—Do you know Mr. Sam. McBride? A.—I never knew him, but he was pointed out to me at the Central Prison.

Q.—When was that? A.—A short time before I left.

Q.—Was that before the contract was taken over? A.—I do not know that the contract had been taken over.

Q.—Was Mr. McBride alone? A.—Mr. Taylor was with him.

Q.—Did you know what they were doing? A.—I saw what they were doing.

Q.—What were they doing? A.—They were looking over some lumber in a car.

Q.—And Mr. McBride and Mr. Taylor were there together? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you did not know what they were doing? A.—They were looking over the lumber. Mr. McBride had jumped into the car.

Q.—That was a car which was just coming in? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You did not hear that Mr. McBride had anything to do with the contract? A.—No, sir. I did hear from outside parties that he was going to be with Taylor, Scott & Co.

Br. Mr. HANNA:

Q.—From whom? A.—From outside parties. I don't know from whom.

By Mr. SMITH:

Q.—Did you know he was going to value the lumber? A.—No, sir.

Q.—If you were told that he valued the lumber, and that his value was about fifty *per cent.* of what you paid? A.—I would say he was wanting a very good bargain for the man he was selling it to, or did not know anything about lumber.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—You have had a long experience? A.—My whole life.

Q.—In London? A.—In London.

Q.—Do you think that a man who has had experience of four years as an accountant, such as Mr. Thorne, can have a technical knowledge as to lumber? A.—I do not think I would like to employ him.

Q.—Have you met Mr. Thorne? A.—Yes, I have seen him several times up there. He came into my office, and spoke to me about winding up the shop, and wanted to take an inventory of the stock.

By Mr. SMITH:

Q.—Did he display any knowledge of the matter in hand? A.—I did not think so.

Q.—Did he act as if he knew? A.—He acted very gruff and bluff, and seemed to want to make me think he was a great man, but he did not do that. The man who goes into another's office and swears is not a great man.

Q.—Did Mr. Thorne do that? A.—He did in my office, and I told him that if he did not talk like a gentleman he would have to go out.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Mr. Scott, What is Mr. McBride's position in the city? A.—I do not know.

Q.—Is he an alderman? A.—I telephoned him last night, and I found out that he is.

Q.—Is he a lumberman? A.—I saw in the telephone book that he was.

Q.—If Mr. McBride was a wholesale lumberman, he would be a judge of qualities? A.—I do not know, but I would think so.

Q.—If Mr. McBride said there was a larger amount of culls in this lumber than you said, would you put your opinion against his? A.—I would, because know what I am talking about. There were no piles of culls.

Q.—When did you come to the prison? A.—In 1889.

Q.—Who was managing the woodenware shop? Was it managed by the Government or a contractor? A.—The Brandon Company had it before—

Q.—But when you were there? A.—At what time?

Q.—In 1895? A.—When I was there it was run by the Government.

Q.—Did you make estimates of cost? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you sell according to those estimates? A.—Yes.

Q.—You made inventories? A.—I tried to.

Q.—I am taking this—your inventory? A.—Yes.

Q.—Taking the 6-foot step ladder, is that the average size? A.—Yes. that is the average size.

Q.—Would you go into the details of the ladder in making the cost? A.—I figured the quantity of lumber in each ladder, according to the length.

Q.—The steps you valued at 3 cents apiece? A.—Well that would be the idea in taking stock. Is that the stock-taking?

Q.—No, this in the inventory of goods. How many steps would be required? A.—Six.

Q.—Six at three cents would be 18 cents? A.—Yes.

Q.—One top at 4 cents? A.—Yes.

Q.—Back legs at 4 cents? A.—Yes.

Q.—There would be two of these? A.—Yes; I don't know.

Q.—Sides at 12 cents; it would require two of these; that would be 24 cents? A.—No, that would be for the pair.

Mr. MACKEY: They would come in pairs.

Mr. MATHESON: In your inventory you said 12 cents? A.—I won't say how I arrived at that. Does it say *per* pair, or single?

Q.—Hinges, 2 cents, that would be 4 cents? A.—Two cents each; well that would be 4 cents.

Mr. MACKEY: It does not say 4 cents.

Mr. MATHESON: Yes, that is what it says.

Mr. MACKAY: How does it read?

Mr. MATHESON: Hinges, 2 at 2 cents. I have not his original entry. Then the pail rest? Would 3 cents be a fair amount? A.—I went into it there.

Q.—But it does not give the estimate? A.—You know the pail rest goes in with the ladder.

Q.—Yes, but there is a cost for it? A.—I did not take that in. I included it in the cost of other parts.

Q.—The back pieces?

Mr. MACKAY: Col. you ought to produce that inventory, if you want to examine this man. It seems hardly fair.

Mr. MATHESON: And you would not include the cost of bolts and screws and nails? A.—The bolts might be included, but I never took an inventory of those in the rough inventory in taking stock.

Q.—I am talking of your estimate of cost of this ladder? A.—Well, I always included nails, etc., in other articles.

Q.—So that is the way you made estimates? You lumped things together? A.—Well, that is in taking stock; but when I was making costs I went into it minutely.

By Mr. HANNA:

Q.—You have been in the employ of the Government since 1889? And you went out of that employ somewhere about 1895? A.—About 1892.

Q.—You were out for how many months? A.—I was out for three years.

Q.—And you were out on the grounds of incompetency? A.—Excuse me, it was on the score of economy.

Q.—Yes, but I am speaking from your evidence here? You were examined in 1895, and you were asked if it was on the ground of incompetency, and your answer was you had heard so, but you could not say? A.—That is my answer now.

Q.—You have had considerable experience with prison labour? A.—Yes, during the time I was at the Central Prison.

Q.—You recall, perhaps, that in 1895, you were questioned as to how prison labour compared with free labour outside? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember being questioned by Mr. Marter and by Mr. Harcourt? A.—Yes.

Q.—Mr. Scott, now I want to read from your evidence then, and ask if you recall it? Question by Mr. Harcourt. You recalled being questioned by him? A.—Well, I don't remember the statement.

Q.—Giving us your opinion now, how does it compare? A.—It would not compare at all.

Q.—Any one man, free labour, is worth how many prisoners? A.—That is a hard question. Some prisoners are as good as free men.

Q.—In 1895, you thought one free man was as good as 6 prisoners? A.—Well, that depends on the prisoners. You get good men sometimes.

Q.—Now, then, speaking of the prisoners that you had under you then—I suppose this would be the class you had in mind? A.—Yes, I usually had the poorest in the place.

Q.—And you thought that one free man was worth 6 prisoners? A.—It is pretty hard to say it, but that would be near it. The others were contract shops and called for the best men.

Q.—Have you any record prior to February, 1905, of the inspections of lumber coming into the yard? A.—Let me understand.

Q.—Did you have any record of inspection? A.—The yard man always measured the lumber. I signed the invoice, and took it into the inside office, and then my work was done.

Q.—Was there any record kept at the prison? A.—It was always kept. It should have been.

Q.—Take the lumber shipped in 1904, what percentage of that would be culls? A.—If the contract called for mill run, mill culls'out, it would be as the contract called for. All the lumber that came in was according to contract as nearly as a man could get it.

Q.—Does that mean that all the lumber landed in the yard in 1904 was according to contract? A.—Well, it might not all be; there might be some squabble.

Q.—From the first shipment after the change of Government you remember 3 cars of basswood? A.—Yes.

Q.—Is it not fair to say that on being culled 16,000 feet were culls? A.—I was sick at the time those three cars came in, and I was not there when they were handled. I ordered them to re-fill them because one side said they would not stand by the measurement. I ordered them to be re-measured, and 16,000 was what he culled.

Q.—Yes, he culled 16,000, and in 1904, there was practically nothing culled out from shipments by the same man? That culling was, of course, objected to by the shipper, and a third man was agreed upon, named by themselves? A.—He asked me to get them a man, and I got a man.

Q.—You got a man on whose honesty you could depend? A.—I never knew him.

Q.—Yes, but you could depend on him, and he culled 22,000 feet? A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that not a striking difference between the first shipment, for the first car in 1905, and the different shipments which came before that in regard to culls?

Mr. MACKEY: He has not answered that.

Mr. HANNA: No, he has not answered it. Now, then, Mr. Scott, we come down to July 1, 1905. On July 1st, your work with the Department ceased? A.—Yes.

Q.—Your pay went on until August 1st, but your employment ceased? A.—Yes.

Q.—I am not going into the reasons for that.

Mr. MACKEY: You are not insinuating.

Mr. HANNA: Oh, no.

By Mr. MACKEY:

Q.—Speaking of that 3 cars was there anything exceptional about it? A.—Yes.

Q.—It was a bad lot? A.—It was the poorest lot I ever saw.

Q.—Mr. Hanna suggests that the change of Government had something to do with the difference? A.—I don't know.

Q.—But it was a poor lot? A.—It was a poor lot.

The Committee adjourned.

Toronto, March 22, 1907.

The Public Accounts Committee met. Mr. Thompson, (Simcoe), in the Chair.

WALTER SCOTT, recalled :

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—Mr. Scott, you said you were in charge of the north shop, at present used by Taylor, Scott & Co.? A.—Yes, that is two years ago.

Q.—Were you in charge in 1903-04? A.—Yes.

Q.—What had you charge of? A.—I had charge of the woodworking department.

Q.—Would you be responsible for making the cost? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you sell articles? A.—Yes.

Q.—And fix prices? A.—Yes.

Q.—You are expert in fixing prices? A.—I was practical man in the shop, and made cost for sixteen or seventeen years, and before that.

Q.—How did you fix the sales prices, A.—By figuring the amount of material that went into the goods, and then allowing so much for labour, I used my own judgment as to what it could be made for.

Q.—We took the other day, as a sample, step ladders six feet long? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you make up this inventory—here it is? A.—No, I did not.

Q.—I understand this is a copy of the original? A.—I could not say.

Q.—I understand this is a copy of the original? A.—I could not say.

Q.—I want you to take the prices here. This purports to be an inventory of stock in the north shop? A.—That is the stock book.

Q.—You have ladder steps here at 3 cents? A.—If that is a copy of the stock book. In taking stock we occupied just two days. I did not close up for more. I took one day for the shop, and one for the yard. The foreman arranged the different stuff, piled it up where it was kept. They counted it and gave me the particulars. Then I went round and put them down in a book. Then I put the price on them.

Q.—You put the price on them? A.—Yes.

Q.—Then these are your prices in this book? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—Then these are your prices in this book? A.—I suppose so. These are parts stowed away. Approximately when the article was finished the prices of the separate pieces would not be any more than the finished article.

Q.—They would not be any more? A.—The steps, two back legs and whatever else went in them, would not aggregate any more than the finished article. I did not go into it very much. It might vary a cent or two.

Q.—That is what I was trying to get at? A.—The parts put together would not be any more than the parts, minus the labour.

Q.—In making up the finished articles, you took the prices you have inventories here? A.—No, I would take the parts all added together so that all put together would not amount to more than the step ladder completed.

Q.—Well, if you were told to get an exact price? I would take the lumber, cost of nails, etc.

Q.—How would that tally with this,? A.—Well, I never—

Q.—You just did it in a loose way? A.—No.

Q.—Either your inventory must tally with the prices in your price list, or you made it in a loose manner? A.—They do, I think.

Q.—And your inventory would then be untrue? A.—No, it is not.

Q.—Will it include the cost of labour put into the ladder? A.—No.

Q.—You took all the articles in a ladder and on top of that you added the cost of labour? A.—There is a certain amount of labour put on them in running them through the machine, and then there is only the labour of two men to put them together.

Q.—The cost of the material was the price at which you inventoried them? A.—Well, I did not go into the cost of a single step or side, but put them together. It would not amount to more than the cost of the whole.

Q.—Yes, but you had to use the cost in making up the price? A.—I had no particular inventory of the cost. They were changing all the time.

Q.—Was it on the ground that you did the work in this loose way that you were dismissed for being incompetent? A.—The man who says I was not competent does not know.

Q.—Well, now we'll see from this list. Just read this? A.—2,618 ladder steps at 3 cents. But I don't want this to go in—

Witness was instructed to stand aside.

J. O. ANDERSON, called :

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—What is your name? A.—John O. Anderson.

Q.—What is your position? A.—Accountant at the Central Prison.

Q.—What is this? A.—The stock book of the Central Prison.

Q.—Of the north shop? A.—Of the whole prison.

Q.—This particular page is of the north shop? A.—It is, evidently.

By Mr. McDUGAL: You say, evidently, can you swear to it? A.—I did not take it.

Q.—Can you swear to it? A.—It was given to me as the stock sheet.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—This return was sent to you from the shop? A.—It is the book which was given to me as the stock taken on the dates.

Q.—It came from the Central Prison? A.—It came from the shops.

Q.—Would this one come from the north shop? A.—From the north shop.

Q.—You were not down at the shops? A.—I was not in the shops but in my own office.

Q.—At the prison? A.—Yes.

Q.—And your position was accountant? A.—Yes.

Q.—What is this entry, "2,618 ladder steps at 3 cents?"—

Mr. McDUGAL: He is here to give evidence of authenticity. I don't want to make objections.

Mr. MATHESON: This is a book made regularly in the course of business in the department? A.—This is the stock book of the Central Prison—of those industries.

Q.—Does it agree with the figures given by Mr. Scott? A.—Yes.

By Mr. McDUGAL :

Q.—Is there an original inventory? A.—This is the original taken from memoranda given by Mr. Scott.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—Is this the regular book? A.—Certainly.

Q.—What are steps? A.—They are put down at 3 cents apiece.

Q.—Tops? A.—At 3 cents.

Q.—Sides at 12 cents and hinges at 2 cents? A.—Yes.

WALTER SCOTT, recalled :

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—From your knowledge of your business was 3 cents a proper price for steps? A.—I will not swear to that.

Q.—Will you swear that this inventory is not correct? A.—I took it from a pass book. If I am shown that I will swear to it.

Q.—You made these prices? A.—I handed my pass book into the Warden's office.

Q.—I am not asking about the pass book, but present information. You told me that the workmen would count the number of pieces, and you would put down the prices? A.—Yes.

Q.—How would you know the prices? A.—I have already told you I divided the step ladder into pieces—

Q.—Well, but the parts of them. How do you get at the cost of the steps? A.—By taking the amount of lumber, and the work on them.

Q.—Was 3 cents a proper price? A.—I cannot say.

Q.—There were 6 steps at 3 cents, one top at 4 cents, back legs at 4 cents? A.—I am not sure whether the back legs came in pairs or not.

Q.—In this inventory it does not say? A.—Well, I don't know whether I took them in pairs.

Q.—You don't know whether you took 2,144 back legs as single or in pairs? A.—I could not say.

