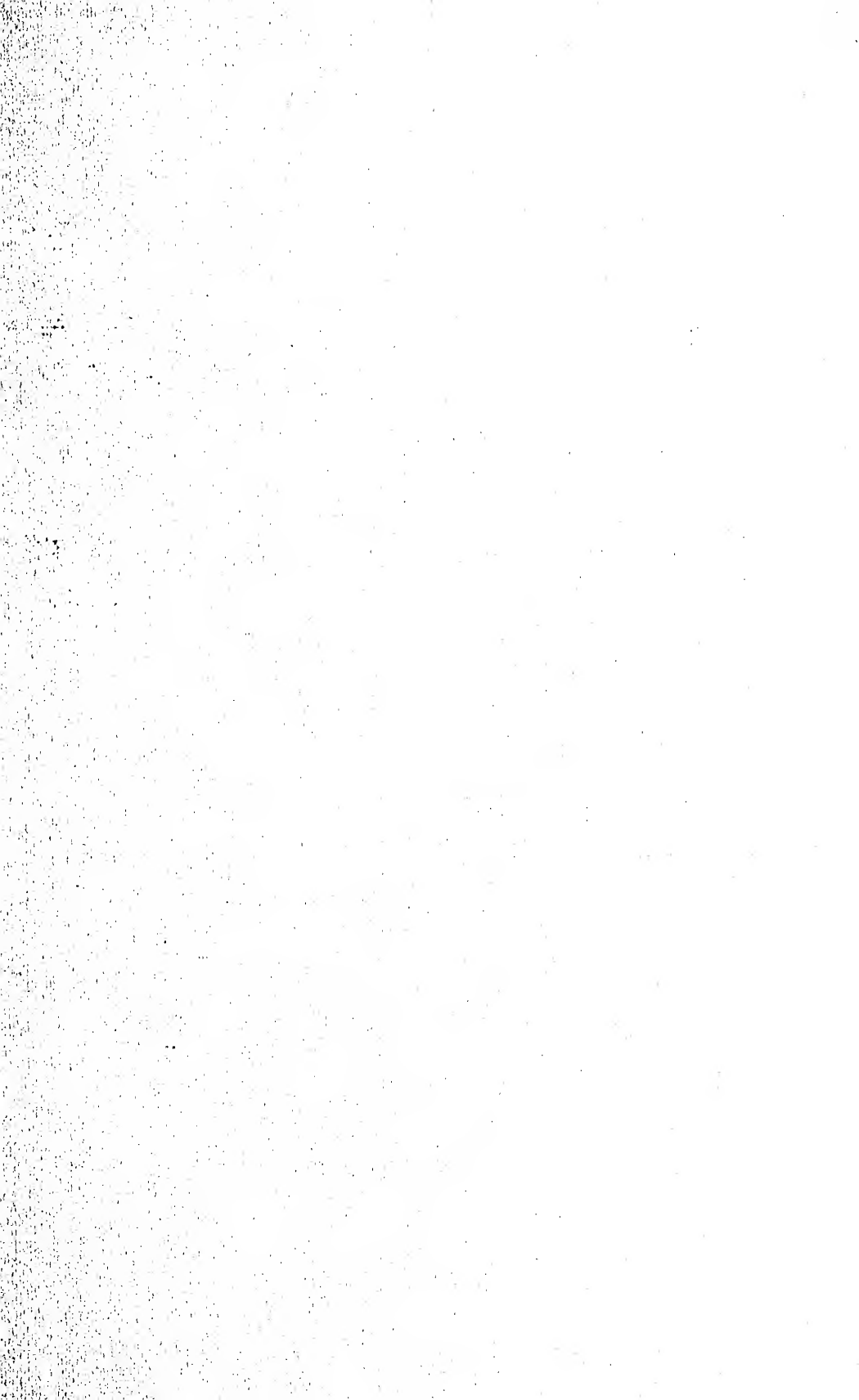




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2. Report presented, 111. (*Sessional Papers No. 70.*) Printed. See *Statute Law Amendment Act*.

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1. Petition for Act respecting, 18. Reported, 90. Bill (No. 6), introduced and referred, 92. Reported, 114. Second reading, 135. House goes into Committee on, 139. Third reading, 167. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 104.)
2. Petition for Act to confirm Bylaw No. 43 (1911), 18. Reported, 90. Bill (No. 31), introduced and referred, 93. Reported, 114. Second reading, 136. House goes into Committee on, 140. Third reading, 167. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 105.)

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2. Bill (No. 172), introduced to amend, 143. Second reading and referred to the Legal Committee, 179. Reported, 302. House goes into Committee on, 319. Provisions embodied with Bill 158, 335. See *above*.
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LINDSAY, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 18. Reported, 44. Bill (No. 7), introduced and referred to Railway and Municipal Board, 45. Reported and referred to Committee on Private Bills, 98-9. Reported, 146. Second reading, 162. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 106.)

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3. Report presented, 271. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*) Printed.

4. Return ordered, showing prosecutions for illegal sale of liquor in Northern Ontario, 41. Presented, 62. (*Sessional Papers No. 55.*) Not printed.

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LOAN AND TRUST CORPORATIONS:

1. Bill (No. 102), introduced respecting, 70. Second reading, 84. House goes into Committee on, 138, 249. Third reading, 320. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 34.)

2. Report presented, 111. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11.*) Printed.

LONDON, CITY OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 52. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 56), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 236. Second reading, 248. House goes into Committee on, 255. Third reading, 265. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 107.)

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MIDLAND TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 48. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 52), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 175. Second reading, 178. House

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MILTON, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 18. Reported, 56. Bill (No. 28), introduced and referred, 57. Reported, 84. Second reading, 101. House goes into Committee on, 110. Third reading, 137. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 108.)

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1. Bill (No. 123), introduced to amend, 53. Order for second reading discharged, 228.
2. Bill (No. 203), introduced to amend the Act, 193. Second reading, 249. House goes into Committee on, 259, 275, 308. Third reading, 309. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 8.)
3. Report presented, 165. (*Sessional Papers, No. 4.*) Printed.

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MONARCH RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 52. Reported, 90. Bill (No. 54), introduced and referred, 94. Reported, 143. Second reading, 148. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 141.)

MONEY-LENDING:

Bill (No. 84), introduced respecting, 49. Second reading, 85. House goes into Committee on, 171, 180. Third reading, 230. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 30.)

MONTREAL COBALT POWER COMPANY, LIMITED:

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MORRISBURG AND OTTAWA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 118. Reported, 145. Bill (No. 149), introduced and referred, 147. Reported, 175. Second reading, 178. House goes into Committee on, 195. Third reading, 230. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 142.)

MORTMAIN AND CHARITABLE USES ACT:

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2. Bill (No. 127), introduced to amend the Act, 58. Second reading negatived, 179.

MOUNT MCKAY AND KAKABEKA FALLS RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 64. Reported, 89. Bill (No. 48), introduced and referred, 93. Reported, 118. Second reading, 136. House goes into Committee on, 149. Third reading, 168. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 143.)

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MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE ACT:—*See Statute Law Amendment Act.*

MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER WORKS:

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MUNICIPAL LAW:

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2. Bill (No. 128), introduced to amend, 64. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 109. Mr. *McCowan*.
3. Bill (No. 129), introduced to amend, 70. Order for second reading discharged, 109. Mr. *Peck*.
4. Bill (No. 131), introduced to amend, 74. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 109. Reported, 264. Mr. *Ellis*.
5. Bill (No. 132), introduced to amend, 75. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 109. Reported, 264. Mr. *McElroy*.
6. Bill (No. 135), introduced to amend, 75. Order for second reading, discharged, 110. Mr. *Ellis*.
7. Bill (No. 136), introduced to amend, 75. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 169. Mr. *Mahaffy*.
8. Bill (No. 142), introduced and referred, 94. Order for second reading discharged, 137. Mr. *Westbrook*.
9. Bill (No. 151), introduced and referred, 115. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 169. Reported, 264. Mr. *Proudford*.
10. Bill (No. 152), introduced and referred, 115. Second reading, and referred to the Municipal Committee, 178. Reported, 264. Mr. *Fraser*.
11. Bill (No. 162), introduced and referred, 134. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 169. Reported, 264. Mr. *Gooderham*.
12. Bill (No. 163), introduced to amend, 134. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 178. Reported, 264. Mr. *Sulman*.
13. Bill (No. 164), introduced to amend, 134. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 178. Reported, 264. Mr. *Sulman*.

14. Bill (No. 166), introduced to amend, 135. Order for second reading discharged, 200. Mr. *Whitesides*.
15. Bill (No. 177), introduced to amend, 148. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 170. Reported, 264. Mr. *Jamieson*.
16. Bill (No. 179), introduced to amend, 148. Order for second reading discharged, 169. Mr. *McNaught*.
17. Bill (No. 187), introduced to amend, 161. Order for second reading discharged, 233. Mr. *Proudfoot*.
18. Bill (No. 220), introduced "The Municipal Act, 1912," 273. Order discharged, 301. Mr. *Hanna*.
19. Bill (No. 218), introduced "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912," 265. Second reading, 277. House goes into Committee on, 295. Third reading, 315. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 40.) Mr. *Hanna*.
20. Bill (No. 173), introduced to amend the Local Improvement Sections of the Municipal Act, 143. Second reading, and referred to the Municipal Committee, 179. Reported, 272. House goes into Committee on, 300. Third reading, 318. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 44.) Mr. *McPherson*.
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MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DEBENTURES:

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NIAGARA FALLS, WELLAND AND DUNNVILLE RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 64. Reported, 145. Bill (No. 65), introduced and referred, 147. Reported, 191. Second reading, 196. House goes into Committee on, 232. Third reading, 255. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 144.)

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NORTH BAY, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act to confirm By-law No. 317, 20. Reported, 131. Bill (No. 43), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 191. Second reading, 196. House goes into Committee on, 231. Third reading, 237. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 109.)

NORTH MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 34. Reported, 106. Bill (No. 66), introduced and referred, 108. Reported, 143. Second reading, 148. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 145.)

NORTH TORONTO, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 19. Reported, 56. Bill (No. 25), introduced and referred, 58. Reported, 128. Second reading, 137. House goes into Committee on, 164. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 110.)

NORTHERN ONTARIO:

1. Return ordered, showing what prosecutions have been instituted against parties for illegal sale of liquor in, result of, etc., 41. Presented, 62. (*Sessional Papers, No. 55.*) Not printed.
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OLIVER, TOWNSHIP OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 19. Reported, 91. Bill (No. 24), introduced and referred, 93. Reported, 128. Second reading, 136. House goes into Committee on, 164. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 112.)

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF ART:

Bill (No. 197), introduced respecting, 184. Second reading, 233. House goes into Committee on, 240. Third reading, 309. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 79.)

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ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT:

Bill (No. 192), introduced to amend, 166. Second reading and referred to a select committee, 256. Reported, 273. House goes into Committee on, 319. Third reading, 335. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 29.)

ONTARIO AND MINNESOTA POWER COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 34. Reported, 91. Bill (No. 27), introduced and referred, 93. Reported, 229. Second reading, 238. House goes into Committee on, 248, 275, 308. Third reading, 308. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 152.)

ONTARIO, LIMITS OF PROVINCE OF:

Bill (No. 214), introduced to express consent of the Legislative Assembly to an extension of, 237. Second reading, 277. House goes into Committee on, 295. Motion for third reading and amendments proposed and negatived, 311-14. Third reading, 315. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 3.) See *Boundaries.*

ONTARIO RAILWAY ACT:

Bill (No. 200), introduced to amend, 192. Second reading and referred to Railway Committee, 233. Reported, 264. House goes into Committee on, 299. Third reading, 300. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 35.)

ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD:

1. Bill (No. 124), introduced to amend, 53. Second reading, 232. House goes into Committee on, 240, 274. Third reading, 287. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 37.)
2. Bill (No. 153), introduced to amend, 115. Second reading and referred to Committee on Railways, 169. Reported, 191. House goes into Committee on, 236. Third reading, 247. *Provisions amalgamated with Bill 124. See above.*
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4. Report presented, 331. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*) Printed.

ONTARIO SALVAGE COMPANY:

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OTTAWA, CITY OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 20. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 41), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 236. Re-committed, 251. Reported, 286. House goes into Committee on; third reading, 300. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 114.)

OTTAWA, RIDEAU LAKE AND KINGSTON RAILWAY:—See *Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston*.

OTTAWA, SMITH'S FALLS AND KINGSTON RAILWAY COMPANY:

Petition for Act respecting, 70. Reported, 106. Bill (No. 71), introduced and referred, 108. Reported, 143. Second reading, 148. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 175. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 146.)