By Mr. McDUGAL :

Q.—Could you say if you had your own inventory? A.—I could.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—Taking it to be single it would be 8 cents *per* ladder? A.—It would.

Q.—If a single step is worth 3 cents would not a back leg be worth more? A.—It would not be worth more.

Q.—Is there any more lumber in a back leg? A.—I don't think so.

Q.—Then the sides—2 at 12 cents? A.—I think that is a pair.

Q.—You think that is a pair? A.—I do. I won't swear to that.

Q.—Hinges you put down at 2 cents? Would that be for the pair? A.—There were two hinges.

Q.—At 2 cents what would it be? A.—I expect it would be—No I don't remember the prices. The machine shop made the hinges and sent them over. I took them as stock, just what I was charged with them.

Q.—How much would a pail rest be worth? A.—Less than 5 cents.

Q.—How much would three back pieces be worth? A.—Well, there are only two. There is a short piece.

Q.—What would the material in the three be worth? A.—Oh—

Mr. McDUGAL: Can't the original inventory be produced?

Mr. MATHESON: Let Mr. Scott answer; We'll get it afterwards. Mr. Scott poses as an expert on cost. What are the three back pieces worth? A.—An expert does not give an opinion off hand.

Q.—You must have an idea? A.—Certainly I have an idea.

Q.—Well, what is your idea? A.—I don't know the length of them.

Q.—On a six foot ladder? A.—I should say the three pieces would be worth 3 or 4 cents.

Q.—Top pieces? A.—Top pieces; they are worth a little over a half cent.

Q.—That would be a cent for two? A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, the bolts, and screws, and nails, what would they be worth? A.—I should say perhaps 4 cents.

Q.—Now the cost of material in that 6 foot ladder would be: 6 steps at 3 cents, 18 cents; 1 top at 4 cents, a pair of back legs at 4 cents; 2 sides at 12 cents, 24 cents? A.—No, I did not say that.

Q.—What did you say? A.—I said 12 cents a pair.

Q.—You put down a pair of hinges at 2 cents? A.—It may be a pair or single.

Q.—They are down here at 2 cents; we'll make it a pair. Pail rest 4 cents; 2 top pieces, 1 cent; back braces, 4 cents; bolts, screws and nails, 4 cents. That makes 53 cents for material. That is an average of about 9 cents a foot for material? A.—Which figures are you going by.

Q.—I am giving the figures you gave, allowing the sides to be 12 cents a pair. That makes 9 cents a foot? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—How much would you allow for labour? A.—Well I told you before that two prisoners put together 24 a day.

Q.—That would be twelve a man? A.—Twelve a man.

Q.—What would you put labour at *per* day in figuring your cost price? A.—I told you before that in order to be fair to outside labour I always based my figures on what they could make outside.

Q.—Well, what would you make that? A.—I cannot remember that.

Q.—About how much? A.—It is about five cents a ladder.

Q.—Five cents a ladder for putting them together—that is you are allowing 60 cents a day for the prisoners' labour? A.—No, outside men could do it at five cents. I never based my figures on prison labour, but on what could be done outside.

Q.—Did you allow anything for your own salary? A.—Well, no, not in that particular item. In stock taking it was not as if I was making a sale. It was simply approximate. You must understand that all through.

Q.—So that makes 58 cents. On this basis you would figure the cost of step ladders at $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents a foot? A.— $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents a foot.

Mr. McDUGAL: There is nothing to show that that refers to any length.

Mr. MATHESON: You told me they were six feet? A.—When they get longer they are more expensive. When you get beyond 6 feet I always figure a larger rate on sides. They are sold for the same price *per* foot, but the longer sides were dearer.

Mr. McDUGAL: If you had your own book? A.—My own book would show for itself.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—What would you sell this ladder for? A.—At 10 cents a foot. I want it understood that these are not expert figures. These are stocktaking figures, and therefore, it did not matter if it was a cent over; or a cent under, because there was no one to lose. I simply wanted to know what was on hand.

Q.—How would you get at the price? A.—Sit down and figure it out closely.

Q.—You do not pretend then, that your inventories were correct? A.—Oh, no.

Q.—They might be inflated? A.—They might be inflated in some parts, and not in others. I had no object in making a false entry.

Q.—Was this made up in your office? What is this book? A.—That is a day book.

Q.—Of the north shop? Is it a sales book? A.—I cannot say. I did not make it up. This is what it says—"The north shop", but it is not my writing.

Q.—You have seen that book before? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—It is a sales book? A.—Well, I don't know.

Mr. McDUGAL: This is a very improper way—

Mr. MATHESON: We are not trying a case in court; we are testing this man's methods. The original entries were made by clerks? A.—I had prisoners.

Q.—You told them what to put in? A.—I don't know whether that is our book.

Q.—There is a sale to Austin & Lavery, 254 feet, for \$22.86. Will you swear that is not correct? A.—I will not swear.

Q.—Is it made in the regular course of entry? A.—I don't know the prisoners that made it.

Q.—Is it made in the regular course of entry in that book? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Well, look into the book? A.—Those are our customers, and it looks like our book.

Q.—As a matter of fact, it is your book? There is no use in quibbling about it. There are 254 feet for \$22.86. Figure out how much a foot that is. That is 9 cents? A.—I have sold ladders at 9 cents. I don't know if those were sold. But I raised them to 10 cents, and I don't know the date when I raised them.

Q.—Take another entry? A.—I want it understood that these are not expert figures. They are simply stock-taking in a hurry.

Q.—If that inventory is correct, even allowing that these prices are for pairs of sides and hinges, then the ladders cost 9½ cents, and you sold them for 9 cents? A.—Those prices may be too high. In taking stock—

Q.—In this inventory? A.—Yes, I am trying to say that they are not correct in every particular.

Q.—And yet you say you are an expert? A.—Well, I did not figure them out. I said some things are worth so much. I did not attempt to figure them out.

Q.—Look at page 294 of the inventory. In this inventory, what are No. 1 Boys' sleds put down at *per* dozen? A.—\$1.70.

Q.—Are those finished sleighs? A.—I could not say.

Q.—No. 2? A.—If I had my price list it would be more satisfactory.

Q.—Well, take your inventory. No. 1 is \$1.70; No. 2 is——? A.—\$1.98.

Q.—No 3? A.—\$2.25.

Q.—Victor sleigh? A.—\$4.

Q.—Sport sleigh? A.—\$5.50.

Q.—Racer? A.—\$6.50.

Q.—Canada? A.—\$5.00.

Q.—Comfort? A.—\$8.00.

Q.—At what discount off the list price did you sell sleighs? A.—Well, that varied.

Q.—Was it 40 *per cent.*? A.—No, it never was.

Q.—Will you swear it? A.—No.

Q.—In this book you have one sale to Gendron Brothers, 36 sleighs, No. 1 for \$4.86, at \$1.62 a dozen? A.—Yes.

Q.—And that No. 1 sleigh is \$1.70? A.—It is.

Q.—So that according to this stock-taking book, and this inventory you sold below cost. Now, No. 2 sleigh you sold for \$1.89 That was put in the inventory at \$1.98. No. 3, you sold at \$2.06 *per* dozen? A.—There might be another price list.

Mr. THORNE: I tell you what happened. This is '25 *per cent.* off, (the inventory) and that is 25 and 10 off. (Sales book.)

WITNESS: I gave 10 *per cent.*

Q.—You gave him an extra 10 *per cent.*? A.—I gave him an extra 10 *per cent.*

Q.—So you sold them at 10 *per cent.* off? A.—To Gendron Brothers only. I don't think you will find there are any others. Take some others, Take the Fancy Goods Company, Russells, or the T. Eaton Co., and you will find that the goods were sold at those prices.

Q.—Here is the Comfort? A.—Who was that to?

Q.—To Gendron Brothers? A.—That is Gendron; again subject to 25 and 10.

Q.—Here is one to Patills and McDougall, No. 3. That would be \$2.08 a dozen, and the price of that in the inventory is \$2.25? A.—The list was \$2.25.

Q.—And you sold that for \$2.08? A.—To whom?

Q.—To Pattills & McDougall? A.—They did not buy over \$50 worth a year.

Q.—Were Gendron Brothers large customers? A.—I had to give them an extra discount to get them to carry our goods.

Q.—So, generally, if we take this inventory as correct, and this sales book as correct, you sold these goods at the Central Prison below cost? A.—No, I never did.

Mr. McDougal: Is this supposed to be absolute cost or sale price?

Mr. MATHESON: It is the inventory of the value of the stuff which went into the goods.

Mr. McDougal: Do they take the inventory on what they sell it for.

Mr. MATHESON: No; on what it cost them.

Q.—On what basis would you take it? On what it cost you? A.—No, the selling price, less discount.

Q.—So if the prices went up—supposing lumber went up? A.—The price would show it.

Q.—In the new price you would raise it? A.—Why certainly.

SAMUEL McBRIDE called:

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Mr. McBride, you are an alderman? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—What is your occupation? A.—Wholesale lumberman.

Q.—Have you had much experience? A.—All my life, sir.

Q.—Have you known Mr. Scott? A.—I did not know him until this minute when his name was called.

Q.—Have you had any dealings with him? A.—None whatever. I may say that if this is the Mr. Scott, who telephoned me the other night, he asked me if I was McBride of McBride & Co. I told him there was no company in my firm. He asked me about an addition to his skating rink.

Q.—You had nothing to do with Taylor, Scott & Co.? No business connection with them? A.—In what way?

Q.—Are you interested in their contract? A.—No.

Q.—Have you ever been? A.—I sold him since he has been there three cars of lumber.

Q.—But you have nothing to do with them? You are aware that they have the contract at the prison? A.—I knew that they were manufacturing there.

Q.—Mr. Smith asked Mr. Scott, the other day, “You did not hear that Mr. McBride had anything to do with the contract?” and he answered, “No, sir. I did hear from outside parties that he was going to be with Taylor, Scott & Company.” Is that true? A.—No, if anyone made a statement like that he should be made to prove it.

Q.—As a matter of fact, it is not true? A.—No.

Q.—Did you value the lumber turned over to Taylor, Scott? A.—Yes. I met Mr. Thorne at the Central Prison. I found that the lumber was composed of remnants of several years. That is, it was the culls of several years’ lumber.

Q.—What was the class of lumber? A.—There were piles of rock and soft elm and hard maple, 2 and 2½ inches thick. The balance was inch and inch and a quarter hard maple, and inch basswood. They were practically remnants of piles. In the large piles of inch and inch and a quarter hard maple, I could find nothing but culls.

Q.—Was there a larger proportion of culls than there should be in lumber delivered in the ordinary way? A.—Well, the lumber was not shipped in the ordinary way. It would never have been shipped in that way if it had not been bought as culls.

Q.—What would it be worth? A.—Some as low as \$9; some as high as \$15. It would be a good sale at between \$11 and \$12. But being in the business, I would not like to give that much for it.

Q.—When you inspected this lumber, was Mr. Taylor of Taylor, Scott & Company with you? A.—Mr. Thorne was with me. Mr. Taylor was simply pointing out the piles.

Q.—The second time you were there? A.—I think just Mr. Thorne was with me.

Q.—Was Mr. Taylor with you when you were valuing the lumber? A.—I don’t think he was. I did not take Mr. Taylor into consideration. I was with Mr. Thorne.

Q.—And you gave your business opinion as to the value of that lumber? A.—Yes.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Do you know Messrs. Taylor, Scott & Company? A.—I know Mr. Taylor.

Q.—Do you know Mr. Scott? A.—There is no Mr. Scott.

Q.—Is there anyone else in the firm? A.—Not that I am aware of.

Q.—How long have you known Mr. Taylor? A.—About ten years.

Q.—Have you had any business with him? A.—When I was with Robert Thompson & Co. I used to go into his office when we had anything that would suit him. I used to go in there as a salesman. It was seldom that we had anything that would suit Mr. Taylor. We have since sold him 3 cars.

Q.—Have you any connection with his firm? A.—None whatever.

Q.—You are an expert lumberman? A.—I would not say I was expert. That is my business. I have followed it up all my life.

Q.—Did you examine all the lumber? A.—All the piles. I did not examine the new lumber. There were several cars of new lumber coming in.

G.—How much lumber would there be? A.—I could not say.

Q.—Roughly, was there half a million feet? A.—I could not say.

Q.—But roughly? A.—I am not in a position to say.

Q.—With the lumber in the cars would you say there was half a million feet; do you know how much was in the cars? A.—I don't know anything about it.

Q.—You don't know how much was turned over to Taylor, Scott & Company? A.—No.

Q.—You do not know which was turned over? A.—No.

Q.—Did you examine all the lumber in the yards? A.—All the old piles. It was in the spring of the year, and I did not examine what was coming in. But a man in the business can easily tell which is new lumber.

Q.—You examined all with the exception of what was shipped in that year? A.—Yes, up to that time; I think it was in March.

Q.—How many piles did you examine? A.—We had one or two of each opened up.

Q.—There were three different kinds of lumber? A.—Oh, yes, four or five kinds. The bulk was inch and inch and a quarter hard maple, and inch basswood.

Q.—How many piles of inch and a quarter hard maple were there? A.—I don't know.

Q.—How many did you examine? A.—I don't know. A practical man, if he stood behind them, should tell if there was any of it defective, or badly manufactured, which would throw it into the class of culls.

Q.—Did you make a memorandum? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you do with it? A.—After making my report I tore it up.

Q.—You made up your mind it was all culls? A.—No, I simply looked at it from the back and from the front. Now, when a man buys lumber, when we buy mill run maple or basswood, we can see the difference. There is a big difference because in some places logs are selected for thickness, while in others the lumber is cut from scrub logs. Any man who would go to the Central Prison would come away with the opinion I did.

Q.—So that the bulk of the lumber was culls? A.—Yes.

Q.—You saw the new lumber coming in? A.—Yes.

Q.—What kind was it? A.—That depends upon what it was bought for. If it was mill run, mill culls out, it was low grade.

Q.—You came to that conclusion after a very cursory examination? A.—It was being unloaded, and I stopped and watched for a moment.

Q.—Who was it being got from? A.—I don't know.

Q.—If this lumber were good lumber it would be worth from \$22 to \$28? A.—No, I would not go so high as \$28.

Q.—What would its value be if it were mill run, mill cut? A.—In mill run a man may choose the kind of log it is cut out of. Some mills sort the better class of logs for the better material, such as, say, that for the Massey-Harris Company. I have seen some mills where they cut inch and a quarter maple for the Central Prison, and they cut only the scrub logs. So in putting a price on lumber it gives a man a large scope.

Q.—Do I understand you to say that these were the culls of several years? A.—Yes.

Q.—The best part has been taken out? A.—I thought that the better part had been taken out, and the culls left there.

Q.—What are basswood culls worth? A.—I don't think that has anything to do with this matter.

Q.—What are basswood culls worth? A.—From \$15 to \$17.

Q.—You say from \$15 to \$17; this contract was taken over in July, 1905.

Mr. MATHESON: The lumber was sold in 1906.

Mr. McDUGAL: What were basswood culls worth last year? A.—About \$13.

Q.—About \$13? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—So that even if all the lumber were culls, and if sold for from \$11 to \$12 a thousand, it was sold below its value? A.—No, sir. You asked me the cost of basswood. You forgot to ask me about maple culls. I bought them last year at \$8 a thousand. Inch and inch and a quarter maple mill culls, it is impossible to sell in Toronto, because there is no use for them. Therefore they have got no practical value in Toronto. The basswood was the better end. That is, it was worth more money.

Q.—You say Mr. Taylor was with you when you made up this inventory? A.—No, when I made my examination, Mr. Taylor was showing me the piles. I saw everything. I may say I was not there as Mr. Taylor's representative. I went there at the request of Mr. Thorne.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—When you went to see Mr. Taylor, was it for yourself or for the firm you were employed by? A.—For the firm I was employed by. I have been in business for seven years. I have sold him three cars. I may say I would not mind selling him every day; but I could not get material or prices to suit him.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—You suited him this time? A.—I was not putting the price on for him.

Q.—Mr. Taylor was with you, and you knew he was taking over the contract? A.—I did not know he had anything to do with the lumber.

Q.—Were you not surprised to see him? A.—No, I knew he was going there; but I did not know he was taking over the lumber.

Q.—How did you happen to meet him there? A.—Mr. Taylor was in the office when I went through. Now, I did not know the Central Prison yard. Somebody had to show me the yard. I did not think Mr. Thorne was very conversant with it.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Did you write this letter? A.—Yes.

Q.—Read it? A.—

SAMUEL McBRIDE,

249 Bathurst Street,

TORONTO, CANADA, March 20, 1906.

HON. W. J. HANNA,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Acting under your instructions from your Mr. Thorne, I have on two different occasions examined the different kinds of lumber that was piled in the Central Prison yards.

And, as explained to Mr. Thorne, I consider that if he could dispose of the entire lot to any party at a price that would net between \$11 and \$12 a thousand, he would be making a good sale, as there is considerable of the lumber that is remnants, and the poor ends of several years, standing.

Hoping this is satisfactory,

I remain, yours truly,

SAM. McBRIDE.

Q.—You did not contemplate a sale to Mr. Taylor? A.—No.

Q.—You knew he was going to get the contract? A.—No, I did not.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Why did not you go to Mr. Scott? A.—I did not know Mr. Scott at all. I was working under instructions from Mr. Thorne.

Q.—Did Mr. Thorne instruct you to get Mr. Taylor? A.—No.

Q.—Now, he was the man who was getting the contract. He was moving up to the Central Prison, and do you mean to say you were so guileless that you did not know he was going to purchase this lumber? A.—I was not in a position to know anything about his business.

Q.—You had sold him lumber? A.—Yes.

Q.—And this man goes around with you to value lumber? A.—No.

Q.—He was with you when you made your valuation? A.—No, sir, I have already told you he was not.

Q.—When you examined the lumber, he was with you? A.—When I was looking at the lumber.

Q.—Well, looking at the lumber. While you were looking at the lumber, Mr. Taylor was with you? A.—Part of the time—the first time.

Q.—Mr. Taylor was the man to whom you had sold cars of lumber before? A.—In years gone by.

Q.—You knew he bought lumber? A.—Yes.

Q.—You knew his business. Mr. Taylor was in the manufacturing of woodenware? A.—Oh, he was in several businesses. He made brooms, etc.

Q.—And you knew he was going to the Central Prison to take over the contract? A.—I did not know that.

Q.—What did you think? A.—I had no idea what he was doing there. I do not know he was going to take his business there.

Q.—In your examination in chief, you did not say he was not there the second day? A.—No, I don't think he was.

Mr. MATHESON: As a matter of fact, he was not.

Mr. McDUGAL: Then we'll presume you did not know why he was so anxious to go round? A.—Mr. Taylor was showing me the lumber which I went to examine.

Q.—But Mr. Thorne was there? A.—Yes.

Q.—Was he there the second time? A.—I made an appointment with him to go there.

Q.—And he showed you the lumber? A.—No.

Q.—He went round with you when you looked at the lumber? A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the necessity for Mr. Taylor's going round? A.—I don't know.

Q.—You were going out to value lumber with Mr. Thorne, did it not give you cause for wonder that Mr. Taylor should butt in? A.—No, I did not work for Mr. Taylor, or under instructions from him.

Q.—That's it; did not you wonder? A.—No, not a bit.

Q.—You were guileless? A.—No, I was there under instructions. It did not interest me at all.

Q.—It did not bother you? A.—It did not interest me.

Q.—And the fact that he went round with you and afterwards bought the lumber at the price you suggested—why was it your mind was not turned in that direction? A.—I was not interested in it.

Q.—Mr. Taylor showed you the lumber, and said “Here’s the lumber you’re to value?” A.—No, he did not say that. He did not tell me the lumber was to be sold or anything else.

Q.—What did he tell you? A.—He did not tell me anything.

Q.—He showed you the piles? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he say? A.—He just said here are the piles that you referred to.

Q.—Did you see any thick two and a half inch maple? A.—I cannot say how much.

Q.—How much was it worth at that time? A.—About \$18.

Q.—How much is it worth to-day? A.—About \$22.

Q.—And last year it was worth only \$18? A.—I could have bought it for that price.

Q.—Can you buy first and second hard maple for \$28? A.—The mill men are not selling it first and second.

Q.—But could you buy it at that rate to-day? A.—I could not say; I do not handle it.

Q.—You don’t think you could? A.—I think you could.

Q.—That was the kind that was there? A.—There was some of it.

Q.—Could you buy it for \$32? A.—I have said I could but it for \$28.

Q.—Will you swear there was not 50,000 feet of it there? A.—I will.

Q.—How did you calculate it? A.—There was only one pile, and two or three remnants.

Q.—Were there two piles side by side, of the same size? A.—I don’t think there were.

Q.—Would you contradict Mr. Scott, if he says there were? A.—I have already said one pile.

Q.—Would you contradict Mr. Scott, if he said there were more? A.—I think I would.

By Mr. Ross:

Q.—When did you destroy that memorandum? A.—After I reported to Mr. Hanna.

Q.—Was it in a book? A.—No.

Q.—How did you estimate—taking the cull maple and the cull bass-wood? A.—I took each pile by itself.

Q.—And got the average? A.—I took each pile by itself and then extended it.

Q.—Now, in that memorandum, how many piles were there? You must know. It was only a short time ago? A.—It did not interest me so much.

Q.—Do you mean to say that in an important thing like that for the Government? A.—I did not think it very important.

Q.—You were paid? A.—Yes.

Q.—What were you paid, cannot you think back? A.—I don’t like to think back; I like to think ahead.

Q.—The first day, how long were you at the prison? A.—A couple of hours.

Q.—More than a couple of hours? A.—I might be.

Q.—Do you remember the time of day? A.—No.

Q.—How long the second time? A.—A little longer.

Q.—Then, altogether, you were there four or five hours? A.—About that time.

Q.—And you examined all that lumber, and are competent to do so?
A.—Yes.

WALTER SCOTT, re-called:

By Mr. McDOUGAL:

Q.—What do these figures represent as to the value of step ladders and sleighs? A.—That shows the inventory of stock taken once a year.

Q.—What value did you put them down at—the price you were to sell at? A.—If they were finished goods. If they were simply parts I used my own judgment in putting them down.

Q.—Did you put the selling price down less the discount? A.—Less the discount.

Q.—Then these ladders at $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents a foot—that would be $9\frac{1}{2}$ selling price? A.—Selling price.

Q.—So that if you sold at 9, you would be getting a half cent less? A.—I don't know about these figures.

Q.—You could sell them at less than $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and still make a profit? A.—Yes.

Q.—And if you sold at 9 cents, does that mean you lost anything on them? A.—No.

Q.—How did you get at these prices? A.—I went along, and as near as possible came to the selling price of the article.

Q.—The selling price? A.—The selling price.

Q.—Not the cost price? A.—No.

Q.—So that if you sold at less than these, you would not be losing? A.—No.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—I would like you to explain this: Suppose these prices are for single back legs, instead of for pairs, it would make a difference of 4 cents in the price in the inventory. If they are single legs it would be 4 cents extra? A.—It would be double.

Q.—And for the sides, if single, you would have to add 12 cents? A.—Certainly.

Q.—And if it is 2 cents a single hinge, you would have to add 2 cents? A.—I charged what I was charged for them.

Q.—That would make a difference of 18 cents? A.—Yes.

Q.—That would mean a difference of 3 cents a foot? A.—Yes, on the 6 foot ladder.

By Mr. McDOUGAL:

Q.—Is that what you would get for it if you sold it? A.—I am referring to the cost to the purchaser.

Q.—So that you could sell at less than that price, and still make money? A.—I never sold below cost.

Q.—You never sold below cost? A.—Never.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Did the ladders cost the prison $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents a foot, or did they cost the public that? A.—The public.

Q.—So that all the prices you have given would be the prices to people who have bought from you? A.—Yes; they are selling prices, less the discount.

Q.—So that they have nothing to do with the cost to the prison, and do not show the profit or loss? A.—No.

Q.—You sold at 9 cents, and on the basis of these figures they cost you $12\frac{1}{2}$? A.—I am not saying that those figures are correct.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Mr. McBride said there were not two piles of maple there; were they there? A.—They were there side by side; two of the largest piles in the yard.

Q.—How much? A.—There would be 20,000 feet in each pile. There were two small piles besides that.

Q.—I understood you to say that if lumber went up, it increased the cost of these articles? A.—Certainly.

Q.—Suppose that any material went down, did your prices go down? A.—Not very often.

Q.—You showed profits; but you did not show losses? A.—I expect there were no losses.

The Committee adjourned.

March 27, 1907.

Mr. CARNEGIE, in the Chair.

Mr. J. L. ENGLEHART, called:

Examined by Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—You are Chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you prepare this report or statement showing expenditure on construction? A.—It was prepared by the officers of the Commission.

Q.—It is the report for 1906? A.—Yes.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: This is not the annual report of the Commission. It is a report of cash expenditures on construction, to the end of 1906? A.—Yes, the report is in the House.

Mr. McDUGAL: Presented to the House? A.—Yes, I understand so.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: It has gone to the King's Printers.

Mr. McDUGAL to Mr. ENGLEHART: When did it come to the House? A.—I cannot say exactly.

Q.—Why was it not down earlier? A.—It was impossible to prepare it earlier. We worked night and day at it from the 1st January, an extra clerical staff being engaged for that purpose.

Q.—And you have not been able to get it ready? A.—It was not possible to get it ready before.

Q.—I notice that this statement is entitled Return No. 60, and purports to be a statement showing cash expenditure on construction of the T. & N. O. Railway as to December 31st, 1906. Is it prepared by your Commission? A.—By the staff of the Commission.

Q.—And it is a statement of cash expenditure by the Commission? A. Yes, sir.

Q.—On the construction of the railway? A.—Yes, on the construction of the railway.

Q.—There are other amounts of cash disbursements which do not appear here? A.—Yes, sir. They appear in the Annual Report of the Commission.

Q.—I notice certain items in this statement such as the one numbered 2,910, T. & N. O. Ry. Sundry Accounts, \$8,341.00. Then there is an item No. 2,899, of 65 cents to the G. N. W. Telegraph Company for telegrams. January, 1906. There is an item No. 2,887, \$1.25. There is an item 2,872, \$1.25. Why do you give details of these small amounts and do not give any details in an item of \$8,341.67. A.—These items cover the amounts paid by the chief engineer of the construction staff. They include labour pay-

roll and a very large number of items. For instance, each section foreman sends in his list of men, and the amounts due to them, and these come on to the chief engineer who forwards this statement and a cheque is made out for the total. Of course, you can have all the items in detail for that aggregate amount under the voucher spoken of.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: That or any other voucher can be brought up if you want them.

Mr. McDUGAL: It seems rather strange to put in such small items in detail and not the larger ones. A.—Every item that you see is a voucher. And there is the number of each voucher and each item covers one cheque.

Q.—Oh, I see. A.—You can understand that a chief engineer will have a bill containing all the items in detail for work on the road. He puts it in, receives a cheque for the amount and disburses it. In other words, he gives to the paymasters what they are to distribute.

Q.—And that applies the whole way through? A.—Yes. Is that not it, Mr. McGEE? (Mr. Englehart's remark was addressed to the Secretary of the Commission.

Mr. MCGEE: Yes, the voucher may cover two or twenty or thirty different kinds of items.

Mr. McDUGAL to Mr. ENGLEHART: I notice a number of such items all the way through given as T. & N. O. Ry. Sundry Accounts; in February, \$17,653.38; in March, \$3,536.42; in April, \$4,059.76; in May, \$13,639.59; in June, \$6,451.55? A.—These sundry accounts, if you will pardon me for interrupting you, include all the construction work performed by the Temiskaming and Northern Railway. The construction and operating expenses of the railway are kept separate.

Q.—Then in the month of July there are two such accounts, \$2,488.89 and \$1,713.57, what are these accounts applied to? A.—The same thing.

Q.—Similar lines? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Then in August there is an amount of \$6,638.44. That is the same thing still? A.—Yes.

Q.—That is the item on page seventeen, numbered 3,749. You say it is along similar lines? A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Then in September item 3,800 for \$4,982.95? A.—That is along similar lines, general accounts.

Q.—General accounts? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Then in October there is an amount of \$11,295.39? A.—Yes. The same answer applies.

Q.—Then in November there are two of them, \$2,112.72 and \$3,391.70. Is that the same thing? A.—Yes.

Q.—All on the general lines you have described. A.—Yes.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: If you would like to get those vouchers you can have them brought up here or see them at the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway offices.

Mr. McDUGAL: Then in December there does not seem to be any such accounts. The total of the amounts I have specified runs up roughly to about \$75,000? A.—Yes.

Q.—In other words there are accounts in this statement amounting in round figures to \$75,000, for which there are no details given? A.—The details are all in the vouchers in the Commission's office, it would make a volume equal to double that in size or more if we were to publish them. We would be glad if you would accept the suggestion given by the Hon. the Treasurer to come to the office where we would place them in your hands.

Q.—Why did you not place them in your report? A.—I did not think it would be proper to do that.