OWEN SOUND, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 53. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 57), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 190. Second reading, 196. House goes into Committee on, 231. Third reading, 237. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 115.)

PARRY SOUND, TOWN OF:

Petition for Act to confirm By-law No. 388 and a certain agreement, 118. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 150), introduced and referred, 134. Reported, 151. Second reading, 163. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 176. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 116.)

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PETERBOROUGH, CITY OF:

Petition for Act respecting, 70. Reported, 145. Bill (No. 72), introduced and referred, 147. Reported, 286. Second reading, 300. House goes into Committee on, 300. Third reading, 318. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 117.)

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PORCUPINE RAND BELT ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY:

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PORT ARTHUR, CITY OF:

Petitions for Act respecting, 53, 112. Reported, 132. Bill (No. 61), introduced and referred, 133. Reported, 213. Second reading, 232. House goes into Committee on, 248. Third reading, 255. R.A., 365. (2 Geo. V. c. 118.)

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POWER COMMISSION ACT:

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Wednesday, February 7th, 1912.

PROCLAMATION.

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Province of
Ontario.

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JOHN MORISON GIBSON.

GEORGE VTH, 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. } **W**HEREAS 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 WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTH day of the month of FEBRUARY 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 SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, &c., &c., &c., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this SIXTEENTH day of JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and in the Second year of Our Reign.

By Command,

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

This being the First day of the First Meeting of the Thirteenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor—Arthur Henry Sydere, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, laid upon the Table of the House a Roll, hereinafter fully set out, containing a list of the names of the Members who had been returned at the General Elections to serve in this Legislature; and having been appointed, *per dedimus potestatem*, a Commissioner for administering the Oaths to the Members, did administer the Oaths to the Members present; who, after having subscribed the Roll, took their seats in the House.

THIRTEENTH GENERAL ELECTION.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY, ONTARIO.

Toronto, February 7th, 1912.

This is to certify that by reason of the Dissolution of the last Legislature on the Thirteenth day of November, A.D. 1911, and in virtue of Writs of Election, dated on the Seventeenth day of November, A.D. 1911, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and addressed to the hereinafter named persons as Returning Officers for all the Electoral Districts in the Province of Ontario, for the election of Members to represent the several Electoral Districts in the Legislature of the Province, in the Parliament convened to meet on the Seventh day of February, A.D. 1912, the following named persons have

been gazetted as duly elected to represent the Electoral Districts set opposite their respective names, as appears by the Returns to the said Writs, deposited of Record in my office, namely:—

CONSTITUENCY.	MEMBERS ELECTED.	RETURNING OFFICERS.
Electoral District of		
1. Addington	William David Black	Alfred M. Bell.
2. Algoma	Albert Grigg	William E. Boyd.
3. Brant, North	John Westbrook	John Jefferson.
4. Brant, South	Willoughby Staples Brewster . .	Thomas Simpson Wade.
5. Brockville	Albert Edward Donovan	William Richardson.
6. Bruce, Centre	William McDonald	Thomas Morgan.
7. Bruce, North	Charles Martin Bowman	John Kennedy Davidson.
8. Bruce, South	John George Anderson	James Andrew Lamb.
9. Carleton	Robert Herbert McElroy	Alexander Murphy.
10. Dufferin	Charles Robert McKeown	Robert Gallagher.
11. Dundas	Hon. Sir James Pliny Whitney . .	Robert H. Hogaboam.
12. Durham, East	Josiah Johnston Preston	Hugh Walker.
13. Durham, West	John Henry Devitt	Joseph Pattinson.
14. Elgin, East	Charles Andrew Brower	Henry G. Godwin.
15. Elgin, West	Finlay George Macdiarmid	Leonard D. Gillett.
16. Essex, North	Hon. Joseph Octave Reaume	Maxfield Sheppard.
17. Essex, South	Charles N. Anderson	Walter H. Noble.
18. Fort William	Charles William Jarvis	George H. Adair.
19. Frontenac	Anthony McGuin Rankin	George V. Stuart.
20. Glengarry	Hugh Munro	Alexander R. McDougall.
21. Grenville	George Howard Ferguson	John Johnston.
22. Grey, Centre	Hon. Isaac Benson Lucas	Thomas Scott.
23. Grey, North	Hon. Alexander Grant MacKay	Allan Cameron Maitland.
24. Grey, South	David Jamieson	William B. Vollett.
25. Haldimand	Christian Kohler	Henry B. Sawle.
26. Halton	Alfred Westland Nixon	John N. Bastedo.
27. Hamilton, East	Allan Studholme	Ernest Edward Linger.
28. Hamilton, West	Hon. John Strathearn Hendrie . .	William Henry Childs.
29. Hastings, East	Sandy Grant	Good McKinney Campbell.
30. Hastings, North	John Robert Cook	William J. Douglas.
31. Hastings, West	John Wesley Johnson	William Parker Hudson.
32. Huron, Centre	William Prondfoot	Michael Broderick.
33. Huron, North	Armstrong H. Musgrove	Peter W. Scott.
34. Huron, South	Henry Eilber	Thomas B. Carling.
35. Kenora	Harold Arthur Clement Machin . .	Charles Wiggins Belyea.
36. Kent, East	Walter Renwick Ferguson	William Edmund Bottoms.
37. Kent, West	George William Sulman	John R. Gemmill.
38. Kingston	Arthur Edward Ross	J. B. Walkem.

39. Lambton, East ..	Robert John McCormick	William English.
40. Lambton, West ..	Hon. William John Hanna ...	James Flintoft.
41. Lanark, North ...	Richard Franklin Preston	James Wesley Wilson.
42. Lanark, South ...	Hon. Arthur James Matheson..	William James Pink.
43. Leeds	John Robertson Dargavel	Joseph DeWolfe.
44. Lennox	Thomas George Carscallen....	James Reid.
45. Lincoln	Elisha Jessop	Henry O'Loughlin.
46. London	Hon. Adam Beck	Edward Herbert Johnston.
47. Manitoulin	Robert Roswell Ganey	Albert E. Graham.
48. Middlesex, East ..	Robert Sutherland	William E. Wright.
49. Middlesex, North ..	Duncan MacArthur	Walter Bolton.
50. Middlesex, West ..	John Campbell Elliott	David James Donaldson.
51. Monck	Thomas Marshall	Jacob Fretz.
52. Muskoka	Arthur Arnold Mahaffy	William Mayhew.
53. Nipissing	Henry Morel	William Martin, the younger.
54. Norfolk, North ..	Thomas Robert Atkinson.....	Frederick Samuel Snider.
55. Norfolk, South ..	Arthur Clarence Pratt	Samuel H. Harding.
56. Northumberland, East	Samuel Greerson Murray Nesbit	Albert Lyman Boyce.
57. Northumberland, West	Samuel Clarke	John Grandy Nicholls.
58. Ontario, North ..	William Henry Hoyle	John Blanchard.
59. Ontario, South ..	William Edmund Newton Sinclair	William Morecomb Real.
60. Ottawa, East ...	Napoleon Champagne	C. S. O. Boudreault.
61. Ottawa, West ...	James Albert Ellis	Charles L. Bray.
62. Oxford, North ..	Newton Wesley Rowell	Wesley S. West.
63. Oxford, South ..	Thomas Richard Mayberry ...	Thomas Wells.
64. Parry Sound	John Galna	Alexander Logan.
65. Peel	Samuel Charters	Thomas H. Goodison.
66. Perth, North	James Torrance	Thomas Magwood.
67. Perth, South	John Bennewies	H. Fred Sharpe.
68. Peterborough, East	James Thompson	S. P. Ford.
69. Peterborough, West	Edward Armour Peck	James Albro Hall.
70. Port Arthur	Donald McDonald Hogarth ...	James Hartley Woodside.
71. Prescott	Gustave Evanturel	Eden Abbott Johnson.
72. Prince Edward ..	Robert Addison Norman	Charles Ferguson Vandusen.
73. Rainy River	James Arthur Mathieu	Walter John Keating.
74. Renfrew, North ..	Edward Armah Dunlop	Andrew Johnstone.
75. Renfrew, South ..	Thomas William McGarry	George Eady.

76. Russell	Damase Racine	J. L. Rolston.
77. Sault Ste. Marie..	Hon. William Howard Hearst..	Henry James Moor-
	Alfred Burke Thompson	house.
78. Simcoe, Centre ..		John Switzer.
79. Simcoe, East	James Irwin Hartt	John Hugh Hammond.
80. Simcoe, South ...	Alexander Ferguson	Richard J. Hill.
81. Simcoe, West	Hon. James Stoddart Duff	William Matthew Lock-
		hart.
82. Stormont	John Colborne Milligan	Albert Sheek Hodgins.
83. Sturgeon Falls ...	Zotique Mageau	Jules Albert Philion.
84. Sudbury	Charles McCrea	Alexander Irving.
85. Temiskaming	Robert Taylor Shillington	C. W. Haentchel.
86. Toronto, East,		
Seat "A."	Hon. Robert Allan Pyne	William Temple Stew-
87. Toronto East,		art.
Seat "B."	Thomas Richard Whitesides ..	
88. Toronto, North,		
Seat "A."	William Kirkpatrick	
89. Toronto, North,	McNaught	William Richard Cavell.
Seat "B."	Hon. James Joseph Foy	
90. Toronto, South,		
Seat "A."	Edward William James	William Henry Smith.
91. Toronto, South,	Owens	
Seat "B."	George Horace Gooderham...	
92. Toronto, West,		
Seat "A."	Hon. Thomas Crawford	Thomas Hurst.
93. Toronto, West,		
Seat "B."	William David McPherson ..	
94. Victoria, East ...	Robert Mercer Mason	Isaac Naylor.
95. Victoria, West ...	Adam Edward Vrooman	John Jackson.
96. Waterloo, North	Henry George Lackner	George Davidson.
97. Waterloo, South	George Pattinson	William R. Plum.
98. Welland	Evan Eugene Fraser	Memo House.
99. Wellington, East	Udney Richardson	Sem Wissler.
100. Wellington, South	Henry Chadwick Scholfield ...	William Wallace White.
101. Wellington, West	William Clark Chambers	George M. Fox.
102. Wentworth, North	James McQueen	William McDonald.
103. Wentworth, South	James Thomas Hammill Regan	Robert H. Lewis.
104. York, East	Alexander McCowan	Thomas Gordon Pater-
		son.
105. York, North	Thomas Herbert Lennox	William James Steven-
		son.
106. York, West	Forbes Godfrey	Samuel Ryding.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

*Clerk of the Crown in Chancery
for Ontario.*

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

And the House having met,

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, then said,

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to state that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of this House shall have been chosen according to law; but To-day, at a subsequent hour, His Honour will declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Prime Minister, Sir James P. Whitney, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, William Henry Hoyle, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of Ontario, which motion was seconded by Mr. Attorney-General Foy and it was

Resolved, That the Honourable William Henry Hoyle do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared the Honourable William Henry Hoyle duly elected, he was conducted by the Prime Minister and Mr. Foy to the Chair, where standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the Table.

3.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then re-entered the House and took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Speaker-elect then addressed His Honour 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, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their Debates, access to your person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

The Provincial Secretary 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, and not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, the constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all suitable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

It affords me pleasure to welcome you to the performance of your duties at this the first Session of the Thirteenth Legislature of this Province.

In November last the official career of Earl Grey as Governor-General of Canada came to a close, and he took with him on his departure the abiding respect, esteem and affection of the Canadian people.

For the first time in the history of Canada a Prince of the blood Royal, one of the illustrious family to whom we owe willing allegiance, becomes our Governor-General. The people of Canada appreciate highly the fact that he is the son of the ever-to-be-revered and august lady, Queen Victoria, and the brother of His late Majesty, King Edward the Peacemaker, who held the confidence and affection of all his subjects and the respect and admiration of the civilized world.

Since the last meeting of the Legislature the Coronation of Their Most Gracious Majesties King George V. and His Royal Consort Queen Mary has been celebrated in solemn and imposing ceremony, representatives from all parts of the Empire having assembled at Westminster Abbey to join therein. This Province was represented on the auspicious occasion by its First Minister, along with myself and the Minister of Agriculture and many of its prominent citizens.

On the labours of the husbandman the prosperity of the Province mainly rests, and though there has been in some localities room for disappointment in the harvest, on the whole our earnest thanks are due to Almighty God for varied bountiful returns and general evidences of prosperity.

Manifestations of the steadily increasing enterprise and desirable activities of our people are to be seen everywhere and are subjects of congratulation. By way of illustration—the net earnings of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway for the year ending 31st December, 1911, amounted to \$593,000, as against \$420,000 for the previous year. The branch of the Railway to Porcupine has been completed, and there are now three hundred miles of the Railway in operation, while another branch line is being located from the main line to Elk Lake.

An agreement has been entered into between the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada granting the latter running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, in consideration of which the Company, in addition to assuming an equitable share of the cost of the general maintenance of the road, agrees to pay the sum of \$300,000 per annum as rental for such running rights—this sum representing one-half of the interest on the total cost of the construction of the line.

The erection of the new Central Prison Buildings at Guelph has been commenced. A large part of the work is being done by the prisoners, and the result fully justifies the experiment of treating the prisoners as not unworthy of trust. The Board of Parole instituted by my Government has proved to be an unqualified success, and great good has already resulted from its work.

The great scheme for the utilization of hydro-electric power in the public interest has, after many vicissitudes, been accomplished and is now in full and successful operation in the western part of the Province, and steps are now being taken by my Government to extend the operations of the Commission to Central, Northern and Eastern Ontario.

The output of our silver mines has continued to increase during the past year until now Ontario stands third in point of production among the silver

producing communities of the world, the entire output yielding one-seventh of the world's production, and the prospects of the gold-mining districts at Porcupine and vicinity are very promising.

The very important work of practical demonstrations carried out on live stock, dairying, fruit-growing and the growing of field crops, by the District Representatives of the Department of Agriculture, has been continued and increased, and the demand for further extension of this work still continues. In this connection it is pleasing to be able to state that my Ministers have been given to understand that steps are being taken by the Dominion Government to collect data for a plan or method by which financial aid for the spread of agricultural knowledge and information can be given to each of the Provinces by the Dominion Government.

What is practically a new westerly wing of the Parliament Buildings, capable of providing a large increase of much-needed office accommodation, has been completed, and the new and additional wing to the north of and adjoining the main buildings will be finished at an early date.

Contracts for the stonework and foundation of the new Government House have been let, and it is expected that the sum arising from the sale of the present Government House will suffice to pay the cost of the new site and buildings, leaving a considerable sum for maintenance of the latter. The Central Prison and Lunatic Asylum properties have been sold for the sum of \$1,025,000.

The Succession Duties for the past year have amounted to over a Million Dollars.

During the year 1910 upwards of eight thousand immigrants were brought into the Province by the Department of Colonization and located, and it is believed that the figures for the year 1911 will show a still larger number. Conferences have been held between the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa and the Minister of Agriculture of the Province, with a view to co-operation with regard to this matter in the future, which it is believed will bring about desirable results.

The Commissioner appointed to collect information regarding legislation affecting compensation for injuries to workmen has made good progress, and a report may be expected at an early day.

The question of the further development of New or Northern Ontario is obviously of great importance, and, with the financial aid expected from the Parliament of Canada, and the great extent of railway construction, my Ministers intend to take immediate steps towards a more rapidly progressive development.

The scheme of technical education provided for by the legislation of last session has been well received by the public.

Much progress has been made by the Commission for the revision of the Statutes, and among the Acts revised and which will come before you for consideration are several dealing with very important subjects. The completion of this very important and necessary work may soon be looked for.

Necessary legislation affecting several of the subjects I have mentioned will come before you for consideration.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the supplementary estimates for the current year will also be submitted without delay.

I am convinced that the welfare and best interests of this great Province will be well served by your deliberations.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

4 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

Resolved, That the 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.

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

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the Clock, P.M., of Thursday, the Eighth day of February instant.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the Clerk had laid upon the Table:—

A Return from the Records of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly held on the 4th and 11th days of November, 1911, shewing:—

(1) The number of Votes Polled for each Candidate in each Electoral District in which there was a contest; (2) The majority whereby each successful Candidate was returned; (3) The total number of Votes Polled; (4) The number of Votes remaining unpolled; (5) The number of names on the Polling Lists; (6) The number of Ballot Papers sent out to each Polling Place; (7) The Used Ballot Papers; (8) The Unused Ballot Papers; (9) The Rejected Ballot Papers; (10) The Cancelled Ballot Papers; (11) The Declined Ballot Papers; (12) The Ballot Papers taken from Polling Places; (13) A General Summary of Votes cast in each Electoral District. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Thursday, February 8th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. SPEAKER communicated to the House,

A Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library. (*Sessional Papers, No. 51.*)

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

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

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Limited; also, the Petition of Goodwillie and Son, of Thorold Township; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Welland.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Trustees of the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital; also, the Petition of the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beansville Electric Railway Company.

By Mr. Ross, two Petitions of the City Council of Kingston.

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

By Mr. McGarry, two Petitions of the Town Council of Arnprior; also the Petition of the Town Council of Renfrew.

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of Stephen F. Adalia and others, of Toronto; also, the Petition of William Joseph Bell and others, of Sudbury.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Town Council of Milton and Williams and Sons, Limited; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Oakville.

By Mr. Lackner, the Petition of the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company.

By Mr. McPherson, the Petition of Harry Sanders, of the City of Toronto.

By Mr. Grigg, the Petition of the Town Council of Webbwood; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie.

By Mr. McQueen, the Petition of the Town Council of Dundas.

By Mr. Shillington, the Petition of the Town Council of Haileybury.

By Mr. Vrooman, the Petition of the Town Council of Lindsay.

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

By Mr. Hogarth, the Petition of James George Guise-Bagley, of Port Arthur.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of R. H. Smith and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Johnson, the Petition of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and the Rector of St. Thomas Church, Belleville.

By Mr. Charters, the Petition of the Town Council of Brampton.

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

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

By Mr. Peck, the Petition of Lawrence H. Graham and others, of Lakefield.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the Stratford Young Women's Christian Association.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of Thomas A. Blakeley and others, of the Village of Flesherton.

By Mr. Anderson (Essex), the Petition of the Town Council of Sandwich.

By Mr. Mason, the Petition of John H. Delamere and others, of Minden.

By Mr. Machin, the Petition of the Town Council of Dryden and the Dryden Timber and Power Company.

By Mr. Scholfield, the Petition of the City Council of Guelph.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Jamieson moved, seconded by Mr. McCrea,

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

To His Honour Sir John Morison Gibson, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., etc., 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, upon motion of Sir James Whitney,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Friday, February 9th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the City Council of Fort William.

By Mr. Morel, the Petition of the Town Council of North Bay.

By Mr. Salmon, the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

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

Bill (No. 85), intituled “An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.” Mr. Foy.

Bill (No. 79), intituled “An Act to prevent Minors from frequenting Billiard Rooms and other places.” Mr. Foy.

Bill (No. 77), intituled “An Act respecting Snow Fences.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 82), intituled “An Act to impose a Tax on Dogs and for the protection of Sheep.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 92), intituled “An Act to prevent the spread of Insect and Fungous Diseases injurious to Vegetation.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 98), intituled “An Act respecting Pounds.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 103), intituled “An Act respecting the Barberry Shrub.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 104), intituled “An Act for the Protection of Bees.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 105), intituled “An Act to prevent the extermination of the Plant called Ginseng.” Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 90), intituled “An Act respecting the property of Religious Institutions.” Mr. Lucas.

Bill (No. 107), intituled “An Act respecting Telephone Systems.” Mr. Lucas.

Bill (No. 81), intituled “An Act to authorize the appointment of Fire Guardians.” Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the foregoing Bills be severally read the second time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Sir James 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, Sir James Whitney, and Messieurs Foy, Matheson, Hendrie, Mayberry, McDonald and Sinclair.

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

Resolved. That a Special Committee of Thirteen 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, Pyne, Preston (Lanark), Mahaffy, Thompson (Simcoe), MacKay, Bowman, Proudfoot, Rowell, Macdiarmid, Johnson and Clarke, and Clarke.

On motion of Sir James 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:—Sir James Whitney and Messieurs Foy, Matheson, Pyne, Hendrie, Hanna, Lucas, Rowell, Elliott, Racine and McCormick.

The House then adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Monday, February 12th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

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

By Mr. MacArthur, the Petition of Arthur Hawkins, of London; also, the Petition of the North Midland Railway Company.

By Mr. Machin, the Petition of the Minnesota Power Company, Limited.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the County Council of Welland.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of John Thomas Horne and others, of Fort William.

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Town Council of Steelton.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt of the Corporation.

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the debenture debt of the Corporation and for other purposes.

Of James George Guise-Bagley, of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario.

Of the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to change name of the Company to "The Berlin and Northern Electric Railway Company"; to re-incorporate the same; to increase capital stock, and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Brampton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 418, authorizing the issue of certain debentures.

Of the Town Council of Carleton Place, praying that an Act may pass empowering the issue of debentures *re* certain public works.

Of the Town Council of Dundas, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt and authorize the issue of debentures.

Of the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the completion of the road and to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 107.

Of the Town Council of Dryden and the Dryden Timber and Power Company, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 35 as to the sale of certain property to the Company.

Of Thomas A. Blakeley and others, of Flesherton, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws as to erection of a Hospital; number of Aldermen to be elected and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Haileybury, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 305, providing for the issue of debentures for the raising of money.

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass By-laws without submitting same to electors *re* issue of debentures for the acquisition of land.

Of R. H. Smith and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.

Of Lawrence H. Grahame and others, of Lakefield, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 40 (1911), promoting the erection of a Hotel, fixing assessment and guaranteeing bonds.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 43 (1911), *re* exemption of property of the Canadian Locomotive Company, Limited.

Of the Town Council of Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *in re* the borrowing of money and local improvements.

Of John H. Delamere and others, of Minden, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

Of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.

Of the Town Council of Milton and Williams and Sons, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement and confirm certain By-laws.

Of the Town Council of North Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to repeal ss. 5a of Cap. 114, 9 Edw. VII., except as to water mains already begun; to prohibit the carrying, by railways, of freight upon any highway within the Municipality and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Oakville, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 417 *re* assessment for public works.

Of the Township Council of Oliver, praying that an Act may pass to confirm all sales of land made for arrears of taxes prior to 31st December, 1911, and to ratify certain By-laws.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and the Rector of St. Thomas Church, Belleville, praying that an Act may pass to authorize and empower them to sell and convey to the Board of Education certain lands on Church Street in the City of Belleville.

Of Stephen F. Adalia and others, of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.

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

Of the Trustees of the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital, praying that an Act may pass to amend 29 Vic., Cap. 107, by enacting that the Corporation may purchase and hold any real estate within the Province required for its actual use and for other purposes.

Of Harry Sanders, of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation by a three-fourths vote to grant free light and water and exemption from taxation to new industries locating permanently in the Town.

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate as a City and authorize the annexation of certain territory.

Of the Stratford Young Women's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass confirming incorporation with power to amend constitution.

Of William Joseph Bell and others, of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Sudbury-Copper Cliffe Suburban Railway Company.

Of the Toronto Stock Exchange, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation *re* power to hold and improve real estate, and to lease or sell the same.

Of the Town Council of Webbwood, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 95, *re* certain public works.

Of the Town Council of Welland; also of Goodwillie and Son, of Thorold Township, severally praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 430, in the matter of the assessment of Goodwillie and Son.

Of the City Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and to confirm a certain agreement.

Of the Town Council of North Bay, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 317, and the debentures issued thereunder.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to borrow certain sums of money in connection with Hospitals and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of Simcoe, praying that the law in respect to damages against municipalities with respect to defective roads may be amended.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying that the law respecting enquiries into accidents on Railways may be so amended as to render the Companies liable for a fair proportion of the expense.

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

Bill (No. 86), intituled “An Act to authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways.” Mr. Reaume.

Bill (No. 89), intituled “An Act respecting Companies for the construction of Wharfs and Harbours.” Mr. Reaume.

Bill (No. 108), intituled “An Act respecting Houses of Refuge.” Mr. Hanna.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges." Mr. Hanna.

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act respecting Vaccination and Inoculation." Mr. Hanna.

Bill (No. 88), intituled "An Act to regulate the speed and operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways." Mr. Hanna.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act to regulate Maternity Boarding Houses and for the protection of Infant Children." Mr. Hanna.

Bill (No. 94), intituled "An Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada." Mr. Foy.

Bill (No. 96), intituled "An Act respecting Solicitors." Mr. Foy.

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act respecting Barristers-at-Law." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the foregoing Bills be severally read the second time forthwith.

The several Bills were then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 112), intituled "An Act respecting the Toronto General Hospital." Mr. Matheson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Rowell asked the following Question:—

1. Has any settlement been made of the Boundary between the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, through the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

2. If so, (a) When was such settlement made.

(b) What is the boundary so agreed upon.

3. Was any reply made by the Government of Ontario to the proposal made by the Government of Canada, for the settlement of the Boundary between Ontario and Manitoba contained in the Resolution passed by the House of Commons on the 13th day of July, 1908.

4. If so, (a) When was such reply made.

(b) What was the nature or effect thereof.