Q.—There is nothing to show whether the amounts are proper or who received them, or anything else.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: It is not for individual amounts.

Mr. McDUGAL: Why do you not give all these details? A.—Simply for the reason I have stated, that I did not think the necessity existed for them.

Q.—You think there is a necessity for a report of twenty four pages and that if you gave all those details you might have doubled the size, or forty-eight pages? A.—It might be three or four times that.

Q.—Surely not. I see by the report that in December there were payments of \$208,770.58. Excluding that the report gives a total cash disbursements as of December 31st, 1906, \$2,067,802.52, and of this amount \$75,000 of which you do not give the details? A.—Let me answer that in another way. We have nothing to hide whatever. My purpose is to do as I would in my own business. I do not think there is any other better way.

Q.—In your own business you can tell exactly where you are at—the cost of everything and so on? A.—Not until I examine the vouchers.

Q.—What is your business? A.—I am in the oil business.

Q.—Of course, I am not asking this to be impertinent, just simply to find out how you would compare? A.—Quite so, I understand, and will be glad to answer any questions I can.

Q.—In your business, do you not give details of all accounts; is there anyone else interested in the business? A.—I am engaged in both the manufacture and production of oil. I have a business of my own, and one in which a company is interested.

Q.—Can anyone interested get the full details? A.—Certainly, by examining. They would have to go through the books and examine the vouchers.

Q.—And you think that is the correct way for keeping books for an oil company? A.—I do think so.

Q.—Don't you know that the public wants to find out to the last dollar where every cent of the public money goes? A.—So I understand.

Q.—How can private members of the Legislature give the time to go over your books? Why should you not bring before them a statement giving all the details of the Commission's disbursements?

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: That is what the Public Accounts Committee is for.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—I think you should give us fuller details than these? A.—It is my method of doing it and I think it is a proper method. I do not say that I am strictly right in adopting and pursuing that method, but it is one I have been following for several years.

Mr. McDUGAL to Hon. Mr. MATHESON: In the ordinary accounts of the Government you give fuller details don't you?

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: About ten times more fully than the former Government used to give.

Mr. McDUGAL: Fuller than this?

Hon. Mr. MATHESON: Yes.

Mr. McDUGAL to Mr. ENGLEHART: Why do you give details at all? A.—Because it is a check covering that item. If there are several distinct items under the one head and they are put in together it only shows as one, as I have explained. If there are several separate accounts they are paid

separately by check, each check is a voucher, the number being given as appears by the statement.

Q.—The statement is called a statement of expenditure to December, 1906. But as I understand it now all that it is, is a list of the checks paid out, that is all it is. A.—Yes.

Q.—So that it is not really a detailed statement of the expenditure? A.—It is in a sense, because it gives the details of everything spent or railway construction.

Q.—I suppose it is too late this year to get fuller returns? A.—I don't say that.

Q.—I mean it is too late to get them printed. A.—If you desire it, and call upon us to do so, we will furnish you with anything you want.

Q.—How much more space would it take, and how long would it take?

A.—In the first place to typewrite and put these accounts down in full even with extra clerical assistance and send them to the printer in proper shape would take two or three weeks. I think you would get a little idea of these accounts by that statement.

Q.—What size of a book would it make? A.—Well, I should think if you gave all those details we would have a volume almost as large as the Public Accounts.

Q.—And it would take a long time to look over them in the office. A.—No, it would not.

Q.—How long? A.—It would depend upon whether you wanted to look over each item. We become so habituated to looking over these things that it can be done somewhat quickly.

Q.—Well, how long do you think it would take a person to do it. A.—I think we could satisfy you in a week or two weeks.

Q.—So that in order to verify these accounts it would take one or two weeks. A.—Not to verify them. They are absolutely correct.

Q.—I have no doubt they are correct, but I mean, supposing that a member of the House decided to satisfy himself on that point as a matter of public interest, it would be somewhat difficult for him to give two weeks of his time to that work?

By Hon. Mr. HANNA: If the items are wanted you can have them.

Mr. McDUGAL: Just so. But it struck me that an aggregate of \$75,000 is rather a large amount and we have nothing to show what it was spent for. A.—Is it not a small proportion of \$2,000,000?

Q.—Yes, it is, but it is a large amount of money. A.—You will oblige me greatly by coming down to the offices of the Commission and examining the vouchers, or if you desire, I will send the vouchers to you.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON: You keep separate bank accounts for construction and operation? A.—Yes.

Q.—You are still doing a considerable amount of construction work, such as stations, sidings, etc., on the portions of the road taken over by the Commission? A.—Yes.

Q.—And when you build a siding it is charged to construction account? A.—Yes.

Q.—A great deal of work is also being done by the operating staff on account of construction such as drawing rails, etc. A.—Yes, the operating account has been put to great expense in connection with those items.

By Mr. McDUGAL: Is there anything in the Public Accounts showing those items. A.—Not that I know of.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON: There never was, even under the former Government.

Mr. McDUGAL: That does not make the plan any better now.

By Mr. Ross: I notice there are items to A. R. Macdonnell named as sundry accounts? A.—Yes, A. R. Macdonnell is the contractor.

Q.—It says sundry accounts. A.—That would be a number of items on construction.

By Mr. McDUGAL: We will not have time now to go fully into this but I would like to ask you some questions as to mineral lands. The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission sold some mining property in the north part of the Province. The property known as the Nancy Helen Mines, for instance. Do they own that. A.—No, they leased it.

Q.—Well, in the first place, what did the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission own? A.—Certain surface rights and certain mineral rights.

Q.—That is in the Town of Cobalt? A.—Yes.

Q.—They owned all those lots which were ultimately known as the Nancy Helen Mine. A.—Yes.

Q.—What proceeding was taken to dispose of them? A.—What they first did was to have an auction sale to try to sell them off.

Q.—Auction sale of what? A.—Various lots.

Q.—In? A.—Town site of Cobalt.

Q.—Where was the auction sale to be held? A.—At Cobalt.

Q.—How much notice was given of it? A.—I do not remember exactly, but could easily look it up for you at the office. It was advertised in a large number of journals throughout the Province besides in a number of posters.

Q.—And what occurred? A.—There was an auctioneer at the sale.

Q.—Who? A.—I do not recollect his name. He was from Ottawa I think.

Q.—Macdiarmid? A.—I think that was it.

Q.—And what occurred at that auction sale? A.—At that auction sale the terms were read, and the advertisement was read.

Q.—I mean what was the ultimate result? A.—As many of the lots as could be were sold and others were withdrawn.

Q.—Why withdrawn? A.—There was no one there to bid for them. We offered a great many lots at \$50 and could not get a bidder.

Q.—What was ultimately done with the lots which could not be sold? A.—They were placed in the superintendent's and chief engineer's hands at upset prices.

Q.—Who fixed those prices. A.—The superintendent and chief engineer in the first place.

Q.—How many lots were fixed in that way? A.—All the lots were fixed in that way. All had upset prices.

Q.—Before the auction? A.—Yes.

Q.—Was the upset price the same in all? A.—No, the different lots varied, and after the superintendent and chief engineer had valued each one they came before the Commission and the Commission heard them state their reasons for putting on the prices.

Q.—And ratified them? A.—They did not ratify them. If my memory serves me rightly, the Commission advanced the prices 25 to 50 per cent.

Q.—On the whole number? A.—Yes, sir, on the whole number.

Q.—Were they all offered at the first auction? A.—No, they were not.

Q.—Why? A.—They were not all surveyed by the time of the first auction and had not all been examined.

Q.—So that they were not all offered? A.—No.

Q.—So that even if a person was there and ready to buy certain lots he did not have an opportunity? A.—He had an opportunity of designating what lot he wanted.

Q.—Did you place them for auction in a certain order? A.—We picked them anyway as parties wanted them. When the sale was first started and we could not get it going very well I think I made the remark to the auctioneer not to dwell on descriptions of the lots but to knock them down.

Q.—But there was a lot not put up for auction? A.—Quite a few.

Q.—Were all those put up sold? A.—No, nor anything like it.

Q.—Could you furnish us with a list of those sold and those put up and not sold, and those not put up? A.—I think I could.

Q.—You will have it next time you are here? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And would you have a list of the prices offered for them? A.—Yes, the upset prices and the original prices too.

Q.—What was ultimately done with the lots that were not sold? What was the next step after the auction sale? A.—They were placed in the hands of the superintendent and the engineer, that is the surface rights. The mineral rights carried an independent value in addition to the surface value.

Q.—Oh, it is the mineral rights that I am talking about? A.—There was a price of \$150 placed on each lot for mineral rights besides an agreement for a percentage of the minerals.

Q.—Oh, and this was called for on all lots? A.—Yes.

Q.—So that for the mining rights of all the lots the upset price was the same and there was no deviation? A.—No deviation.

Q.—How were the balance of the lots disposed of? A.—A great many were sold at private sale.

Q.—Can you say how many different parties bought at private sales? A.—A considerable number, we could let you have the details.

Q.—Was there a subsequent auction sale? A.—There was an effort made. It was advertised and an auctioneer was there. That was the third sale, there was a second one. I cannot remember the name of the auctioneer. There were quite a few lots offered and at that sale we never sold a lot, in fact we never had a bid except at prices that we would not entertain.

Q.—And then what was the next thing? There were three sales you say? A.—Yes.

Q.—After the third one what did you do with the rest of the lots? A.—They remained in the hands of the superintendent and the engineer at upset prices.

Q.—That is for the surface rights? A.—Yes.

Q.—And did they ultimately dispose of those lots by private sale? A.—Yes. I want to preface that answer with the statement in regard to surface rights of the Buffalo mine and JB 6, which was the old Trethewey. We endeavored by every means in our power, recognizing the difficulties in the way to have these people purchase the surface rights. I will not attempt to say how many interviews we had with them, and up to the auction sale we were unable to make any arrangements. At the auction sale Mr. Trethewey, after we had sold a great number of lots, came to us and we sold him the balance of the surface rights of that property at the upset price of \$10,000. The Buffalo Mines people would not entertain the proposition and we sold the lots on the Buffalo Mine all but one or two at about \$50 each, and for the balance they paid between \$10,000 and \$11,000 but then we had to give them twelve months refusal before they would do it, and they paid us for that refusal \$1,000, in addition to the other amounts mentioned.

Q.—Is that JB 6 the Coniagas? A.—Yes, sir. And the negotiations were one of the most difficult things I ever had anything to do with.

Q.—You sold a lot of properties up there by tender, did you not? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you sell all those properties to the highest bidders? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—All to the highest bidders? A.—Yes, sir, invariably.

Q.—In any case, did you ever receive bids higher than the one that got the property? A.—No, sir.

Q.—You did not receive any bids higher than those accepted? A.—No, sir, not that I know of.

Q.—How many properties did you sell by tender? A.—Two rights of way, a property to the Wright Mining Company, and one to the Town Site Mining Company. The first right of way was for \$50,000, the second for \$38,000 odd, one Cobalt town site, I think, was \$35,000, and one Wright Mining Company, I think, \$21,000.

Q.—Now, you might repeat what properties the Commission sold by tender. Here is a list of them on a paper from your office? A.—To the Cobalt Town Site Mining Company, two Rights of Way, and the Wright Mine. The only one not sold by tender was the Nancy Helen.

Q.—Were there not some others sold? A.—Not that I recollect.

Q.—Did you not sell Cobalt Lake? A.—No, sir, the Commission had nothing whatever to do with that.

Q.—Or Kerr Lake? A.—No, sir, nothing to do with either.

Q.—So that you sold five mines, and four of them were by tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—That is, you sold the two Rights of Way, the Town Site and the Wright Mine by tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—Who is the solicitor for the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission? A.—Mr. D. E. Thomson, of Thomson, Tilley and Johnson.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—He is the same solicitor who was under the former Commission, isn't he? A.—Yes, sir, the same.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—I notice that you have a good deal of legal work to do? A.—Yes, we have a great deal in connection with every possible thing. Unfortunately, one cannot do anything now-a-days without a legal man to direct him.

Q.—A good thing for the profession? A.—Excellent; I regret sometimes that I am not in the profession.

Q.—Is he the only solicitor that you employ? A.—Yes; he is the only solicitor that we employ. We have a legal agent at North Bay.

Q.—Who is he? A.—Mr. J. A. Macnamara. We have him to look after matters connected with the right of way and so on, and Hartman and Smiley at New Liskeard.

Q.—Yes, what about Mr. H. D. Graham at Haileybury? A.—He was formerly, but is not now in our employ.

Q.—You paid Mr. Graham last year \$1,000? A.—Yes, we closed accounts with him and paid him \$1,000.

Q.—As I understand it then, Mr. Thomson is your chief solicitor and you have these three legal agents besides? A.—Two firms.

Q.—Two firms? A.—Yes, one at North Bay and the other at New Liskeard.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—You have not settled all the accounts to the end of the year with the other railways? A.—No. It is impossible to do so. Settling accounts with the other railways is a very tedious and long business.

Toronto, April 3, 1907.

The Public Accounts Committee met with Mr. Thompson, (Simcoe), in the chair.

Mr. J. L. ENGLEHART called.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—You have told us something about the Nancy Helen Mine; that comprised lots numbers 390, 391, 392, 393, 453, 454, 455, 456, 467, 468, 469, 470? A.—Twelve lots.

Q.—Were these lots ever offered for sale by public auction? A.—They were not.

Q.—They were not. How did they come to be disposed of to the person who obtained them, Mr. Smyth I think? A.—By application.

Q.—To whom were they disposed of? Mr. Smyth, who is he? A.—He is Mr. W. R. Smyth, the gentleman here in this room.

Q.—Mr. W. R. Smyth, M.P.P.? A.—I believe so.

Q.—He is here in this room? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Well, were those lots put up for sale by public auction? A.—They were not.

Q.—Why A.—For the reason that we had many applications for a number of lots and these among others were reserved.

Q.—Why were they reserved? A.—On account of the applications.

Q.—Was it your policy where you had applications to reserve them? A.—We investigated every application.

Q.—To find who made them A.—To find who made them.

Q.—And having found Mr. Smyth, you gave them to him? A.—We got all possible information. We then considered the merits of the case and gave them on the merits.

Q.—Then what was left you gave to the general public? A.—No, sir. We offered quite a number of lots and among them twelve lots were withdrawn in consequence of this application.

Q.—They were withdrawn because of this application—

Hon Mr. MATHESON: I think that these questions are rather misleading. They give a wrong impression to the casual reader.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—In an answer to a question put by Mr. May in the House, in regard to these lots, it is said that three lots were together with fifty others advertised, and there were no other offers? A.—That is right.

Q.—Why were the other nine not advertised? A.—Because at that time they were not surveyed.