5. (a) Is the Government aware of the statement made by the Hon. Colin Campbell, K.C., Minister of Public Works for Manitoba, in the public press on the 22nd day of November last, that the Boundary question had been settled at a Conference in Ottawa, between representatives of the Government of Manitoba and of the Dominion of Canada.

(b) Is the Government aware that the settlement so alleged to have been made would give the Province of Manitoba the territory, in which are situated both Port Nelson and Port Churchill.

6. Did the Government of Ontario or any member thereof receive any notice of the said meeting or conference in Ottawa, in November, 1911, between representatives of the Government of Manitoba and the Dominion of Canada.

7. If so, what was the date and character of such notice.

8. Did the Government or any member thereof make or enter any protest with the Government of Canada or any member thereof against such alleged settlement.

9. If so, (a) What was the date of such protest.

(b) To whom was the same made, and

(c) What was the exact nature thereof.

10. Did the Government of this Province receive any reply to any protest so made.

11. If so, (a) What was the date of such reply.

(b) What was the exact nature thereof.

12. Did the Government of Ontario or anyone on its behalf apply to the Government of Manitoba, or anyone on its behalf to re-open the said alleged settlement, with a view to securing for Ontario a suitable port for ocean going vessels on Hudson Bay.

13. If so, (a) What was the date of such application.
(b) To whom was the same made, and
(c) What was the exact nature thereof.

14. If any such application was made, what reply has been received to such application, and what was the date and nature thereof.

15. Have any communications, verbal or written, in reference to the said Boundary matter, passed between the Government of Ontario, or any member thereof and the Government of Canada, or any member thereof, since October 1st, 1911.

16. If so, (a) On what date or dates did such communications pass, and
(b) What was the character thereof.

17. If no settlement of the Boundary has yet been made, does the Government of Ontario intend to insist that the Boundary between Ontario and Manitoba shall be so delimited as to give Ontario a suitable port on Hudson Bay for ocean going vessels.

To which Sir James Whitney replied in the words following:—

Questions 1 and 2.—The Government has no information to that effect.

The information sought by the remaining questions, 3 to 16 inclusive, will appear when the correspondence to be moved for by the honourable member is brought down.

Under the Rules of the House such information cannot be given at this stage.

Question 17.—The course to be pursued by the Government will be governed by a due regard for the interests of the Province, and the same objection applies to this question.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

1. Are any of the officers, officials or employees of the Government of the Province or any Department thereof (either in the inside or outside service) or of any Commission appointed by the Government, authorized or permitted by the Government to identify themselves with political organizations, or take active part in political contests, Federal or Provincial, in the Province.

2. If so, what officers, officials or employees are so entitled.

3. If the said officers, officials or employees, or any of them are not authorized or permitted by the Government to identify themselves with party political organizations, or take an active part in political contests in the Province, but are found to have so identified themselves or taken part, will the Government dismiss such officers, officials or employees.

To which Sir James Whitney replied as follows:—

The acts and liabilities of Government officials in such cases are set out in what is known as the Garrow Resolution adopted by this House on the 17th March, 1897.

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

Resolved, That when the House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the Clock of To-morrow the Thirteenth instant.

The House then adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Mahaffy, the Petition of the Town Council of Gravenhurst.

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 First Report.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Black, Bowman, Brewster, Clarke, Devitt, Duff, Ferguson (Grenville), Foy, Galna, Grant, Hanna, Hartt, Jamieson, Jessop, Lackner, Lennox, Lucas, Macdiarmid, MacKay, Mahaffy, Mason, Matheson, Mathieu, McGarry, Norman, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Ross, Rowell, Shillington, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe), Vrooman, and Whitesides, 36.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Anderson (Bruce), Bennewies, Black, Charters, Cook, Devitt, Donovan, Ewanturel, Ferguson (Simcoe), Galna, Godfrey, Grant, Grigg, Hartt, Jarvis, Kohler, Lackner, Lennox, MacArthur, Machin, Mason, Mathieu, Mayberry, Morel, Munro, Musgrove, McCormick, McCowan, Nesbitt, Nixon, Norman, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Rankin, Richardson, Regan, Rowell, Sinclair, Studholme, Thompson (Peterboro), Torrance, Vrooman, Westbrook, and Whitesides, 45.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Anderson (Bruce), Anderson (Essex), Atkinson, Beek, Bowman, Brewster, Brower, Carscallen, Champagne, Clarke, Crawford, Dargavel, Duff, Dunlop, Elliott, Ellis, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Foy, Fraser, Gamey, Godfrey, Gooderham, Hanna, Hearst, Hendrie, Jamieson, Jessop, Johnson, Lackner, Lennox, Lucas, Macdiarmid, MacKay, Mageau, Mahaffy, Marshall, Matheson, Milligan, McCowan, McCrear, McDonald, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, McNaught, McPherson, McQueen, Nesbitt, Owens, Peck, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Ross, Rowell, Sinclair, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance, and Whitesides, 64.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Anderson (Bruce), Anderson (Essex), Atkinson, Bennewies, Black, Bowman, Brower, Carscallen, Chambers, Champagne, Cook, Crawford, Dargavel, Devitt, Duff, Dunlop, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis,

Evanturel, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Ferguson (Simcoe), Foy, Fraser, Gamey, Godfrey, Gooderham, Grant, Hanna, Hendrie, Jamieson, Jarvis, Johnson, Lackner, Lennox, Macdiarmid, Machin, MacKay, Mahaffy, Marshall, Matheson, Mayberry, Musgrove, McCowan, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, McNaught, McPherson, McQueen, Nixon, Pattinson, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Pyne, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Rowell, Scholfield, Studholme, Sulman, Sutherland, Thompson (Simcoe), Vrooman, and Whitesides, 70.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Brewster, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Foy, Hanna, Hearst, Hendrie, Lucas, MacKay, Matheson, McKeown, McGarry, McPherson, Proudfoot, Pyne, Reaume, Rowell, and Thompson (Simcoe), 19.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five members.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

Bill (No. 83), intituled "An Act to protect Beaches and Shores and Beds of Rivers and Streams." Mr. Duff.

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

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend the County Judges Act." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, To-morrow.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act." Mr. Rowell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, To-morrow.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, To-morrow.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act to amend the Reigstry Act." Mr. Machin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, To-morrow.

Mr. Rowell asked the following Question:

1. Did the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, or any member thereof, request the Government or any member thereof to discontinue the Commission and transfer the undertaking of the Commission to a department of the Government presided over by a Cabinet Minister.

2. Did the Chairman or any member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission at any time object to or protest against any such proposed discontinuance and transfer. Verbally or in writing.

3. If so, (a) Which member of the said Commission did so object or protest;

(b) Upon what date was such objection or protest made.

4. Did any of the municipalities of the Province, having contracts with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, request the Government or any member thereof to discontinue the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and transfer the undertaking of the Commission to a department of the Government, presided over by a Cabinet Minister.

5. If so, (a) What municipalities so requested;

(b) Upon what dates were such requests made.

6. Did any municipality of the Province or anyone on its behalf, or any member of any municipal Hydro-Electric Commission protest against or object to any such proposed discontinuance and transfer.

7. If so, (a) What was the name of any municipality so protesting or objecting or upon whose behalf such a protest or objection was made.

(b) Upon what date was any such protest or objection made.

To which Sir James Whitney replied as follows:—

Questions 1, 2, and 3.—These questions cannot be answered without violating the rule relating to the confidential nature of Cabinet proceedings.

Questions 4, 5, 6, and 7.—No.

Mr. Racine asked the following Question:

1. How many bi-lingual schools are there in the Province of Ontario.

2. What is the number of the bi-lingual normal schools, or schools for the training of teachers for these bi-lingual schools.

3. Where are such bi-lingual normal schools, or schools for the training of teachers for bi-lingual schools situate.

4. Has the Government received the report of Dr. Francis W. Merchant, special commissioner appointed to investigate the bi-lingual schools in the Province.

5. If so, when was the report received.

6. When was Dr. Merchant appointed as commissioner, and what were the instructions given to him.

7. Has any communication passed between the Government or any member thereof, or any officer or official thereof, or any department thereof, and Dr. Merchant with reference to the date, or time within which he should make his report.

8. If no report has so far been received from Dr. Merchant, what progress has been made by him in the investigation and when does the Government expect to receive this report.

To which the Minister of Education replied in the words following:—

1. The reply to the question should await the Report of Dr. Merchant which is expected at an early date.

2. There are two Model Training Schools for English-French teachers.

3. Ottawa and Sturgeon Falls.

4. No.

5. Not received.

6. Dr. Merchant was appointed November 4, 1910, and his letter of instructions was as follows:

“Toronto, November 4th, 1910.

“Sir,—

“I am directed by the Minister of Education to instruct you to investigate and report upon the English-French Schools, Public and Separate, of the Province. This investigation should begin with all the schools of this class in the Counties of Essex and Kent, and should also include an inquiry into the similar schools in other parts of the Province.

“The investigation should be so conducted as to ascertain whether there has been any departure from the provisions of the Public and Separate Schools Acts or any of the Departmental Regulations or circulars affecting such schools, and if so to what extent. As the School Law is intended to provide all pupils with a thorough training in English, it is desirable that you ascertain whether, and if so to what extent, the means to attain this end are inadequate or defective.

“I have the honour to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“A. H. U. COLQUHOUN,

“Deputy Minister of Education.

“Dr. F. W. Merchant,

“Chief Inspector, Public and Separate Schools,

“Toronto, Ontario.”

7. There was some discussion on at the outset as to how long a period of time he would require, and latterly he has asked for further time.

8. At an early date.

Mr. Munro asked the following Question:

1. (a) When did the Province first make a deposit with the Farmers Bank.

(b) What was the amount of such deposit.

2. Was this deposit subsequently increased.

3. If so, (a) When was the deposit so increased.

(b) To what amount was it increased.

4. Was any request made to the Provincial Treasurer or any other member of the Government to increase the amount of the Government deposit in the Farmers Bank.

5. If so, (a) When was such request made.

(b) By whom was it made.

6. What amount had the Province on deposit with the Farmers Bank at the date when the Bank suspended payment.

7. Will the Province receive any dividend from the Liquidator in respect to this deposit.

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

1. (a) 16th May, 1907.

(b) \$1,035.50.

2. Yes.

3. (a) 17th May, 1907.

(b) \$1,798.75, and subsequently from time to time, a Deposit Receipt being taken out in June, 1907, for \$10,000.

4. Yes. Requests for an increase of the Government deposits are constantly being made on behalf of the various banks that hold certificates and licenses from the Finance Minister of the Dominion, and such a request was made by the President, Beattie Nesbitt, during his term as President.

5. (*a* and *b*) As such requests are made in an informal way, it is impossible to give the detailed information asked for.

6. \$26,445.66.

7. Payment is expected.

Mr. McCormick asked the following Question:

1. How many Model Schools were in existence in the Province of Ontario on January 1st, 1905.

2. How many of such Schools were in existence on January 1st, 1909.

3. How many of such Schools were in existence on January 1st, 1912.

4. Is it the intention of the Government to restore any more Model Schools.

5. If so, to what extent.

To which the Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. Fifty-five.

2. Six.

3. No Model Schools have yet been established for 1912.

4. The question raises a question of policy.

Mr. Proudfoot asked the following Question:

1. Has the report of Sir William Meredith, Special Commissioner appointed to investigate the question of Workmen's Compensation, been received.

2. If not, when does the Government expect to receive such report.

3. Does the Government intend to introduce any legislation this Session in connection with the matter.

4. If so, what is the nature thereof.

5. Has any correspondence passed between the Government or any member thereof and Sir William Meredith with reference to the question of Workmen's

Compensation or the work of the said Sir William Meredith as Special Commissioner to investigate the question of Workmen's Compensation.

To which Sir James Whitney replied as follows:—

To the first question—No. 2. At an early date. 3 and 4. This will be determined when the Report is received. 5. No.

Mr. Sinclair asked the following Question:

1. Has the Government taken any steps to secure an adequate supply of farm labourers for the farmers of the Province of Ontario during the coming season.

2. If so, what steps have been taken to this end.

3. Has any correspondence passed between the Department of Agriculture or any officer or official thereof and any farmers or farmers' organizations in Ontario with reference to the supply of farm labour in this Province.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1 and 2. For several years the Department of Agriculture has been making successful efforts to bring farm labourers into the Province, as the various Reports issued by the Department will show, and such efforts will be continued.

3. Is indefinite as to time.

Mr. Elliott asked the following Question:

1. Is one Brownley (or Bromley) a License Inspector for the Riding of North Renfrew.

2. Is Harry Moss an employee or in any way in the pay of any Department of Government of this Province.

3. Has the Government or any member thereof given permission to both or either of these men to actually engage in the Federal campaign in South Renfrew.

4. Is the Government aware that these men have for weeks been actually engaged in the said election campaign in the interests of the Conservative candidate.

5. Will the Government instruct these men to refrain from all further participation in the said election campaign.

6. Will the Government, on proof that one or both of these men have been engaged in the said election campaign, cause the removal from office of him or them.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. No.

2. No.

3, 4, 5 and 6. Covered by answers to 1 and 2.

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, it was, on the Motion of Mr. McCormick,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. Gooderham, the Petition of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

By Mr. Hartt, the Petition of Simcoe Railway and Power Company; also the Petition of the Midland Terminal Railway Company.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of William James Hamilton and others, of Fort William.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Alliston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *re* Public Works.

Of Arthur Hawkins, of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to assume and bear the name of Arthur Hawkins-Masters.

Of John Thomas Horne and others, of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for commencement and completion of the Iron Range Railway Company.

Of the North Midland Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Of the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Company to enter upon, take and expropriate certain lands required for the construction of a Paper Mill.

Of the Town Council of Steelton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 144 *re* construction of Sewers; enabling the town to extend its boundaries and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to purchase, build, equip, maintain and operate Motor Cars, Omnibuses and other Vehicles; to issue debentures and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of Welland, praying that the law respecting enquiries into accidents on Railways may be so amended as to render the Companies liable for the fair proportion of the Expenses.

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 Second Report:—

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Messieurs Anderson (Essex), Carscallen, Charters, Crawford, Evanturel, Ferguson (Kent), Jarvis, Mason, Matheson, Milligan, Musgrove, McCormick, McDonald, Owens, Preston (Lanark), Ross and Sulman, 17.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five members.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.

Messieurs Anderson (Essex), Black, Brower, Bowman, Beck, Clarke, Dargaval, Donovan, Duff, Dunlop, Eilber, Galna, Gooderham, Grant, Hendrie, Hogarth, Jessop, MacKay, Mageau, Mahaffy, Marshall, Morel, Musgrove, Nesbitt, Norman, Pratt, Reaume and Rowell, 28.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Bowman, Beck, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis, Ferguson (Grenville), Fraser, Gamey, Hanna, Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, Johnson, MacArthur, MacKay, Mageau, Mahaffy, Matheson, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pattinson, Peck, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Reaume, Rowell, Scholfield, Shillington, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), and Westbrook, 39.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Anderson (Bruce), Bennewies, Brower, Carscallen, Chambers, Cook, Dargavel, Devitt, Donovan, Duff, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Simcoe), Galna, Gamey, Grant, Grigg, Jessop, Kohler, MacArthur, Macdiarmid, MacKay, Mageau, Mahaffy, Marshall, Mathieu, Mayberry, Morel, McCormick, McCowan, McElroy, Nesbitt, Norman, Pattinson, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Pratt, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Rowell, Sutherland, Thompson (Peterboro), Torrance and Westbrook, 46.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.

Sir James Whitney, Messieurs Anderson (Essex), Beck, Bowman, Chambers, Champagne, Charters, Clarke, Crawford, Dunlop, Eilber, Elliott, Evan-turel, Foy, Fraser, Galna, Gamey, Godfrey, Grigg, Hanna, Hartt, Hearst, Hendrie, Hogarth, Jamieson, Jarvis, Jessop, Kohler, Lackner, Lennox, Macdiarmid, MacKay, Machin, Mageau, Mahaffy, Marshall, Mathieu, Mason, Matheson, Mayberry, Milligan, Munro, Musgrove, McCormick, McCrea, McDonald, McGarry, McNaught, McPherson, Nesbitt, Nixon, Norman, Owens, Peck, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine,

Reaume, Regan, Ross, Rowell, Scholfield, Shillington, Studholme, Thompson (Peterboro), and Whitesides, 68.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House.

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

Bill (No. 117), intituled “An Act to amend the Assessment Act.” Mr. Ellis.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), intituled “An Act to amend the Assessment Act.” Mr. Rowell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. McQueen asked the following Question:

1. Has the Government since the 1st January, 1910, received any resolutions, petitions, or requests from any association for the prevention or suppression of tuberculosis in Ontario, or from any medical association or any municipal or public body requesting the Government to take further action to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in Ontario.

2. From what societies, bodies or persons (if any) have such requests been received and the dates of the receipt thereof respectively.

3. What action, if any, has the Government taken to comply with such requests.

4. Is it the intention of the Government to take any further action this session in reference to the prevention or suppression of tuberculosis.

5. If so, what action does the Government propose to take.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

In reply to the first question—Yes.

2. Petitions of the Municipal Councils of twenty-six (26) Counties and four (4) Cities, as follows:—

Counties of Addington, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Dundas, Dufferin, Durham, Elgin, Grey, Glengarry, Grenville, Huron, Halton, Haldimand, Leeds, Lincoln, Lambton, Lennox, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Perth, Stormont, Victoria, Wellington and Waterloo.

Cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London and Peterboro.

3. The Grants made by the Ontario Government for the past ten years to assist Local Sanatoria in caring for tubercular patients, and to provide facilities for their treatment, were as follows:—

For the 5 years 1900-1905	\$20,438 60
For the 5 years 1905-1911	160,073 05
Total	\$180,511 65

In addition, the Government in 1907 appropriated the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Exhibit; the value of this having appeared to be so great that in 1908 the amount was increased to \$4,000, which has been continued each succeeding year.

In 1911 the Government further appropriated the sum of \$1,000 for a Public Health Exhibit, which is shown in connection with the Tuberculosis Exhibit, and this appropriation was renewed for the years 1912 and 1913.

On account of the efforts made to educate the people of Ontario regarding the nature of tuberculosis and the successful means which may be adopted for its prevention, the death rate in Ontario is year by year growing less.

This satisfactory result must be ascribed to the efforts made by the Provincial Board of Health to bring the travelling exhibit with its striking educational features before the people, to the introduction of a suitable text book in our schools, as well as the dissemination of suitable literature, to the work of the local Sanatoria with their dispensaries and visiting Nurses, and to the

fact that the people of Ontario are more than ever appreciating the fact that healthy homes and pure air are the great essentials necessary to rid the country of the disease.

The following figures, which were gathered with every effort to secure accuracy, were presented at the last International Tuberculosis Exhibition:—

Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Austria, 350 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Servia, 275 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Ireland, 215 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Norway, 276 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Germany, 185 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, U. S., 167 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, England, 121 per 100,000 population.
Annual deaths from Tuberculosis, Ontario, 102 per 100,000 population.

The death rate from tuberculosis in Ontario in the year 1905 was 120 per 100,000 inhabitants.

4 and 5 will be answered by the action of the Government.

Mr. Richardson asked the following Question:

1. Has any arrangement or understanding been arrived at between the Governments of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada, with reference to promoting immigration to New or Old Ontario or grants in aid thereof.

2. If so, (a) When was such arrangement made;
(b) What are the terms thereof.

To which Sir James Whitney replied in the negative.

Mr. Ferguson (Kent) asked the following Question:

1. Has any arrangement or understanding been arrived at between the Governments of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada, with reference to the construction of permanent highways in the Province, or grants to aid in such construction.

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2. If so, (a) When was such arrangement made;
(b) What are the terms thereof.

To which Sir James Whitney replied in the negative.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:

1. Is the Government aware that intoxicating liquor is being illegally sold in large quantities in Northern Ontario.
2. What steps has the Government taken to prevent such illegal sale of liquor.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

The answer to the first question is No.

2. The Government has provided special officers and Provincial Police, and has prosecuted every illegal sale of liquor that has come to the knowledge of the Department, with sufficient data to warrant prosecution.

Mr. Atkinson asked the following Question:

1. What steps have been taken by the Government to secure the early settlement of the Great Clay Belt in Northern Ontario with suitable agricultural settlers.
2. Does the Government intend to take any further steps in this direction.
3. If the Government does so intend, what are the steps which it proposes to take.

4. Has the Government, or any member, or official thereof, received any resolutions, memorials or requests from any source whatever in reference to the importance and urgency of the opening up and settlement of New Ontario.

To which Sir James Whitney replied,—

That the policy of the Government would appear as necessity therefor developed.

On motion of Mr. Magean, seconded by Mr. Racine,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing: 1. All complaints received by the Government since the first day of January, 1911, in reference to the participation of any officers, officials or employees of the Government in political contests or taking part in political matters in this Province.

2. All correspondence arising out of or incidental to such complaints.

3. All correspondence passing between the Government or any Department or Member thereof and any officer, officials, or employees of the Government with reference to the participation of such officers, officials or employees in political contests or taking part in political matters in this Province since the first day of January, 1911.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence passing in the years 1905 and 1906 between the Attorney-General or any officer or official of his Department and Mr. J. W. Curry, K.C., Crown Attorney of the City of Toronto, or his successor, with reference to the prosecution of any alleged combines and all briefs, statements or other documents furnished by Mr. Curry to the Attorney-General or any officer or official of his Department with reference to any of the said alleged combines.

On motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of copies of—

1. All correspondence which has passed since the 1st day of August, 1908, between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, in reference to the Boundary between the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, through the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

2. All correspondence which has passed since the 1st day of August, 1908, between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Province of Manitoba or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, in reference to the boundary between the Province of Ontario and Manitoba through the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

3. All other papers in the possession of the Government in reference to the said boundary, including all reports in the possession of the Government in reference to the character and resources of the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson (Kent), seconded by Mr. McDonald,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof, or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof, or any person on its behalf, with reference to the construction of permanent highways in the Province or grants to aid in such construction.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:

1. What prosecutions have been instituted against parties in Northern Ontario for the illegal sale of liquor in Northern Ontario during the calendar year 1911.

2. The result of such prosecutions, and

3. What amount the Government has received during the calendar year 1911, by way of fines imposed for the illegal sale of liquor in Northern Ontario.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), To prevent Minors from frequenting Billiard Rooms and other places, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 103), Respecting the Barberry Shrub, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 104), For the Protection of Bees, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 105), To Prevent the Extermination of the Plant called Ginseng, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 81), To Authorize the Appointment of Fire Guardians, and, after some time spent

therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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 4.15 p.m.

Thursday, February 15th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of the County Council of Lanark.

By Mr. Grigg, the Petition of the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company; also the Petition of the County Council of Halton.

By Mr. McCowan, the Petition of William H. Price and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Sulman, the Petition of the Township Council of Tilbury East.

By Mr. Chambers, the Petition of the County Council of Wellington.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Gravenhurst, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to issue Debentures to repay outstanding indebtedness.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of the Trustees of the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital, praying that an Act may pass to amend 29 Vic., Cap. 107, by enacting that the Corporation may purchase, acquire and hold any real estate within the Province required for its actual use; and for other purposes.

Of Harry Sanders, of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *in re* the borrowing of money and local improvements.

Of the Incorporated Synod of The Diocese of Ontario and the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell and convey to the Board of Education certain lands on Church Street in the City of Belleville.

Of the Toronto Stock Exchange, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation *re* power to hold and improve real estate and to lease or sell the same.

Of the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the Company to "The Berlin and Northern Electric Railway Company," to re-incorporate the same, to increase capital stock and for other purposes.

Of Stephen F. Adalia and others, of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company:

Of R. H. Smith and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the 4th day of March, next.

Ordered. That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Monday, the Fourth day of March, next.

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

Bill (No. 2), intituled “An Act respecting the St. Catharines General Marine Hospital.” Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 7), intituled “An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay.” Mr. Vrooman.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 14), intituled “An Act to authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas’ Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands.” Mr. Johnson.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 15), intituled “An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.” Mr. McNaught.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 1), intituled “An Act respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.” Mr. Lackner.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 3), intituled “An Act to incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.” Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 12), intituled “An Act to incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.” Mr. Pratt.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act respecting Ditches and Watercourses." Mr. Reaume.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act to Provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the foregoing Bills be severally read the second time forthwith.

The Bills were then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Richardson asked the following Question:

1. Has the Government knowledge of the value of farm lands in Ontario in the years 1885, 1890, 1905, 1910 and 1911.

2. If so, what was the average value of farm lands in the several counties of Ontario, as reported to the Government in the years 1885, 1890, 1905, 1910 and 1911.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied that—

All the information available will be found in the Bureau of Industries Reports, issued annually by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Mayberry asked the following question:

1. Has any arrangement or understanding been arrived at between the Governments of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada with reference to providing practical instruction in agriculture or grants in aid thereof.

2. If so, (a) When was such arrangement made.
- (b) What are the terms thereof.

And the Minister of Agriculture replied in the negative.