Q.—But Mr. Smyth had applied for them? A.—Yes, but they had not been surveyed.

Q.—Why did not you put them up for sale? A.—Because we had more surveyed than we thought we could sell.

Q.—And did not several persons ask to have a chance to bid? A.—Not to my knowledge.

Q.—If I am informed that several persons asked Mr. McDermott to put up the lots afterward sold to Mr. Smyth, that would not be correct? A.—Not according to my understanding.

Q.—Do you remember the date of the first auction sale? A.—The date of the first auction sale was, I think, in May.

Q.—1906? A.—1906. It may have been in September; Oh, yes! August, 1905.

Q.—Now, did you know anything about this letter from Mr. C. B. Smith to Mr. Smyth—

TORONTO, January 3, 1906.

MR. W. R. SMYTH,
Rydal Bank, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your letter of the 29th ult. would say that we have now received mining rights for the Town of Cobalt, and we hope very soon to devote a general policy of dealing with the same. As your application is confidential you will doubtless be in a favorable position regarding the portion you refer to.

(Sgd.) C. B. SMITH, Chairman.

What did Mr. Smith mean by saying that Mr. Smyth, because he had made a confidential application, would be in a favorable position? A.—I cannot say what he could mean.

Q.—You cannot say that he would be in a more favorable position because he was a member of Parliament? A.—He certainly would not be.

Q.—So that the fact that Mr. Smyth was a member of Parliament supporting the Government had nothing to do with placing him in a favorable position? A.—Certainly not. He obtained those lots because he was the first applicant for those lots. After they were investigated they were granted to Mr. Smyth for a company which he represented.

Q.—At the time Mr. Smith wrote this letter, he was chairman and you were commissioner? A.—That is right.

Q.—Now, why should Mr. Smyth obtain any consideration—because he made a confidential communication? A.—He did not to my knowledge make a confidential application. I would not recognize a confidential application.

Q.—You would not, but your predecessor evidently did? A.—I do not admit anything of the kind.

Q.—His letter reads: "As your application is confidential you will doubtless be in a favorable position regarding the portion you refer to?" A.—Ever since I have belonged to the Commission there has been nothing confidential.

Q.—If there were anything confidential you would say that was not the correct method of dealing with public matters? A.—My dear Mr. McDougal, how can I admit anything like that?

Q.—But if there was? A.—There never was.

Q.—I am putting the famous hypothetical question, "If there was anything?" A.—I don't recognize such a thing. I don't believe my brother Commissioners would, and I know them very well after three years' association with them.

Q.—And if they did you would not approve of it? A.—I could not recognize the possibility.

Q.—But you would not approve of it? A.—It would have to come before me before I could judge of that.

Q.—It is before you now. You are on your oath. Here is the letter; read it yourself? A.—I have no doubt that you read the letter correctly,

“as your application has been confidential.” Would it not be fair to say that the letter which came to Mr. Smith was marked “confidential.” It would not be confidential from Mr. Smith’s point of view. Is that not a fair interpretation?

Q.—Were any of these lots put in the advertisement? A.—There were no specific lots put in the advertisement.

Q.—Were the blocks which comprised these lots put in? A.—No, I don’t think they were. At least, that is my present impression. Now, I have a list of all the lots here, if you will pardon me, Mr. McDougal.

By Mr. McDougal:

In a letter dated August 24, 1906, from Mr. H. W. Pearson, then Secretary of the T. & N. O. Commission, to Hon. Mr. Foy, then acting Premier, and dated August 24, 1906, the history of this case is given. The letter in part reads as follows:—

“5th. On April 30th, 1906, Mr. Smyth was advised of the terms on which he could obtain the mining and surface rights on the lots above referred to, which includes four lots which had been offered to the public for some time and had not been taken up, and eight additional lots covering block 13, which had not been offered to the general public.”

Q.—Do you know which lots preceded the sale of block 13? A.—Yes.

Q.—Which lots preceded the sale of block 13? A.—They are shown on the plan. (A plan was produced and Mr. Englehart pointed out a block on the plan.) I am not quite confident as to this.

Q.—Do you think they are the lots talked of? A.—Yes, no doubt about that. I thought I had the other plan with me which was made when these applications were made. At that time, I may say, we took into consideration the fact of opinions given by an expert and the first value of the lots placed upon them by the chief engineer and the superintendent. With their value before us we had the mineral expert give his report on the value and then the Commission re-valued those lots, said what they thought they should bring, and in doing so the lots in question were brought up. These lots were valued as follows: No. 390, \$200; 391 and 392, \$150 each; 393, \$500; 453, 454, 455 and 456, \$400 each; 467, \$200; 468 and 469, 470, \$150 each, and they all brought from Mr. Smyth \$500 each.

Q.—This letter says these “eight additional” lots had not been offered to the public? A.—No; they were negotiated for.

Q.—What were the upset prices? A.—Well, I have just given them to you.

Q.—How were they reached? A.—In the manner which I have told you; based first on the upset prices arranged by the superintendent and chief engineer. We sold those lots to the Nancy Helen people, as the statement shows, for \$500 each, and we based that valuation in the manner I have outlined.

Q.—Now, you have given us the upset prices on those lots. Is that what you are giving us? A.—Yes.

Q.—That is the price given to the auctioneer below which he would not have the right to sell the lots? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you give the auctioneer the right to sell some lots at less prices? A.—Yes, we sold some lots at less.

Q.—Well, what was the upset price for? A.—In order to reach a valuation, and the auction was fair and above board, and when some lots were not sold we reduced them.

Q.—But while the auctioneer had those upset prices he could not go below them without permission? A.—We were prompting him.

Q.—These were supposed to be his upset prices? A.—Yes, but we were prompting him during the sale.

Q.—Still, while he had the upset price he could not sell below without permission. If I am informed that the auctioneer was asked to put up these lots and said that he could not do it as they had been sold the day before by Mr. Smith in Toronto, would that be right? A.—I do not think it would. I question very much if it would be. I took great interest as a Commissioner, not so much possibly as now, in my work at that time and I am sure that I would have known it.

Q.—Well, would it be right?

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON: This is not a court of law, and we can get at anything Mr. Smith may have said by calling him.

Mr. ENGLEHART: I have with me the report of Mr. Norman W. Parlee, our Mining Expert, who reports on these blocks, which include blocks in which the Nancy Helen lots are comprised, as follows:—

“Blocks 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 39, 40 and 41 have been thoroughly and systematically trenched and nothing valuable was found on any of them. To a casual observer or optimistic people it might appear that the long vein of the Buffalo would outcrop on block 12, 13 or 14, probably 13. Such, however, is not the case as far as I have been able to discover. It is the belief of certain parties that this vein crosses the line on to the Town Site property and they claim to be able to locate a spot where the vein could be found by sinking 10 or 20 feet, with an expenditure of from \$100 to \$300. This, however, is only their opinion, and I give it for what it is worth. It is quite probable that the writer of this report knows as much about the locality in question as these people, who simply wish to make some money out of the Commission by the merest guess work.”

By Mr. McDOUGAL:

Will you kindly confine your remarks to answers to questions.

By Mr. MATHESON:

The witness has the right to make full answers.

Mr. McDOUGAL: Yes, to questions.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Yes, and in full, in a matter like this where you are trying to give certain impressions.

Mr. McDOUGAL: All the impressions I am trying to give come from his own answers.

By Mr. McDOUGAL: to Mr. ENGLEHART.

Q.—Was all this dealing with Mr. Smyth and the Commission ever ratified by the Government.

A.—Ratified by the Government.

Q.—Yes, that is what I asked. A.—Yes, we can only dispose of mineral rights when the Government sanctions our actions.

Q.—What did you do in this case? A.—We took the usual course. We submitted to the Government all the facts that we had.

Q.—At that time it had ceased to become a confidential application? A.—It never was a confidential application, as I have previously stated.

By Mr. MacKAY:

Q.—Do you mean that you submitted to the Government before the sale took place? A.—Yes, after the arrangement had been completed, it was sent to the Government to ratify.

By Mr. McDOUGAL:

Q.—Do you know the date on which it was ratified? A.—Not without looking up the records.

Q.—So that the Government were aware of all the facts? A.—Yes.

Q.—We asked you the last time you were here to give us the dates of the different sales, when these northern lots were sold? A.—The first was on August, 18, 1905.

Q.—That was the first auction? A.—Yes, August 18, 1905.

Q.—When was the second? A.—The second was on May 17, 1906.

Q.—At Cobalt? A.—Yes, at Cobalt. There were no lots sold at the second auction to my recollection.

Q.—When was the third sale? A.—It was at Englehart, I forget the date.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—That had nothing to do with the Cobalt lots, had it? A.—No, only the town site of Englehart.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Was there no auction sale in August, 1906? A.—There were only two auction sales at Cobalt.

Q.—And all the rest of the lots sold were sold by private sale? A.—Yes, sir. I have a list here, if you desire it, showing the date and giving particulars of all lots sold. (This list was put in as evidence.)

By Mr. MacKAY:

Q.—Can you give us the date of the sale to Mr. Smyth? A.—It may have been on August 5, 1906, but whether that was the date of the negotiations or the closing, I am not prepared to say. That date seems to be in my mind.

Q.—You give us the date of the two sales as August 18, 1905, and May 17, 1906? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Then you give us the Smyth sale as August 5, 1906, which would be subsequent to both? A.—Yes, the application would be in in the meantime. The secretary just tells me that the agreement was made in October, 1906.

Q.—There is a letter of April 30th, 1906, from Mr. C. B. Smith to Mr. Smyth to which I would like to call your attention. (Mr. MacKay then read part of the following letter afterwards put in as evidence):

W. R. SMYTH, M.P.P.,

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, April 30th, 1906.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your application for mining privilege on blocks 13 and 14 on the townsite of Cobalt, dated August, 1905:

I beg to advise you that the Commission are prepared to give you a 999 year mining lease on the following lots, *viz*: 390-393 inclusive, 453-456 inclusive, 467-470 inclusive, at \$500 *per* lot, including surface and mineral rights, to which would be added the following percentage of gross receipts: 25 *per cent.* on all ore in value less than \$1,000 *per* ton, and 50 *per cent.* on all ore greater in value than \$1,000 *per* ton.

The general form of lease is now being drafted, but to give you an idea of further particulars enclosed find form in which other leases are being advertised for tender.

Kindly state at as early a date as possible whether you are prepared to accept this lease or not as we will be selling the remainder of the lots by auction sale on or about May 10th.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) C. B. SMITH,
Chairman.

Q.—There was a subsequent sale on May 17. You had not then closed with Mr. Smith, so why did you not put those lots up? A.—For the simple reason that the negotiations were continuing.

Q.—Here is a letter which I have already quoted from the then Chairman of the Commission. “Kindly state at as early a date as possible whether you are prepared to accept this lease.” What did that mean. Did he want to let him know before the auction sale that he could buy privately? A.—The deduction would be that if that gentleman did not want them under those terms and conditions they would be offered at auction.

Q.—And when the auction sale did come along, he did not purchase them? A.—I cannot say that. The negotiations were going on. You know how long it takes sometimes to complete negotiations.

Q.—That is why they were withdrawn? A.—Yes, and let me emphasize that somewhat further. I recollect that at that auction sale when the lots were not sold because it was impossible to sell them we placed them in the hands of the superintendent and chief engineer.

Q.—These lots? A.—I am speaking of these particular lots, and inadvertently four of those reserved were sold, and had to be replaced by other lots. The four lots that were sold were lots 399 and 400, 401 and 402. 399 and 400 were sold to one R. A. Hurdman for \$225. 401 and 402 were sold for \$150. We were negotiating at that time to sell those to the Nancy Helen people.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Those lots that were sold at \$150 and \$225 you were negotiating to sell for \$500? A.—Yes, here is a letter bearing somewhat on this:

NORTH BAY, April 10th, 1906.

MR H. W. PEARSON,
Secretary Treasurer.

DEAR SIR,— Very sorry to have to acknowledge making a serious mistake in selling lots in blocks 14, 15, 17, 18. When instructions were received for blocks 40 and 41 my chief clerk did not read the instructions properly, but included 14, 15, 17 and 18 as well, and went ahead and sold all the lots with the exception of lots 390 to 398, for which no applications have been received. He charged 50 *per cent.* more than the prices set by Mr. McCarthy and myself the same as was done in blocks 40 and 41. Deeds have not been delivered for lots 399, 400, 402, 404, 406, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419 and 420. Although these deeds have not been delivered, I do not think that we would be justified in withholding same from any of these parties, serious as the mistake may have been with the exception of lots 399, 400, and 402, if we can help it, which I have been advised by the Chairman, the Commission do not wish to sell. Very sorry that this mistake should have occurred and that same had not been detected in time to save so many sales being completed.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) J. H. BLACK,
Superintendent.

Q.—And in addition to the \$500 for the lots sold to Mr. Smyth you were getting royalties? A.—Yes, \$500 and a royalty.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

All your negotiations in regard to this were with Mr. Smyth? A.— Yes, as far as I know. There may have been some with his lawyers. I do not know who they were. The fact of the matter is that everything was

above board and quite open. There are other details about these four lots that I speak of which it would not take a moment to get, and that should be given.

Q.—Do you know whether anybody at any time asked to have those lots put up for auction? A.—I do not know.

Q.—You will not say that nobody asked to have them put up? A.—No one in my hearing.

Q.—Were you ever informed by any of the *employees* of the Commission or anyone connected with the Commission? A.—I do not recollect anything of that kind.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Mr. Englehart has a minute from which he would like to read in connection with the matter. (Mr. Englehart then read the following:)

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Official report was also made of the auction of the lots at Cobalt on the 17th of May by the Commission. As there was very little demand for the lots at the upset prices, the sale of same by public auction on that date was not gone on with, and the lots were subsequently offered by the Commission's agent (George W. Lee) to various squatters at the upset prices; said squatters being given until May 23rd, to decide whether they would purchase the lots, after which time all lots not so disposed of would be placed on private sale at the Superintendent's office at North Bay, and the station agent's office at Cobalt at the upset prices fixed on said lots.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—So that what you say is that four of these lots subsequently sold must have been withdrawn at the auction sale in August, 1905, and then they would not be inserted in the advertisement of May 17th? A.—Certainly not.

Q.—And no lots were sold to the Nancy Helen or to Mr. Smyth until October, 1906? A.—The sale was completed in 1906. This refreshes my memory somewhat. (Mr. Englehart then read the following letter:)

NORTH BAY, April 25th, 1906.

MR. H. W. PEARSON,
Secretary Treasurer.