Mr. Sutherland asked the following Question:

1. Who were the inspectors appointed by the Government to enquire into the condition of horse-breeding in the Province.
2. What was the date of their appointment.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied in the words following:—

1. Wm. Smith, Columbus; J. D. Graham, Toronto; John Gardhouse, Highfield; Wm. Cain, V.S., Perth; H. G. Reed, V.S., Georgetown; John Bright, Myrtle; Wm. Jones, Zenda; Peter Christie, M.P., Manchester; John A. Boag, Ravenshoe; Thos. McMillan, Seaforth; Wm. Mossip, St. Mary's; J. G. Clarke, Ottawa; Jas. Irving, Winchester; W. F. Kydd, Simcoe; Geo. Gray, Newcastle; H. S. Arkell, B.S.A., O.A.C., Guelph; Jas. Sinclair, V.S., Cannington; Arthur Thom, Elma; A. R. Walsh, V.S., Perth.

2. September, 1906.
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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, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Atkinson,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, February 16th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. MacKay, the Petition of the Town Council of Owen Sound.

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

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie.

By Mr. Hartt, the Petition of the Town Council of Orillia.

By Mr. Anderson, the Petition of the County Council of Essex.

By Mr. Hogarth, the Petition of the City Council of Port Arthur.

By Mr. Milligan, the Petition of the Trustees of St. John's Church, Cornwall.

By Mr. Gooderham, the Petition of the Town Council of St. Mary's.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of William James Hamilton and others, of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William, and empowering the acquisition of real estate.

Of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to change the name to "The Canadian National Exhibition Association," and for other purposes.

Of Simcoe Railway and Power Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Of the Midland Terminal Railway, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the road and for the extension of the line.

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

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act respecting Money Lending." Mr. Foy.

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

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend the Charity Aid Act." Mr. Donovan.

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

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act respecting the Enrollment and Inspection of Stallions." Mr. Duff.

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

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend the Algonquin National Park Act." Mr. Hearst.

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

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

Bill (No. 93), intituled "The Noxious Weeds Act." Mr. Duff.

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 Tuesday next.

Mr. Munro asked the following Question:

1. Was any request, from any source whatever, made in writing to the Government, or any member or official thereof, for the making or the increasing of the deposit of public moneys in the Farmers Bank of Canada.

2. If so, from whom did any such written request come.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied—

1. No.

2. Answered by above.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 77), Respecting Snow Fences, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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. 89), Respecting Companies for the Construction of Wharfs and Harbours, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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. 97), To provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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. 98), Respecting Pounds, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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 Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 108), Respecting Houses of Refuge, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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 Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 87), To regulate the Travelling on Public Highways and Bridges, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 101), Respecting Vaccination and Inoculation, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 100), To Regulate Maternity Boarding Houses, and for the Protection of Infant Children, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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 then adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Monday, February 19th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. Machin, the Petition of John F. McGillivray and others of Kenora; also the Petition of the Town Council of Kenora.

By Mr. Regan, the Petition of the County Council of Wentworth.

By Mr. Milligan, three Petitions of the Township Council of Cornwall; also, the Petition of the Toronto Paper Company, Limited; also, the Petition of the St. Lawrence Power Company, Limited; also, the Petition of the St. Lawrence Paper Mills Company, Limited.

By Mr. McPherson, the Petition of Madge Copland and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Town Council of Gananoque.

By Mr. Pratt, the Petition of Thomas Hubert Wilson and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Fraser, the Petition of the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Company to construct branch lines; to increase bonding powers, and to extend the time for construction and operation.

Of William H. Price and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass changing the name of "The Monarch Railway Company" to that of "The Toronto, Barrie and Orillia Railway Company"; to increase bond issue and to extend the time for commencement and completion of line.

Of the Township Council of Tilbury East, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 17 (1910), providing for the repair and maintenance of the Forbes Drainage Works.

Of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing extension of line; to increase the capital stock and the issue of bonds.

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

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to ratify By-law No. 1516, authorizing the levying of a special frontage tax and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain By-law and Agreement with the Lake Superior Paper Company.

Of the Town Council of Orillia, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws for the purpose of raising money: fixing assessments and *re* Public Works.

Of the Trustees of St. John's Church, Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Trustees, with the sanction of the Congregation, to use the proceeds of land already sold, or to be sold, for the purposes of repairs or erection of another church.

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to confirm certain By-laws *re* Public Works.

Of the Town Council of St. Mary's, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain By-laws guaranteeing certain bonds.

Of the County Council of Essex; also, of the County Council of Wellington; also, of the County Council of Lanark; also, of the County Council of Halton, severally praying that Railway Companies be made liable for a fair proportion of the cost of investigating accidents on their lines.

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

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act to amend the Mines Act." Sir James Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act." Sir James Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act respecting Hoist Engineers." Mr.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

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

Resolved, That beginning on Monday next, the twenty-sixth instant, and on each succeeding Monday, for the remainder of the Session, Government Orders shall be placed upon the Order Paper.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 116), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

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

The Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year ended 31st October, 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

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

Ordered, That the Public Accounts for the year 1911 be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House then adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

By Mr. Mason, the Petition of John H. Delamere and others, of Minden.

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.

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

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the County Council of Northumberland and Durham.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to change name to "The Canadian National Exhibition Association"; and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Brampton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 418, authorizing the issue of certain debentures.

Of the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the completion of the road and to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 107.

Of the Town Council of Dundas, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt and authorize the issue of debentures.

Of the City Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and to confirm a certain agreement.

Of the Town Council of Milton and Williams & Son, Ltd., praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement and confirm certain By-laws.

Of Lawrence H. Graham and others, of Lakefield, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation by a three-fourths vote to grant free light and water and exemption from taxation to new industries locating permanently in the town.

Of the Town Council of North Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to repeal ss. 5a of Cap. 114, 9 Ed. VII., except as to water mains already begun; to prohibit the carrying, by railways, of freight upon any highway within the municipality; and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws as to the erection of a hospital; number of Aldermen to be elected; and for other purposes.

Of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass By-laws without submitting same to electors *re* issue of debentures for the acquisition of lands.

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

Bill (No. 51), intituled “An Act respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.” Mr. Gooderham.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled “An Act to confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.” Mr. Charters.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled "An Act respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Railway Company." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act respecting the floating debt of the Town of Dundas." Mr. McQueen.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Fort William, 1912." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton, and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton." Mr. Nixon.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton." Mr. Hendrie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company." Mr. Peek.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich." Mr. Anderson (Essex.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Guelph." Mr. Scholfield.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of North Toronto." Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Employment in Underground Work." Mr. Rowell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 78), intituled "An Act respecting Double Tracks in Snow Roads." Mr. Duff.

Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act for the suppression of Foul Brood among Bees." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the foregoing Bills be read the second time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Elliott asked the following Question:—

1. Was one Brownley at any time since January 1st, 1905, License Inspector for the Riding of North Renfrew.

2. If so, when did he cease to occupy that position.

3. Was his resignation asked for or in any way brought about by the Provincial Secretary or any official of his Department.

4. Was Harry Moss at any time since January 1st, 1905, an employee of or in the pay of any Department of the Government of Ontario.

5. If so, state the various periods when he was so employed, or in the pay of any Department of the Government of Ontario, and the position or positions which he occupied.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1. Yes. 2. 25th January, 1912. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. H. N. Moss, Inspector Colonization Roads, employed occasionally on Colonization Roads and Public Works:—

In 1905 during the period from June 5th to Nov. 8th	125 days
In 1906 during the period from April 30th to Dec. 13th	144 days
In 1907 during the period from April 15th to Dec. 31st	190 days
In 1908 during the period from Jan. 14th to Oct. 31st	182 days
In 1909 during the period from Feb. 1st to Dec. 3rd	156 days
In 1910 during the period from March 8th to Oct. 31st	185 days
In 1911 during the period from Jan. 17th to Oct. 31st	174 days

Mr. Anderson (Bruce), asked the following Question:—

1. How many demonstration orchards has the Government instituted up to the present time.

2. In what Constituencies are these demonstration orchards situated.

3. What has been the total cost of the institution and operation of demonstration orchards up to the present time.

4. Is it the intention of the Government to carry on demonstration orchard work this year.

5. If so, where will such demonstration orchards be located.

6. If so, what are the names of the men to whom this work has been or will be entrusted, with the qualifications of each.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied in the words following:—

1. 43.

2. North Grey, South Simcoe, North Wentworth, East Durham, West Durham, West Northumberland, West Simcoe, Dundas, Glengarry, West Hastings, East Hastings, South Waterloo, North Essex, South Ontario, West Kent, East Simcoe and East Northumberland.

3. \$9,113.78.

4. Yes.

5. Not arranged.

6. Covered by answer to No. 5.

Mr. Sutherland asked the following Question:—

1. When was the investigation by the inspectors who enquired into the condition of horse-breeding in the Province completed and their reports submitted to the Government.

2. What were the recommendations contained in the reports.

3. Has the Government received any requests from any breeders' or farmers' organizations in the Province for legislation along the lines of the reports.

4. If the Government has received such requests,

(a) What are the names of the organizations making them.

(b) Upon what dates were such requests received by the Government.

5. What action (if any) has the Government taken to carry out the recommendations of the inspectors.

6. Is it the intention of the Government to take any further action to carry out the recommendations of the inspectors or the requests (if any) of the farmers' and breeders' organizations.

To which the Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. March, 1907.

2. No concrete recommendations were made, but informal suggestions were contained in the Report.

3. Yes, but purely informal.
 4. Answered by No. 3.
 5. Answered by No. 2.
 6. There is a Bill now before the House.
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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 Sir John Morison Gibson, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Etc., Etc., Etc., 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.

The Address, having been read the 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.

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

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

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

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

Return to an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Fourteenth day of February instant, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of copies of—

1. All correspondence which has passed since the 1st day of August, 1908, between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, in reference to the Boundary between the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, through the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

2. All correspondence which has passed since the 1st day of August, 1908, between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Province of Manitoba or any member thereof or any person on its behalf, in reference to the boundary between the Province of Ontario and Manitoba through the territory now known as the District of Keewatin.

3. All other papers in the possession of the Government in reference to the said boundary, including all reports in the possession of the Government in reference to the character and resources of the territory now known as the District of Keewatin. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the Fourteenth day of February instant, shewing—

1. What prosecutions have been instituted against parties in Northern Ontario for the illegal sale of liquor in Northern Ontario during the calendar year 1911.

2. The result of such prosecutions.

3. What amount the Government has received during the calendar year 1911 by way of fines imposed for the illegal sale of liquor in Northern Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 55.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. Carseallen, the Petition of the County Council of the United Counties of Lennox and Addington.

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

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the County Council of Carleton.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Cornwall; also, of the Toronto Paper Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify a certain By-law and Agreement with the Toronto Paper Company, Limited.

Of the Township Council of Cornwall; also, of the St. Lawrence Power Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify a certain By-law and Agreement with the St. Lawrence Power Company, Limited.

Of the Township Council of Cornwall; also, of the St. Lawrence Paper Mill Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify a certain By-law and Agreement with the St. Lawrence Paper Mill Company, Limited.

Of John F. McGillivray and others, of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for commencement and completion of the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway.

Of the County Council of Wentworth, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 577, *re* certain expenditures upon county roads.

Of Madge Copland and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass enabling the surviving executrix of the will of the late William Copland to convey or release all interests in certain lots that the estate now has, or that may revert thereto.

Of the Town Council of Gananoque, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for \$16,000, *re* consolidation of floating debt.

Of the Town Council of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass to amend 1 Geo. V., cap. 92, authorizing the Corporation to redeem and take over any mortgage debentures of the Tourist Hotel Company, Limited, and for other purposes.

Of the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act of Incorporation by increasing capital stock, bonding powers and for other purposes.

Of Thomas Herbert Wilson and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ontario Salvage Company.

Of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to increase the capital stock and to extend the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Mr. Lucas from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding anything in Rule 51 of Your Honourable House, the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Eighth day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Eighth day of March next.

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

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. McCowan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

1. Is one Dempsey Crown Lands Agent at Cochrane.
2. Has permission been given by any member of the Government for the said Dempsey to engage in the Federal election campaign in South Renfrew.
3. Is the Government, or any member thereof, aware that the said Dempsey has for some time been absent from his post at Cochrane and actively engaged in the Federal election campaign in South Renfrew in the interests of the Conservative candidate.
4. Is the Government, or any member thereof, aware that the said Dempsey, on Friday, the 16th February, 1912, was one of the speakers in the interests of the Conservative candidate at the meeting held at White Lake, in the electoral district of South Renfrew.
5. On proof that the said Dempsey has been actively engaged in the Federal election campaign in South Renfrew, will the Government cause the removal of the said Dempsey from office.

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

1. Yes. 2. No. 3. No. 4. No. 5. The acts and liabilities of Government officials in such cases are set out in what is known as the Garrow Resolution, adopted by this House on the 17th of March, 1897.



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

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

Sir James 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 sum of \$1,000,000 be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways; such sum to be in addition to any sum heretofore set apart for the like purpose and to be applied as provided by The Act to Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, passed in the Seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, chaptered 16, and the amendments thereto, and subject to the same terms and conditions as the fund set apart by that Act.

Resolved, That section 1 of the Act be amended by striking out the figures “\$1,000,000” in the first line and substituting therefor the figures “\$2,000,000.”

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,000,000 be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways; such sum to be in addition to any sum heretofore set apart for the like purpose and to be applied as provided by The Act to Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, passed in the Seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, chaptered 16, and the amendments thereto, and subject to the same terms and conditions as the fund set apart by that Act.

Resolved, That section 1 of the Act be amended by striking out the figures “\$1,000,000” in the first line and substituting therefor the figures “\$2,000,000.”

The Resolutions **having** been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 115), To aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

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 the Toronto General Hospital.

Sir James 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, for and in the name of the Province of Ontario, guarantee the payment of the debentures to be issued by the University of Toronto in aid of the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital, under agreement made the first day of December, 1910, and confirmed by chapter 80 of the Acts passed in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

Resolved, That section 4 of the Act be amended by striking out the word and figure "paragraph 7" in the third line and substituting therefor the words and figures "paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7."

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, for and in the name of the Province of Ontario, guarantee the payment of the debentures to be issued by the University of Toronto in aid of the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital, under agreement made the first day of December, 1910, and confirmed by chapter 80 of the Acts passed in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

Resolved, That section 4 of the Act be amended by striking out the word and figure " paragraph 7 " in the third line and substituting therefor the words and figures " paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7."

The Resolutions having been read the second time were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 112), To amend an Act respecting the Toronto General Hospital.

Mr. Rowell moved, seconded by Mr. MacKay,

1. That in the judgment of this House the Province of Ontario is entitled to its own hinterland, and to have its westerly boundary extended North to the 60th Parallel North Latitude, so that its northerly boundary shall be the same as that of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but, in order that the Province of Manitoba may have access to an ocean going port on Hudson's Bay through its own territory, this House is prepared to approve a settlement whereby the westerly boundary of Ontario shall be extended North to the Churchill River and shall then follow the middle thread of the Churchill River North-easterly to deep water in Hudson's Bay.

2. That this House respectfully protests against any settlement of the Boundary which shall deprive Ontario of any portion of her hinterland South of the Churchill River, and which does not secure for Ontario a good port on Hudson's Bay for ocean going vessels.

And a Debate having ensued, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Thursday, February 22nd, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands.

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, two Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature and *ex-officio* Commissioners to report on Estate Bills submitted to the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, to whom has been referred Bill No. 14, hereto annexed, beg leave to report as follows:—

Accepting as proved, the facts and circumstances as set forth in the Petition, the legislation asked for may be properly granted according to the terms of the proposed Bill No. 14 (1912.)

J. A. BOYD,
C. and P.
W. E. MIDDLETON,
J.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands, 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 read and received:—

Of John H. Delamere and others, of Minden, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

Of the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to change name to "The Ottawa, Rideau Lakes and Kingston Railway Company," and to extend the time for commencement and completion of road.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass giving power to expropriate the property, plant and appliances of any person, firm or corporation within the municipality engaged in the business of supplying light, heat or power for sale.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham: also, of the County Council of Waterloo, severally praying that railway companies be made liable for a fair proportion of the cost of investigating accidents on their lines.

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

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Peck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 108), Respecting Houses of Refuge, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 82), To impose a Tax on Dogs and for the protection of Sheep, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 92), To prevent the spread of Insect and Fungus Diseases injurious to Vegetation, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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. 90), Respecting the Property of Religious Institutions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey 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. 93), The Noxious Weeds Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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. 78), Respecting Double Tracks in Snow Roads, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 91), For the suppression of Foul Brood among Bees, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 85), For the better preventing of Excessive and Deceitful Gaming, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 112), To amend an Act respecting the Toronto General Hospital.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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. 122), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act.

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 Board of Governors of the University of Toronto for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Also—Reports of the Live Stock Associations of the Province for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 39.*)

Also—Report of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 40.*)

Also—Report of the Women's Institutes of the Province, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 41.*)

Also—Report of the Agricultural Societies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 42.*)

Also—Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year ended October 31st, 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 46.*)

Also—Copies of Orders in Council in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 6 of section 78 of the Surrogate Courts Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 56.*)

Also—Copies of Orders in Council and Regulations to be laid before the Legislative Assembly as required by section 27 of the Department of Education Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 57.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Friday, February 23rd, 1912.

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 Humbervale Cemetery Company.

By Mr. Godfrey, the Petition of William Ernest Grierson and others, of Toronto.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Lennox and Addington; also, of the County Council of Carleton, severally praying that Railway Companies be made liable for a fair proportion of the cost of investigating accidents on their lines.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act, so as to compel the removal of rail fences on highways over which municipalities have control.

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

Bill (No. 4), intituled "An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Harry Sanders to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor." Mr. McPherson.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways." Mr. McElroy.

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

Bill (No. 131), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Ellis.

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

Bill (No. 132), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. McElroy.

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

Bill (No. 133), intituled "An Act to amend the Power Commission Act." Mr. Beck.

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

Bill (No. 134), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Parks Act." Mr. Ellis.

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

Bill (No. 135), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Ellis.

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

Bill (No. 136), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Mahaffy.

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

Mr. Prondfoot asked the following Question:

1. What were the dates of appointment of the Statute Revision Commissions which revised the Statutes of Ontario of 1887 and 1897.

2. How long did these Commissions respectively take to complete their work.

3. What was the expense to the Province of the work of these Commissions.

4. What was the date of the appointment of the present Statute Revision Commission.

5. Has the Commission completed its work.

6. If the Commission has not completed its work, when will the work be completed.

7. What amount has been expended so far by the Province on account of the work of the Statute Revision Commission.

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

1. The 11th day of December, 1885, and the 25th day of April, 1896, respectively.

2. Until the 20th day of December, 1887, and the 20th day of December, 1897, respectively.

3. \$79,942.25, and \$76,936.01, respectively.

4. The 23rd day of June, 1906.

5. No.

6. Probably by the end of the present year.

7. \$148,084.15.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence from August 1st, 1911, to date, between the Attorney-General or any official of his Department and any person or persons of the Town of Chesley or elsewhere, respecting the prosecution, conviction and fining of one Charles Subject by Magistrate Montgomery for an infringement of the provisions of the Liquor License Act.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing: The names of all persons to whom payments have been made in connection with the present Revision of the Statutes, and the total amount paid to each, and the services or other matter in respect of which such payments were made.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 106), Respecting Ditches and Watercourses, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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. 122), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lennox 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 again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 82), To impose a Tax on Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McPherson 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 following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 113), To amend the County Judges Act.

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

The House then adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Monday, February 26th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

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

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of William Ernest Grierson and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Forest Hill Electric Railway Company.

Of the Humbervale Cemetery Company, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Company to sell and convey any portion of the Cemetery Lands now owned in the Township of Etobicoke and to divide the proceeds *pro rata* among its shareholders.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an Act may pass to confirm an Agreement between the Township and the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Ground relative to the construction of a Roadway.

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

Bill (No. 137), intituled "An Act to amend the Voters' Lists Act." Mr. Eilber.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Museum." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Sir James Whitney presented to the House:—

Copy of questions submitted to the Supreme Court by the Government of Canada relative to the *Ne Temere* decree—and an Act to amend the Marriage Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 58.*)

Mr. Rowell asked the following Question:

1. Has the Hon. Mr. Lucas been appointed a Commissioner to investigate the question of Government ownership of telephone lines in the Province.

2. If not appointed a Commissioner, has the Hon. Mr. Lucas been otherwise designated or appointed to investigate the question of Government ownership of telephone lines in the Province.

3. If so, exactly what is the nature of such other appointment.

4. Has the Hon. Mr. Lucas engaged in the investigation of Government ownership of telephone lines in the Province.

5. If so, during what period of time has he been so engaged.

6. Has the Hon. Mr. Lucas made any report or reports to the Government upon the question of Government ownership of telephone lines in the Province.

7. If not, when does the Government expect to receive his report.

To which Sir James Whitney replied in the words following:—

Questions Nos. 1 and 2.—No.

No. 3.—Answered by above.

No. 4.—No. Mr. Lucas has considered from time to time various matters connected with the telephone systems with a view to legislation where necessary.

No. 5.—Answered by answer to 4.

No. 6.—No.

Mr. Marshall asked the following Question:

1. How much did the Province pay for the lands upon which the new Government House is being erected.

2. (a) What is the estimated cost of clearing, altering and laying out the said lands; and

(b) How much has so far been expended upon such work of clearing, altering, and laying out the said lands.

3. Who are the contractors for the work of clearing, altering and laying out the said lands.

4. Were all contracts for the said work let by tender.

5. What is the estimated cost of the building of the new Government House completed.

6. What contracts have so far been made for the building.

7. Who are the successful contractors and what are the amounts of such contracts.

8. How much has so far been expended on the building.

9. Who are the architects and landscape gardeners employed directly or as consulting experts in connection with the Government House building and grounds, and what compensation are they to be paid.

10. Was the Government offered any other site or sites for a Government House and grounds.

11. If so, (a) When was any such offer made.

(b) Where was the site comprised in any such offer situate.

(c) What was the price at which any such site was so offered.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1.—\$127,946.00.

2. (a)—\$69,000.00.

(b)—\$52,537.00.

3.—Thomson Bros.

4.—Yes.

5.—\$400,000.00 building and site.

6.—Excavation for foundations and grading of grounds; concrete work of foundation walls, footings, etc.; stone and brick work; structural steel.

7.—Thomson Bros.—Excavation for foundation and grading of grounds, 10 per cent. on prime cost of the work.

Thomson Bros.—Concrete work and foundation walls, footings and piers, etc., \$8,195.00.

Fred. Holmes & Sons, Ltd.—The whole of the stone and brick work, etc., \$125,871.00.

Canada Foundry—Supply and direction of the structural steel work, \$41,000.00.

8.—\$18,233.30.

9.—Architect, Frank R. Heakes, Provincial Architect, Public Works Department.

Charles W. Leavitt, Jr., Consulting Landscape Engineer, \$50.00 *per day*.

10 and 11.—The answer is No, but there have been conversations as to offers that might be made. One such conversation took place when about six acres of land on Cluny Avenue, in Rosedale, was offered verbally at \$325,000.00 accompanied by a valuation of a real estate agent.

On Motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. MacKay,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of—

1. All correspondence between the Government or any member or official thereof of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission or any member or official thereof and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company or the Grand Trunk Railway or any official of either of them with respect to:

(a) The acquisition of running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway;

(b) The leasing, running, or operating of dining, cafe, or buffet cars on the tracks of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

2. All agreements between the Government of Ontario or any department thereof or the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and any other person or corporation with respect to:

(a) The acquisition of running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway;

(b) The leasing, running, or operating of dining, cafe, or buffet cars on the tracks of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 95), Respecting Barristers-at-Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 96), Respecting Solicitors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 94), Respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 113), To amend the County Judges Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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.

Sir James 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:—

J. M. GIBSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1911, 1912, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, February 23rd, 1912.

(*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 then adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital.

Bill (No. 15), To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills without amendments:—

Bill (No. 28), To confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the City of Guelph.

Mr. Hendrie from the Standing Committee on Railways presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company; and

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

Your Committee have also amended the Preamble to said Bill No. 17, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to your Committee.

Sir James Whitney presented to the House:—

Copy of an Order in Council of the Government of Canada, respecting the Boundary line between Ontario and Manitoba. (*Sessional Papers No. 59.*)

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 115), To aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

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

Bill (No. 102), Respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations.

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

Bill (No. 119), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 120), To amend the Charity Aid Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 84), Respecting Money Lending.

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 92), To prevent the spread of Insect and Fungus Diseases Injurious to Vegetation, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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. 98), Respecting Pounds, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. Elliott asked the following Question:—

1. What prosecutions against alleged combines had been instituted before the Police Magistrate of the City of Toronto, and had not been finally disposed of by the conviction or acquittal of the accused at the date of resignation of Mr. J. W. Curry, K.C., as Crown-Attorney for the City of Toronto.

2. Have such prosecutions been continued to the conviction or acquittal of the accused.

3. If such prosecutions have been continued, with what result have they been attended.

4. If such prosecutions have not been continued, why were they not proceeded with.

5. What are the names of the alleged combines, the papers of which were seized under the instructions of J. W. Curry, K.C., Crown-Attorney of the City of Toronto, and information from which was furnished to the Attorney-General of the Province.