DEAR SIR,—As requested I forwarded on April 12th and 13th, statement of lots sold on blocks 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, stating name of purchaser, particulars and date of sale and by whom sold. Presume this is what you requested in your letter of April 16th. I find that lots 414, 415, 416 have been bargained for by Mr. W. I. Johnston of North Bay. I have looked into the matter personally, and believe the sale of these lots is entirely accidental. Have made inquiries both North Bay and Cobalt and find everything done in a regular way. Hope instructions may be given to deliver the deeds according to sale.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) J. H. BLACK,
Superintendent.

Mr. Englehart also read the following letter:—

TORONTO, April 26th, 1906.

Mr. C. B. SMITH,
Chairman.

DEAR SIR,—In connection with the attached report of Superintendent on authorized sale of lots:

Beg to state that as this official was in charge of a sale of lots, it is usually assumed that he makes a careful check of any deeds, to be executed by the chairman and myself before forwarding to this office. It is the usual practice to check all documents before signing, but it is quite evident that this was overlooked in this instance, as far as this office is concerned, and the deeds were signed on the assumption that the Superintendent had made a proper check.

This is the only reason I can advance for the oversight.

Yours truly,

H. W. PEARSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—What has that got to do with it? A.—I want to show that these lots which were withdrawn from sale, were placed in the hands of the engineer for sale with instructions to sell them.

Mr. MACKAY: These are not four of the lots that the Nancy Helen got.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

They did not get them because they were subsequently sold to these other people.

By Mr. ENGLEHART:

Mr. Englehart then read the following letter, adding afterwards, that four of the lots of block 14 were part of those sold to Mr. Smyth:

Copy.

NORTH BAY, April 13th, 1906.

Mr. H. W. PEARSON,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my statement of the 12th inst., in connection with the sale of lots comprised in blocks 14, 15, 17 and 18, in Cobalt town site, will you kindly add lots 399 and 400, purchased March 3rd, 1906, by Robert A. Hurdman, Ottawa, through our agent at Cobalt, obliging.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) J. H. BLACK,
Superintendent.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—What was the reason in Mr. Smyth's letter that led the Commission to withdraw four lots from public sale? A.—He had made application in the first place, and continued the negotiations.

Q.—I do not gather that he made offers of prices, but that you withdrew them. A.—We made the prices, we made the arrangements, and gave conditions had anything to do with the purchase except the fact that they conditions under which the property was to be transferred, and no other were the first applicants.

Q.—How long before the sale of August 18, 1905, were these lots actually withdrawn? A.—That I cannot answer off hand.

Q.—Perhaps you can say whether the correspondence shows it? A.—I cannot say that. I do not think there would be anything to show it.

Q.—Referring to Mr. Smyth's application, there would be a letter? A.—It would be there amongst all of them, I think.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—There was no sale made at the second auction? A.—No sales at all. Though many lots were offered, there were no purchasers.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Mr. Smyth's letter or application that we have been speaking of apparently is not here? A.—It is here amongst other papers.

Mr. GAMEY to Mr. MACKAY: Q.—Did you get from Mr. Englehart an answer that four lots were withdrawn in the August sale of 1905? A.—Yes.

Mr. GAMEY to Mr. ENGLEHART: Q.—Was there any mention of mineral values in that sale? A.—No.

Q.—Did anyone think they were getting mineral values? A.—No, sir.

Q.—You were not selling mineral rights at all? A.—No.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Were you selling mineral rights in May, 1906? A.—No.

By Mr. GAMEY:

Q.—Then you could not have withdrawn the lots that Mr. Smyth had applied for, for mineral purposes? A.—No, not at all.

Q.—Because there were no minerals for sale? A.—No.

By Mr. SMYTH:

Q.—As a matter of fact all minerals were sold by private sale? A.—Certainly.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—And your object in selling by private sale was so that the purchaser of minerals would have surface rights? A.—Yes.

Q.—And your upset price on the lots now known as the Nancy, Helen mine, amounted, with one exception, to under \$500? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you got \$500 for all of them with the addition of percentages? A.—Yes.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Do you mean to say that in August 18, 1905, auction, you did not sell mineral and surface rights? A.—No. In fact, that never was in our thoughts. Nothing but surface rights? It was explicitly stated by the auctioneer, three different times. I insisted on that.

Q.—Then all mineral rights were sold by private sale? A.—Certainly.

Q.—None by public sale? A.—None.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—In the letter of April 30th, 1906, to Mr. W. R. Smyth, from Mr. C. B. Smith, he says:

"I beg to advise you that the Commission are prepared to give you a 999 year mining lease on following lots, viz.:

390-393 inclusive.

453-456 inclusive.

467-470 inclusive.

At \$500 *per* lot, including surface and mineral rights, to which would be added the following percentage of gross receipts."

And later he says:

"Kindly state at as early a date as possible whether you are prepared to accept this lease or not, as we will be selling the remainder of the lots by auction sale, on or about May 10th."

Q.—Does that not refer to the whole value? Does it not mean that you were selling mineral rights too? A.—How could they get mineral rights without an agreement with us.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Your whole object was to give a man owning the mineral rights the option of getting the surface rights? A.—Where a person gets the surface rights we give a deed of the land, reserving the minerals. When negotiations for minerals are concluded we take back the deed of the land and give back a lease for 999 years. This lease stipulated that the Commission will receive 25 *per cent.* of the value of all ores up to \$1,000 *per* ton, and 50 *per cent.* on ores over \$1,000 *per* ton. The parties also pay an additional sum of \$150 *per* lot for such mineral rights.

By Mr. McDUGAL:

Q.—Then your general policy was to sell the mineral rights without giving the public a chance to buy them? A.—Undoubtedly.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—So that the purchaser of the surface rights had the first right to get the mineral rights? A.—Yes.

Q.—So that if you withdrew four lots from the 1st sale of 1905, subsequently sold to Smyth, that gave him the first rights to get the minerals? A.—Not so. Supposing that in these sales we stated we wanted 80 *per cent.* of the minerals, and he would not have paid it, where would he be.

Q.—But the man that got the surface rights entered into negotiations with reference to mineral rights? A.—Yes.

Q.—He had the first call? A.—Yes.

By Mr. SMYTH:

Q.—As a matter of fact was not my application for sixteen lots? A.—I do not know. I do not remember just how many.

Q.—In a letter that Mr. McDougal has read, the number of blocks would include sixteen lots. I made application for sixteen lots, according to the letter of Mr. Smith, but I only got twelve, four of them were sold without being put up at auction at private sale, not to me, but to different individuals? A.—That is right.

Q.—How much did you get for those lots? A.—I just read that. For those four lots, the numbers 399 and 400 were sold to R. A. Hurdman, the former for \$225, and the latter for \$150. I do not recollect the numbers of the other two lots.

Q.—As a matter of fact, for the four lots that you sold by mistake out of the original application, you got less than you would have got if the negotiations for them had been continued, and they had been sold to me? A.—That is right. As a matter of fact, I do not think the average was over \$150.

Q.—And I actually paid \$500 each? A.—Yes.

Q.—I just paid \$200 more for my lots than any other man.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Just this one question. Looking over the letter to Hon. Mr. Foy, dated August 24, 1906, I find this last clause:

Q.—The offer of mining lease to Mr. Smyth is in full accord with the general policy of the Commission in dealing with this area, except that the lots on block 13 were never offered to any other person, Mr. Smyth being dealt with as an original applicant, in the same manner that the mining privileges on the S.W. 37 acres of the town site were offered to the Townsite Mining Company, which now holds a lease from the Commission." A.—I have tried to explain that. I want to give you the full facts. I have nothing to hide. The fact is that these were the first and only applicants for these lots. There were dozens of applications for the other lots, and they were all dealt with.

Q.—Except that the lots on block 13 were never offered to any other person? A.—The lots were applied for, and having been applied for, how could we offer them. We are not accountable for the wording of his letters. I am trying to emphasize the fact that we dealt with applications on what we thought were their merits, and we only accepted and dealt with them on their merits.

By Mr. MAHAFFY:

Q.—All the lots are offered to the public? A.—No exceptions.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Did you have any other applications than the Nancy Helen people for these lots? A.—No. Lot 401, which was originally applied for by the Nancy Helen people was sold to L. C. Wideman, at the upset price of \$150. Lot 402, on which there was an upset price on \$150, was not sold at auction, because there was no bidder. It was sold afterwards privately to Mr. G. H. Large, for the upset price of \$150. There was an immense number of lots that we offered at auction. They could not be sold, and were placed in the hands of the chief engineer and superintendent, and they were sold by them. There are few instances, indeed, where they have not brought the upset prices.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Can you tell any other case where you withdrew lots in advance of the sale? A.—I can answer it in this way, that the southwest 37 acres of the town site were not put up. In the case under discussion of the four lots being disposed of, they should not have been put up.

By Mr. GAMEY:

Q.—In the August sale of 1905, you were not offering mining rights at all? A.—Not at all. I think you were present at that auction sale, Mr. Gamey, and Mr. Frank Latchford, was one of the largest buyers. He did well, and I am glad that he did. I asked that auctioneer, time and time again, not to wait for the bids, but to knock them down quickly.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—You thought he was asking too much? A.—Yes, with the result that the lots could not be sold. I followed the same tactics at Englehart, in the sale there.

NOTE: The following is the statement referred to above which was put in by Mr. Englehart, as part of the evidence.

STATEMENT OF LOTS SOLD IN COBALT.

Lot No.	To whom sold.	How sold.	Date.	Upset Price.	Price Received.
217.....	W. Graham	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	\$ 150 00	\$ 100 00
219.....	A. Rankin.....	Private	Nov. 20, 1906	250 00	200 00
256.....	"	"	"	200 00	200 00
326.....	"	"	"	275 00	275 00
236.....	J. G. McMillan.....	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	250 00	260 00
253.....	Bank of Commerce.....	"	"	250 00	310 00
255.....	"	"	"	200 00	230 00
270.....	"	"	"	300 00	430 00
289.....	"	"	"	250 00	490 00
352.....	"	"	"	250 00	310 00
254.....	T. Murray.....	"	"	200 00	240 00
271.....	K. Farah.....	"	"	250 00	310 00
288.....	"	"	"	250 00	470 00
291.....	"	"	"	250 00	410 00
292.....	"	"	"	250 00	410 00
367.....	"	"	"	350 00	435 00
273.....	R. H. Brand	"	"	250 00	260 00
276.....	"	"	"	250 00	260 00
277.....	"	"	"	250 00	260 00
278.....	"	"	"	300 00	350 00
328.....	"	"	"	275 00	285 00
329.....	"	"	"	300 00	360 00
339.....	"	"	"	250 00	260 00
344.....	"	"	"	250 00	260 00
347.....	"	"	"	300 00	500 00
274.....	Jos. Sims	"	"	250 00	250 00
275.....	W. C. Mortimer.....	"	"	250 00	260 00
287.....	A. O. Nasmith.....	"	"	300 00	710 00
290.....	I. Jacobson.....	"	"	250 00	350 00
293.....	W. F. Powell.....	"	"	250 00	260 00
294.....	McCamus & McKelvie	"	"	250 00	260 00
295.....	E. O. Wyse	"	"	300 00	200 00
341.....	"	"	"	250 00	270 00
327.....	W. P. K. Kennedy.....	Private	Dec. 24, 1905	275 00	275 00
348.....	J. J. Heney	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	300 00	310 00
359.....	C. Hanes	"	"	250 00	400 00
358.....	Bank of Toronto.....	"	"	350 00	520 00
426.....	W. E. Donaldson.....	Private	Feb. 17, 1906	262 50*	275 00
418.....	Donaldson & Brewer.....	"	"	327 50*	350 00
386.....	Jas. H. McCrear.....	"	Mar. 22, 1906	525 00*	525 00
407.....	English Church	"	Feb. 8, 1906	150 00*	90 00
408.....	"	"	"	300 00*	90 00
375.....	M. McKinnon	"	Feb. 20, 1906	262 50*	415 00
383.....	"	"	"	562 50*	450 00
381.....	F. Presley	"	Mar. 1, 1906	375 00*	375 00
372.....	P. J. Finlan	"	Mar. 3, 1906	412 50*	415 00
411.....	D. C. Petrie.....	"	"	225 00*	225 00
409.....	T. E. Murphy	"	"	187 50*	200 00
410.....	"	"	"	187 50*	200 00
412.....	A. C. Campbell.....	"	"	225 00*	225 00
413.....	"	"	"	262 50*	275 00
399.....	R. A. Hardman.....	"	"	225 00*	225 00
400.....	"	"	"	150 00*	150 00
305.....	Geo. J. Sherry.....	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	350 00	630 00
345.....	"	"	"	250 00	270 00
346.....	"	Private	"	250 00	360 00
272.....	F. H. Marsh.....	Private	Feb. 24, 1906	250 00	250 00
371.....	C. Cousineau	"	Mar. 3, 1906	412 50*	415 00
403.....	D. Collie	"	Mar. 5, 1906	150 00*	150 00
370.....	S. T. Kirkland.....	"	Mar. 3, 1906	412 50*	308 10
369.....	B. Cousineau	"	Mar. 5, 1906	150 00*	150 00
379.....	G. Caldbeck	"	Mar. 3, 1906	300 00*	300 00
419.....	F. A. Brewer	"	"	412 50*	415 00

STATEMENT OF LOTS SOLD IN COBALT.—Continued.

Lot No.	To whom sold.	How sold.	Date.	Upset Price.	Price Received.
374.....	Donaldson & Donaldson...	Private	Mar. 5, 1906	\$ 412 50*	\$ 415 00
376.....	Belrose Lake.....	"	Mar. 7, 1906	450 00*	450 00
427.....	Rev. Jas. Allen.....	"	Jan. 21, 1906	300 00*	120 00
428.....	".....	"	"	375 00*	150 00
401.....	L. C. Wideman.....	"	Mar. 8, 1906	150 00*	150 00
405.....	".....	"	"	150 00*	150 00
306.....	L. M. Kamerer.....	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	350 00	500 00
307.....	Chamandy Bros.....	"	"	275 00	415 00
308.....	W. McLean.....	"	"	275 00	350 00
309.....	A. G. Browning.....	"	"	275 00	325 00
310.....	H. W. Ashley.....	"	"	275 00	300 00
311.....	K. Ayoub.....	"	"	275 00	275 00
312.....	".....	"	"	275 00	285 00
313.....	H. C. Barber.....	Private	Nov. 22, 1905	300 00	300 00
322 S $\frac{1}{2}$	C. D. Canel.....	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	350 00	520 00
322 N $\frac{1}{2}$	Pipe and Presley.....	"	"	350 00	520 00
323.....	F. R. Latchford.....	"	"	275 00	520 00
360.....	".....	"	"	250 00	410 00
361.....	".....	"	"	250 00	410 00
324.....	E. Benoit.....	"	"	275 00	450 00
325.....	R. Gorman.....	"	"	275 00	385 00
330.....	J. Peverley.....	"	"	300 00	300 00
340.....	T. A. McArthur.....	Private	Nov. 10, 1905	250 00	250 00
349.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
342.....	A. M. Wylie.....	Auction	Aug. 18, 1905	250 00	260 00
343.....	R. Bisouette.....	"	"	250 00	260 00
353.....	".....	"	"	250 00	280 00
350.....	J. C. Coniskey.....	"	"	250 00	325 00
351.....	McCamus & McKilvie.....	"	"	250 00	310 00
354.....	R. R. Gamey.....	"	"	250 00	280 00
355.....	E. C. Hargraves.....	"	"	250 00	410 00
356.....	".....	"	"	250 00	410 00
357.....	".....	"	"	300 00	555 00
362.....	".....	"	"	250 00	415 00
362.....	".....	"	"	250 00	415 00
364.....	R. K. Russell.....	"	"	250 00	425 00
365.....	Dreany Bros.....	"	"	250 00	425 00
366.....	T. U. Terre.....	"	"	350 00	600 00
368.....	T. A. Ferguson.....	"	"	350 00	500 00
402.....	G. H. Large.....	Private	Mar. 12, 1906	150 00*	150 00
404.....	".....	"	"	150 00*	150 00
373.....	A. A. McDonald.....	"	Mar. 15, 1906	412 50*	415 00
382.....	E. P. Rowe.....	"	Mar. 20, 1906	412 50*	415 00
423.....	Jos. H. Hunter.....	"	Feb. 26, 1906	225 00*	225 00
424.....	".....	"	"	262 50*	275 00
425.....	".....	"	"	262 50*	275 00
421.....	Mrs. T. Davis.....	"	Mar. 20, 1906	225 00*	225 00
422.....	".....	"	"	225 00*	225 00
420.....	J. Peverley & H. R. Morse.	"	Mar. 19, 1906	337 50*	350 00
406.....	P. Quirk.....	"	Mar. 23, 1906	150 00*	150 00
380.....	Lonsdale & Sullivan.....	"	April 5, 1906	375 00*	350 00
378.....	P. Beauchamp.....	"	April 23, 1906	300 00*	225 00
387.....	Jos. Harvey.....	"	"	525 00*	500 00
42 Block	W. J. Tretheway.....	"	May 11, 1906		
314.....	Known as J. B. C.....	"	"	30 00	9,880 00
			(76 Lot 1)	each	
414.....	W. J. Johnston.....	"	May 16, 1906	262 50*	275 00
415.....	".....	"	"	262 50*	275 00
416.....	".....	"	"	262 50*	275 00
417†.....	".....	"	"	300 00	275 00
433†.....	McKinnon & Walker.....	"	May 19, 1906	400 00	400 00
434†.....	Donaldson & Harvey.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
435†.....	Rankin & Coniskey.....	"	"	400 00	400 00

STATEMENT OF LOTS SOLD IN COBALT.—Continued.

Lot No.	To whom sold.	How sold.	Date.	Upset Price.	Price Received.
436†.....	R. H. Elliott.....	Private	May 19, 1906	\$ 400 00	\$ 400 00
432†.....	J. E. Murphy.....	"	May 23, 1906	400 00	400 00
218†.....	F. Devine.....	"	June 11, 1906	300 00	300 00
394†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
395†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
396†.....	J. McKay.....	"	"	250 00	250 00
397†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
398†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
437†.....	W. D. MacPherson.....	"	"	500 00	500 00
439†.....	".....	"	"	500 00	400 00
445†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
442†.....	A. J. Young.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
443†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
462†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
444†.....	F. E. Lang.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
431†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
457†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
448†.....	W. D. Hogg.....	"	"	500 00	500 00
458†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
459†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
449†.....	A. A. Taillou.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
450†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
451†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
452†.....	D. McNair.....	"	"	300 00	300 00
466†.....	".....	"	"	600 00	600 00
481†.....	".....	"	"	500 00	500 00
460†.....	T. Lindsay.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
461†.....	".....	"	"	500 00	500 00
475†.....	".....	"	"	300 00	300 00
463†.....	H. H. Lang.....	"	"	400 00	400 00
464†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
465†.....	".....	"	"	400 00	400 00
471†.....	T. Berkett.....	"	"	250 00	250 00
472†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
473†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
474†.....	W. F. Powell.....	"	"	250 00	250 00
476†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
477†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
478†.....	R. T. Shillington.....	"	"	250 00	250 00
479†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
480†.....	".....	"	"	250 00	250 00
430.....	Salvation Army.....	Private Church			
390.....	Nancy Helen Mine.....	prps. Private	May 18, 1906	400 00	180 00
391.....	".....	"	May 8, 1906	200 00	500 00
392.....	".....	"	"	150 00	500 00
393.....	".....	"	"	150 00	500 00
453.....	".....	"	"	500 00	500 00
454.....	".....	"	"	400 00	500 00
455.....	".....	"	"	400 00	500 00
456.....	".....	"	"	400 00	500 00
467.....	".....	"	"	200 00	500 00
460.....	".....	"	"	150 00	500 00
469.....	".....	"	"	150 00	500 00
470.....	".....	"	"	150 00	500 00
446†.....	Presbyterian.....	Private Church	Oct. 25, 1906	400 00	180 00
447†.....	Church.....	"	"	500 00	200 00
44 Block	Buffalo Mine.....	Private	Nov. 10, 1906	.....	11,700 00

(*) Lots marked thus were increased by the Commission 50% over Upset price made by Superintendent and Chief Engineer.

66 Lots were sold by Auction August 18th, 1906.

(†) These lots were offered for sale at Auction May 17th, 1907. (No buyers.)

April 9, 1907.

The Public Accounts Committee met, Mr. Carnegie in the chair.

T. W. McDERMOTT, called :

By Mr. C. N. SMITH (Sault Ste. Marie.)

Q.—Your home is in Ottawa? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Your occupation? A.—Real estate and auctioneering.

Q.—You were employed by the Government in connection with the sale of mining rights? A.—I was by the Railway Commission.

Q.—By the Railway Commission? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—When was that? A.—I think it was the 18th September, 1905.

Q.—How many sales did you have? A.—Just one. We sold one day, and the next morning as well.

Q.—Where did that take place? A.—In Cobalt.

Q.—This sale was held in August, 1905? And you had on your list a number of lots that were disposed of by auction? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Could you give any idea of the number of lots you had? A.—Well, I could not just state the number. I have a map here, and there was a map at that time. There was part of J. B. 6 and 7, I think, and another part that did not go with that claim; that was to the south of J. B. 6 and 7.

Q.—What were your general instructions? A.—Well, I was to sell the lots. There was an upset price, and I was to sell none below the upset price, but to get what I could above that.

Q.—Were there many bidders on these lots? A.—Oh yes, on some of them.

Q.—The competition was keen? A. On some lots.

Q.—On what lots was the competition not so keen? A.—Well, it was the south-western lots that the competition was not so keen on. In fact I could not get a bid at all for them.

Q.—Were there any lots on your list that you were instructed not to sell? A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you tell us what they were? A.—There was one lot where the opera house is built at present.

Q.—Could you give the number? A.—I could if I had the map. Then there was a place where the post office was.

Q.—Do you recollect lots No. 390, 391, 392, 393, 453, 454, 455, 456, 467, 468, 469, and 470 —do you remember those or any of them? A.—I don't remember them. It would be impossible for me to remember these lots. If I had the map or plan which I had that day I could.

Q.—Is that in existence? A.—I have one at home.

Q.—Did you not think it necessary to bring that with you? A.—I did not know what I was coming for. I was in New York.

Q.—You cannot tell us then whether all or any of these lots were on your list? A.—You know that would be a pretty difficult thing for me.

Q.—Were you asked by any bidders or purchasers to put up certain lots on your list that had been withdrawn? A.—There was one lot, there was a baker shop on that, there was some little dispute about, and Mr. Smith said that they could have the lot at the same price as some others sold alongside of it.

Q.—My information is that a syndicate up there was organized and that three different men were sent to your sale, and that these three men asked you to offer lots 390, 391, 399, 400, 453, 454, 455, 456, 467, 468, 469, 470? A.—They were not at my auction sale, those men I have no recollection of.

tion of those men asking me; such a question as that, it must have been at a subsequent sale.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Did you explain that certain lots could not be sold because they had already been sold? A.—There were certain lots that I was instructed not to sell.

Q.—Do you remember telling certain persons that certain lots had been sold privately—that is what Mr. Smith is getting at? A.—There were certain lots that I understood Mr. Trethewey did not want to have sold because they would be so close to his mine, and I heard him speak to Mr. Murphy saying that down to a certain street he could go on and sell.

Q.—Did you explain to certain persons there that were making enquiries about lots that you could not put them up because they had been sold by the Government or the Commission, some time before? A.—I think there was something said about lots down where the Government had made a discovery.

Q.—Could you give us the numbers? A.—No.

By Mr. SMITH:

Q.—If three gentlemen said they went up and asked you to put up these twelve lots, and that you explained that they had been sold you would not say their statement was not true? A.—No, sir.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—If it happens to be all fiction you do not remember? A.—No.

Q.—Mr. Smith is putting in his question a suggestion which he is asking you to confirm. Do you remember it at all? A.—No.

By Mr. SMITH:

Q.—Not only these three men, but a dozen others are making such a statement? A.—To the best of my memory I do not remember any three men or four men, or any syndicate.

Q.—Do you remember any one man asking you to put up lots which had been sold? A.—Yes, but that was a lot close to the station that had buildings on it, and that the Commissioners for the sake of peace, had agreed would be sold at the price of the lots next to it.

Q.—How many on your list were not offered? A.—I think I offered nearly all, with the exception of those near the Trethewey mine.

Q.—Did you offer any the next morning? A.—I did.

Q.—What lots were they? A.—They were lots west of the Trethewey claim. That is J. B. 6. The south-west—a street runs back from the station west, and all the lots south of that were the principal ones.

Q.—How long would it take you to get your plan here so that you could show us which ones you offered, and which ones you did not offer? A.—Well, all I could say would be that I offered most of them.

Q.—Have you not got a book showing which lots were offered and which were withheld? A.—No, sir, they had a clerk.

Q.—Who was the clerk? A.—I think O'Mara, a lawyer at North Bay, and another from North Bay. They looked after keeping track.

Q.—There were a number of squatter lots; what were your instructions about them? Were they to be withheld? A.—Well, no—

Q.—Were they to get an option to buy at the price of neighboring lots? A.—That is it.

Q.—And these were lots on which people built or squatted? A.—Yes.

Q.—And these were the only lots you were instructed to withhold? A.—Yes.

By Mr. Ross :

Q.—Could you tell us definitely if you had your plan? A.—I could not give you much more definite information.

Q.—Where is your plan? A.—It is in Cobalt.

Q.—In whose possession? A.—It is in my own room.

By Mr. MacKAY :

Q.—If you had your plan could you take that plan and say what you did with reference to each lot? A.—No, because I would sell a lot here, and then another lot there.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—And you did not take down the record? A.—No, I did not take any record.

Q.—The clerks did that? A.—Yes.

By Mr. MacKAY :

Q.—Don't you remember certain lots that were duly advertised and that you withdrew that day because they had been sold privately? A.—There were some lots that I did not offer for sale.

Q.—That is not meeting my question? Do you recollect withdrawing them because of the fact that they had been sold privately and could not be sold that day? A.—The withdrawing of them I had nothing to do with. I was instructed to sell certain lots.

Q.—Were not some of those lots that were advertised not to be sold? A.—Yes. I have already said a portion near the Trethewey mine.

Q.—Who gave you your instructions? A.—Mr. Smith, Mr. Englehart, and Mr. Murphy.

Q.—Did any of them tell you why you were not to sell them? A.—No.

Q.—They told you certain lots were not to be sold? A.—I just put up the lots that I was told to put up, and there were some that I did not put up.

Q.—You had a list of those that were advertised; were you not told that some of them could not be sold? A.—I did not know anything about it. I was not allowed to sell them.

Q.—Well, that is it? A.—I was not asked to sell them.

Q.—You offered those lots on the list that were advertised, but you did not bother about the others? A.—Do you know I question very much if there were many lots that I did not offer for sale.

Q.—You have just said that there were certain lots you were not told to sell? A.—They were near the Trethewey, and there were no others.

Q.—And you went on and sold those you were told to sell? A.—Yes.

Q.—You did not exceed instructions? A. No.

Q.—And you offered for sale those you were told to sell? A.—Yes, but I do not remember anything about what you are asking me. I do not remember any man asking me to sell lots that had been sold by private auction.

Q.—You do not remember any one asking “why didn't you put such and such a lot up?” A.—I don't remember.

By Mr. Ross :

Q.—These instructions were they all oral, by word of mouth? A.—Yes, except the conditions of the sale which were in writing.

Q.—But subsequently, did you get instructions by letter from Mr. Englehart? A.—No, any instructions were given orally that day on the train going up to Cobalt.

By Mr. MacKAY :

Q.—By whom? A.—Principally by Mr. Smith.

Q.—What instructions? A.—That there was an upset price.

Q.—Did he give you the upset price? I suppose the clerks were there to assist you if you forgot the upset price? A.—That is right.

Q.—You were selling surface rights not mineral rights? A.—That is right.

Q.—Did you know that the surface rights gave the purchaser the right to buy the mineral rights? A.—No, sir, but a friend of mine said: "If you charge those prices you will be simply a highway robber."

Q.—You were not advertising yourself as an auctioneer? They were thought high prices? A.—Yes, everybody thought so.

Q.—Subsequent events have not shown them to have been so? A.—No, sir.

By Mr. MAHAFFY:

Q.—Did you get \$7,500, for your services, like Peter Ryan did? A.—No, sir, I got \$75, and paid my own expenses except train fare.

By Mr. MACKEY:

Q.—They did not pay you very well, did they? A.—Well, that is the reputation of this Government.

By Mr. SMITH (Sault Ste. Marie):

Q.—Have you any interests in Cobalt? A.—Not in Cobalt, I have a few lots in Coleman township.

By Hon. Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—You did not have them at the time of the sale? A.—Not a dollar's worth. No, if it had not been for the position I occupied I might have bought some that day.

Q.—Notwithstanding the high rate? A.—Oh, I have been in the real estate business for years and would have taken it at that rate.

Mr. J. L. ENGLEHART, re-called:

By Mr. ROSS:

Q.—In regard to these mineral claims you said that none of the mineral claims were sold by public auction? A.—Mineral rights—no mineral rights were sold by auction only the surface rights. The mineral rights were never sold—of course let me correct that so far as regards those sold by tender.

Q.—The northwest 40 acres of the Cobalt town site were sold by public tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—The mineral rights on the right of way were sold by tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—They were sold by private sale, and then later offered by public tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—Were all these mineral rights sold by public tender? A.—No, not all.

Q.—What exception was there? A.—The Wright Silver Mining Co'y.

Q.—(Reads) "Several claims of discovery of mineral were filed in connection with what was known as the northwest forty acres, and the Commission suggested the same procedure to the interested parties as was followed in connection with the southwest thirty-seven acres. But no agreement was reached by the claimants and the mining rights in this area were duly offered for public tender?" A.—Yes.

Q.—And subsequently leased to the Wright Silver Mining Company?" A.—Yes.

Q.—The Nancy Helen got twelve lots, and they were never offered for public tender? A.—They were not.

Q.—They are exceptions as compared with other claims? A.—They are, and they are not.

Q.—They were never offered for public tender and the others were? A.—That is right.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—Mr. Englehart, there were others? A.—The Town Site Mining Company, and also the Wright Silver Mining Company. We asked these parties to get together and arrange their differences. The only other parties were the Nancy Helen. These people got together and arranged their differences. I think we got from the Town Site Company \$35,000 for the surface rights and 25 *per cent.* on ores up to \$1,000 *per ton* value, and 50 *per cent.* on ore over that value. Then, after these people came together a great many differences arose in the nature of correspondence, and after the advertisement for the right of way was inserted, it was thought well to offer that by tender. The Nancy Helen was different.

By Mr. SMITH :

Q.—Were not the town site people occupants or owners of the surface rights? A.—None of them were occupants.

Q.—You had circumstances which made you think it well to sell them by private sale? A.—I don't like that term.

Q.—Well, by private tender? A.—Yes.

Q.—You did not offer the Nancy Helen? A.—No. The Wright people could not come to any terms among themselves, and we could not arrange that. We were guarding the interests of the Government and guarding the interests of the public, by getting a great deal better terms for it than we got by auction, and a good deal better than by tender.

By Mr. ROSS :

Q.—You made a bargain with an Ottawa syndicate of which Mr. Murphy's son was a member? A.—Yes.

Q.—And the Government thought it advisable not to ratify it? A.—The Government thought it advisable not to ratify it.

Q.—Was there a complaint on the part of Mr. Dickson of unfair dealing? A.—He felt aggrieved.

Q.—Did the Commission or the Government pay him anything in settlement? A.—No, what we did was to recoup them for expenses by paying \$500, or \$800.

Q.—There is a letter about the payment of \$1,960, to Mr. Dickson? A.—There was a return to him.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q.—You were recouped for that \$1,100? A.—Certainly.

Q.—So you paid some \$800? A.—Yes.

Q.—In connection with that Murphy deal, what was the reason for the Government's action? Was the agreement on different terms from the advertisement? A.—The only difference was that it was 25 *per cent.* flat.

Q.—The first agreement was 25 *per cent.*, and 50 *per cent.*? A.—That is it. After that we made it a flat rate of 25 *per cent.*

Q.—When you readvertised it, it was a flat rate? A.—Yes.

Q.—And how much bonus? A.—\$50,000.

Q.—And it was in connection with expenses that they were paid \$800—\$1,900 altogether, of which the Government received \$1,100? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Had they started to work? A.—Yes.

Q.—And it was in connection with that they were recouped? A.—General expenses; I don't recollect the items.

By Mr. ROSS :

Q.—These lots which the Nancy Helen got, to whom were they sold, by the Commission? A.—They were sold to Mr. Smyth.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—A lease? A.—A lease.

By Mr. Ross:

Q.—Mr. Smyth was the local member for Algoma? A.—Yes.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—What royalty do they pay? A.—Twenty-five *per cent.* up to \$1,000, and 50 *per cent.* for all ores above \$1,000.

Q.—You got how much bonus? A.—\$500 a lot, \$6,000 is all.

Q.—How big were the lots? A.—About five lots to the acre.

Q.—These were not the only properties of the Nancy Helen? A.—No, I understand they have others in Coleman.

Q.—They did not represent the Nancy Helen property? A.—Oh, no, they have much more. We disposed of over 500 lots at auction, and by private sale, if you please, and I understand that this investigation is based upon about two *per cent.* of the lots we sold.

By Mr. CLARK (Bruce)

Q.—You got \$500, a lot from the Nancy Helen Company; how does that compare with others? A.—It was about 20 *per cent.* in excess of all others.

By Mr. MAHAFFY:

Q.—Were there any other twelve lots that would have amounted to that? A.—You could have picked out twelve—not together. The Bank of Toronto lot brought \$625, and the Bank of Commerce lot something like the same.

Q.—The town site was sold by the same arrangement? A.—It was.

Q.—There was evidently some serious dispute? A.—Still, the points in connection with the two are identical.

Q.—(Reads), "The south-west thirty-seven acres of the town site were leased to a syndicate, the members of which had filed claims of discovery of mineral on the property, and the interested parties having, at the suggestion of the Commission adjusted their interests relative thereto, enabled an early consummation of the lease to the Cobalt Town-Site Mining Company." There were certain disputes which you thought could be settled in this way? A.—They were identical. As regards the Nancy Helen, in the first place, their claim was for 16 lots. In the second place there were a number of lots on which there were claims, including three on which they claimed to have made discoveries. So that they received of the original lots only nine.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—If the facts were identical in regard to the town site lots, why were the town site lots sold by public tender, and the Nancy Helen privately? A.—The town site was a plot of thirty-seven acres; the other was about three and a half acres, and as I showed you at the last meeting of the committee, that I had the pleasure of attending, the report from our expert was that there was not a sign of minerals, while on the town site there was. Now, you cannot compare three and a half acres, and thirty-seven acres. When you are dealing with a question of that kind, it is a question of getting the largest possible price. We got \$6,000 on the minerals rights, and we would receive 25 *per cent.* of all ore at the mouth of the mine, up to \$1,000, and fifty *per cent.* for all ore above that value. All expenses of mining, the ore are borne by the company. All we do is to pay our portion of the freight.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—At the time of the sale of the lots to the Nancy Helen, had you trenched the lots looking for minerals? A.—So our report shows.

Q.—Had you found anything? A.—Nothing.

Q.—Have they shipped anything? A.—Nothing to my knowledge.

By Mr. CLARK (Bruce:)

Q.—Did the Nancy Helen get all the lots they applied for? A.—No.

Q.—They applied for sixteen; they got twelve. Why did not they get the other four? A.—We thought the claim did not cover them.

Q.—They were sold? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you get for them? A.—Somewhere about \$350. If they had been sold to the Nancy Helen, we would have done better for the people, and for the Government.

Q.—When you say that the claim did not cover the sixteen, what do you mean? A.—I mean they made application—I call it a claim.

Q.—They did not really apply for the sixteen? A.—That is it.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—The town site was not offered for sale? A.—No, sir. I have the list of the lots that were refused to the Nancy Helen. No. 399, was sold to R. A. Hardman for \$225; No. 400, to R. A. Hardman for \$150; No. 401, to L. C. Wideman for \$150; No. 402, to G. H. Large for \$150.

Q.—These were the four the Nancy Helen applied for, and did not get? A.—Yes.

Q.—You would have got \$500 apiece for them if they had gone to the Nancy Helen? A.—No doubt. Let me just add this, that if every private individual and Government were as well served as they were served by the Railway Commission, there would be no ground for complaint.

By Mr. Ross:

Q.—Have you had any experience? A.—Yes, for 35 years.

Q.—What is primarily your occupation? A.—A merchant.

Q.—What other occupations have you? A.—All my life I have been engaged in mining.

Q.—What kind? A.—Oil, copper, iron,

Q.—At the present time you are engaged in the oil business? A.—In the oil business.

Q.—For yourself personally? A.—For myself personally, and as an official.

Mr. CLARK (Bruce:) He has no right to ask these questions.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—You treated the Town-Site Mining Company on the same basis as the Nancy Helen? A.—Undoubtedly.

Q.—Both in regard to the surface, and the mining rights? A.—Undoubtedly.

By Mr. Ross:

Q.—You are an official of what company? A.—The Imperial Oil Company.

Q.—You are Vice-President? A.—Yes.

Q.—The Imperial Oil Company is the Standard Oil Company? A.—It is not. I only wish it was.

Mr. MATHESON: What has the Standard Oil Company got to do with this question.

Mr. MACKEY: Mr. Englehart offered his opinion as an expert on the whole question of these mining rights, and I think we ought to find out what his opinion is worth.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Carnegie): He told you what his experience was in mining companies with which he was connected. It was upon this experience that this opinion was given, and I think this answers the question.

By Mr. ROSS:

Q.—Is there any connection between the Imperial Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company?

Mr. MATHESON: He need not answer that question.

The WITNESS: I want to answer it. There is no connection.

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON, called:

By Mr. MACKEY:

Q.—Can you give me the valuation of the manufactured goods in the north shop at the Central Prison, at the time Taylor, Scott & Co., took it over? A.—No, I have not got that.

Q.—Nor the semi-manufactured goods? A.—No.

Q.—Who has that? A.—I could give you a memorandum.

Q.—How was it disposed of? A.—There was a subsequent agreement to work off the manufactured and semi-manufactured goods? A.—There was something of the kind. Mr. Thorne has it.

Q.—Can you give me the actual cash paid from the Central Prison industries to the Provincial Treasury? Give me the year 1899? A.—I have a memorandum of that. The public accounts for the Central Prison show \$18,008.78 paid in 1899.

Q.—In 1900? A.—In 1900, there is no record.

Q.—In 1901? A.—None.

Q.—In 1902? A.—\$21,000.

Q.—In 1903? A.—Nothing.

Q.—In 1904? A.—No record of anything.

Q.—In 1905? A.—There was a balance in the bank on December 31, of \$27,958.82.

Q.—Can you give me the figures, in addition to the cash actually paid into the Treasury from the industries, can you give me the figures of the amounts paid on Central Prison machinery, from the industrial earnings of the Central Prison, and not included in the payments to the Province, the amounts paid on the installation of the machinery? A.—In 1901, the first amount is \$5,923.58. In 1902, \$3,318.48. In 1903, \$7,565.80. In 1904, \$9,656.45. In 1905, \$9,636.35. A total of \$36,104.07.

Q.—What is the total amount paid into the Treasury? A.—From 1899?

Q.—Yes? A.—\$39,008.78, and then the balance in the bank of \$27,958.82.

Q.—That makes the total earnings of the Central Prison, how much? A.—Of course that does not represent the total earnings, because the earnings were not all represented by amounts paid to the treasury. Suppose we have \$20,000 or \$30,000 more in stock?

Q.—At all events those amounts came in from the industries?

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—These are only cash returns? A.—Yes.

By Mr. PATTINSON:

Q.—You have nothing to show the complete balance sheet? A.—The annual report of the Central Prison shows stock on hand, and the profits. This memorandum is simply taken from the report.

Q.—That does not mean that the industries made those amounts? A.—Not necessarily, the profits might be in stock.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—Were those amounts in round sums? A.—They were generally, round amounts.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—They did not figure out as round amounts? The last amount you gave as the actual balance in the bank was how much? A.—\$27,958.82.

Q.—After making payment to the Treasurer, and after the payments were made for installing the machinery? A.—That was the balance in the bank.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q.—This covers all the industries? A.—It covers all the industries.

Q.—Here is a memorandum. That is your signature? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Read it? A.—“Mr. Ross in examining Mr. Thorne, quoted from inspector’s reports of 1890, 1891 and 1892, to show receipts under Brandon contract.

“The reports mentioned state that the revenue of the woodenware shop, hire of prisoners,” was for—

1890	\$16,520 00
1891	12,802 50
1892	10,156 85

“The answer is as follows:

“First, these are gross amounts.

“They are not the amount of cash received from the Brandon Company during those years.

“The actual gross cash receipts from the Brandon Company are shown on the ledger to be in—

1890	\$4,500 00
1891	12,795 59
1892	8,097 64

“Neither Mr. Anderson nor Mr. Thorne were in the employ of the Government during these years. In going over the reports, etc., we are positive that the amounts shown as revenue in the reports do not represent the actual cash receipts from the Brandon Company, and that the gross cash receipts mentioned in the foregoing, are the actual receipts.

“From these actual receipts must be deducted the expenses paid by the Government during those years, which were properly chargeable to the north shop, in order to get the net, return to the Government for the labour. We are unable to determine from the reports how much these items would amount to.

“J. O. ANDERSON.
L. E. C. THORNE.”

Q.—Who prepared that statement? A.—Mr. Thorne and myself.

By Mr. MACKAY:

Q.—Is Mr. Thorne superior to you? A.—I think so. I have been in the accountant’s office.

Q.—What is Mr. Thorne? A.—He seems to be manager of the Accountant's office.

Q.—Manager under the Provincial Secretary? A.—Yes.

Q.—Had not the reports of the prison your signature as accountant in the ordinary way, in the years you were accountant? A.—Yes.

Q.—This statement which you now read is a statement prepared mostly by Mr. Thorne? A.—I went to the Central Prison, and went over the old ledgers, and made extracts from the accounts of the Brandon contract, and compared with the reports of the Central Prison industries for these years. Prior to 1903, the books were not kept by double entry. After that they were kept by double entry. Of course, this is simply an extract I made from the old books.

Q.—You just took it as an accountant looking over the books? A.—That's it. I went to the Central Prison and looked over the books.

Q.—I asked you whether you could tell me what amount of iron for iron sleigh runners was on hand in the north shop when the transfer was made to the Taylor, Scott Company? A.—No, I have no knowledge of that stock. It was all made from the department here.

Q.—Could you not look that up? Are there no books? A.—There are stock sheets at the Central Prison. I did not go down to the prison to look it up. I presume that the sheets would be down in the office.

Q.—It is peculiar that you and Mr. Thorne did not get it? A.—I did not speak to Mr. Thorne.

Q.—Can you say where we can get the information. Mr. Thorne told us it would likely be charged to the machine shop. Now, where could we get information about the amount of it, and what became of it? A.—There are stock sheets, but they are not copied into the books. The sheets were there, and I think they are in the office down stairs—not that I have any knowledge of it.

By Mr. Ross:

Q.—In 1891, there was an item of this amount of revenue from the broom department. The Government was paid \$9,510.79, for eighteen thousand odd days' work? That means what it says? A.—I presume so? I was not there.

Q.—You were not accountant? A.—Not until 1903.

Q.—You followed the old practice in making reports? A.—No, I cannot say anything about it.

Q.—You went to the same source of information that I went to? A.—To the Central Prison reports.

The Committee then adjourned.

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