6. What action (if any) was taken by the Attorney-General in reference to the prosecution of these alleged combines.

7. If such action was taken, what are the names of such alleged combines.

To which the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. At the date mentioned, *viz.*, 1st May, 1906, all the prosecutions which had been instituted before the Police Magistrate had been disposed of by him by committing the accused for trial. At the date mentioned there had been undisposed of charges against the following:—

(a) Members of the Central Supply Association.

(b) George Wallis, a plumber.

(c) Richard Crashley, a plumber.

(d) Four members of the Journeymen Plumbers' Association, who are working plumbers as distinct from the Master Plumbers who employ labor.

(e) Members of the Tack Combine.

(f) Members of the Master Plumbers and Steam Fitters' Association in appeal at said date.

2. Some of them have been continued to the conviction of the accused as set out in the answer to question 3. None have been continued to the acquittal of the accused.

3. Members of the Central Supply Association were tried by Chief Justice Munlock, commencing on the 19th day of February, 1906, resulting in a conviction on the 26th of June, 1907. The indictment referred to as (f) was tried by Mr. Justice Clute, commencing 10th November, 1905, and he gave judgment convicting on the 8th day of December, 1905. From this judgment an appeal was taken to the Court of Appeal, which on 14th March, 1907, sustained the Judgment, with two of the judges dissenting and favoring an acquittal.

4. The trial of the Tack Combine mentioned was not proceeded with on the advice of Mr. DuVernet, K.C., the Crown Counsel, who had charge of the case, he having advised the Crown that the evidence would not justify a conviction.

In regard to charges against Wallis and Crashley, members of the Plumbers' Union, and the Journeymen Plumbers, which were not proceeded with,

there were the last of a very large number of persons who had been proceeded against in January, 1906, all or nearly all of whom had pleaded guilty; 39 of them were fined and 71 were allowed to go for various reasons by the Honourable the Chancellor on suspended sentence. It was thought by the Department that if these remaining cases were proceeded with and if a conviction could be obtained the parties would probably be let off on suspended sentence. The following is an extract from the Judgments of the Chancellor:—

“I have anxiously considered as to the best manner of imposing fines in the cases of conspiracy to restrict trade and enhance prices, which have been admitted. The following considerations and principles have been my guide: From the materials laid before me, it has been evident that the larger firms and the leading Master Plumbers have controlled the men in smaller business, so that they have been forced into the combination to endeavor to make a living and in some way strive to better their condition. Many of the latter are hardly able to make headway, having large families and little work. Many have been actually losers by being driven into the combination. These classes have been as leniently dealt with as possible. As to those better off, and in a larger way of business, I have scaled or graded so as to impose some fine on those who have received dividends from the elicit prices, but heavier fines are imposed, though far from the maximum of the statute, on those who have made the largest gains from the combination.”

Moreover at the time of the postponement of their trial, 15th January, 1906, the true interpretation of the words “undue” and “unduly” was before the High Court and the Court of Appeal, and was in doubt and contests in respect thereto were pending in the Courts.

The case of *Rex vs. Beckett*, commonly known as the “Grocers’ Combine Case,” was considered by the Crown Counsel, one of the strongest cases that could be presented, and the defendants were acquitted on the ground that what they did was not “unduly” done. Judgment on March 7th, 1910.

5. The Stamped Ware Association, the Sheet Metal Ware Association, the Canadian Washing Machine Mfg. Association, the Fire Bolt Association, Tarred Paper Manufacturing Association, the Canadian Cordage Association, the Axle Association, the Canadian Wooden Ware Association, the Canadian Lantern Association, the Lead Pipe Manufacturers’ Association, Toronto Sewer Pipe Supply Association, Canadian Mirror Plate Association, the Trunk and Bag Manufacturing Association, the Canadian Wheel Manufacturers’ Association, the Corundum and Emery Wheel Association, the Canadian Churn Manufacturing Association, the Canadian Leather Belting Manufacturing Associations, the Spring Association, the Wood Screw Association, the Canadian Clothes Wringer Mfg. Association, Lithographed Tin and Iron Association, the Canada Soil Pipe Association, the Saw Manufacturers’ Association, the Paper Makers’ Association, the Canadian Handle Association, the

Home and Saddlery Hardware Mfg. Association, the Cold Rivet Manufacturing Association, the Canadian Box Board Association, the Canadian Coiled Wire Association, Ontario Plate Glass Association, the Canadian Bobbin Manufacturing Association, the Canadian Packers' Association, the Canadian Hot Water Boilers Manufacturers' Association, the Bolt and Nut Association, the Canadian Wholesale Hardware Association, the Canadian Wire Nail Association.

6 and 7. No action has been taken beyond submitting the matter to Crown Counsel.

Mr. Ferguson (Kent) asked the following Question:—

1. Was A. E. Belcher in the employment of any Department of the Provincial Government in the months of November and December, 1911.

2. Is he now in the employment of any Department of the Provincial Government.

3. Did the said Belcher receive permission from any member of the Government to engage actively in the Provincial Election of 1911.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No.

On motion of Mr. Anderson (Bruce), seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Kent),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing:—

1. How many barrels of apples were produced in each year in each of the forty-five Demonstration Orchards instituted by the Government.

2. The sale price *per* barrel of the apples from each of the said Demonstration Orchards.

3. The names and qualifications of the several orchard demonstrators now in the employ of the Government.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. McNaught, the Petition of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.

By Mr. Brewster, the Petition of the City Council of Brantford.

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

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

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

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their floating debt.

Of the Town Council of Renfrew, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain by-laws *re* the borrowing of money and issue of debentures.

Of the Town Council of Welland, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 430 in the matter of the Assessment of Goodwillie & Son.

Of the Town Council of Carleton Place, praying that an Act may pass empowering the issue of debentures *re* certain Public Works.

Of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to increase their Capital Stock and to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the road.

Of the Township of Cornwall and the Toronto Paper Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify By-law No. 847 of the Township and an agreement made in pursuance thereof.

Of the Township Council of Cornwall and the St. Lawrence Power Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify By-law No. 848 of the Township and an agreement made in pursuance thereof.

Of the Township Council of Cornwall and the St. Lawrence Paper Mills Company, Limited, severally praying that an Act may pass to ratify By-law No. 849 of the Township and an agreement made in pursuance thereof.

Of John F. McGillivray and others, of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for the commencement and completion of the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway.

Of Madge Copland and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass enabling the surviving Executrix of the will of the late William Copland to convey or release all interests in certain lots that the estate now has or that may revert thereto.

Of The Stratford Young Women's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass confirming incorporation with power to amend constitution.

Of John H. Delamere and others, of Minden, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

Of Wm. H. Price and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass changing name of "The Monarch Railway Company" to that of "The Toronto, Barrie and Orillia Railway Company"; to increase Bond Issue and to extend time for commencement and completion.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 49 (1911), promoting the erection of a Hotel, fixing assessment and guaranteeing bonds.

Of the Town Council of Oakville, praying that an Act may pass to validate and confirm By-laws Nos. 417 and 399 *re* assessment to defray cost of construction of sanitary sewers and sidewalks.

Of the Town Council of Gravenhurst, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to issue debentures to repay outstanding indebtedness.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 43 (1911) *re* exemption of property of the Canadian Locomotive Company, Limited.

Of The Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the company to enter upon, take and expropriate certain lands required for the construction of a paper mill in the Town of Fort Frances.

Of William James Hamilton and others, of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association, of Fort William, and empowering the acquisition of real estate.

Of James George Guise-Bagley, of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Steelton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 144, *re* construction of sewers; enabling the Town to extend its boundaries and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of Wentworth, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 577, *re* certain expenditures upon County roads.

Of the Township Council of Oliver, praying that an Act may pass to confirm all sales of land made for taxes prior to 31st December, 1911; and to ratify certain By-laws.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of John Thomas Horne and others, of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the Iron Range Railway Company, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has appeared for a period of six weeks, as required by the Rules of Your Honourable House, in the "*Ontario Gazette*," and in the "*Fort William Morning Herald*," a newspaper published in the District of Thunder Bay.

Your Committee also find that the line of the proposed Railway will traverse the Districts of Kenora and Rainy River in which Districts the notice has not been published in any newspaper. Your Committee have, however, had evidence produced before them showing that 300 copies of a Poster containing a copy of the notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been thoroughly posted and distributed through the Towns of Kenora, Keewatin and Fort Frances and vicinity, said Towns being situated in the Districts of Kenora and Rainy River.

Your Committee are of the opinion that by the publication as aforesaid, all parties interested have had an opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and would therefore recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case, and that the notices be held sufficient.

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

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Kingston. Mr. Ross.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit James George Guise-Bagley to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor." Mr. Hogarth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Carleton Place." Mr. Preston (Lanark.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior." Mr. McGarry.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Renfrew." Mr. McGarry.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act to enable the Estate of William Copland to convey certain lands." Mr. McPherson.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Oliver." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company." Mr. Mason.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited." Mr. Machin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Oakville." Mr. Nixon.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 43 (1911), of the City of Kingston." Mr. Ross.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act respecting the Young Women's Christian Association of the City of Stratford." Mr. Torrance.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company." Mr. Machin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Gravenhurst." Mr. Mahaffy.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 49), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act respecting the Monarch Railway Company." Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth." Mr. Regan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 64), intituled "An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall." Mr. Milligan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Steelton." Mr. Gamey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act respecting the Iron Range Railway Company." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act." Mr. McDonald.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Westbrook.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to amend the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act." Mr. Lennox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act granting Franchises by Municipal Councils." Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 113), To amend the County Judges Act.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion *in re* Boundaries of the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

Mr. Gamcy moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted:—

1. This House has learned with satisfaction of the efforts that were made by the Government to induce the late Government of Canada to consent to an extension of the Boundaries of the Province whereby its Westerly boundary would extend North to the Churchill River and then follow the middle thread of the River Northeasterly to deep water on Hudson Bay.

2. That this House regrets that these efforts were unfruitful, owing to the refusal of the late Government of Canada to agree to the extension sought and its determination that the Westerly boundary should be as laid out in the Resolution adopted by the House of Commons of Canada on the 13th day of July, A.D. 1908, thereby excluding Ontario not only from a port at the mouth of the Churchill River, but also from a port at the mouth of the Nelson River, the only other point on Hudson Bay suitable for a port.

3. That this House has learned with unfeigned satisfaction that owing to the efforts of the Government, and notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of obtaining a settlement satisfactory to Ontario, caused by the action of the

late Government of Canada, the present Government has been induced to consent to a modification of the decision and action of the late Government, whereby Ontario has secured not only access to both ports, but also the terms and agreement set out in the following Order-in-Council of the Government of Canada, adopted 20th February, 1912:—

“The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report from the Right Honourable the Prime Minister submitting—in connection with the proposed extensions of the limits of the respective Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba as defined by resolutions of the House of Commons, passed on the 13th July, 1908—that the Government of Ontario represents that upon the enlargement of the territory of the Province as proposed, it would or might be desirable in the interest of the Province to extend the Provincial Railway, known as the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, at present in operation between North Bay and Cochrane, in the said Province, to a suitable port on Hudson Bay; that it may be found necessary or expedient to select for such Hudson Bay terminus a point at or near the mouth of the Nelson River, and that as the estuary of the Nelson lies some distance Westward of the proposed Western or Northwestern boundary of the Province, the Government desires that such arrangements be made as will enable the Province, or such Commission or Public Corporation as may be thereunto authorized on behalf of the Province, to construct, maintain and operate that portion of the proposed extension of the said Provincial Railway which may be projected within the extended boundaries of the Province of Manitoba for the purpose of reaching the terminus to be selected as aforesaid upon the waters of Hudson Bay.

The Prime Minister states that he considers that reasonable provision should be made to give effect to this request on the part of Ontario in so far as it is within the authority of the Government and Parliament of Canada, and therefore recommends that:—

1. The Government of Your Royal Highness be authorized to transfer to the Government of Ontario or to a Minister of that Government or to a Commission as may be authorized or required by the Government of the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Province, in so far as the lands hereinafter mentioned or described shall be vested in His Majesty in the right of the Dominion.

(a) A parcel of land of a uniform width of five miles commencing at a point to be determined by the Government of Ontario on the proposed Eastern boundary of Manitoba within fifty miles of the point of intersection of the said boundary with the shore line of Hudson Bay and extending from the said proposed Eastern boundary of Manitoba to the Nelson River, but so that no portion of the said parcel of land shall be more than fifty miles in a direct line

from the shore of Hudson Bay; also such further parcels of land not exceeding in width one-half mile upon the East side of the said River, extending up river along the shore of Hudson Bay as may be necessary to entitle the Province to a continuous water front of ten miles upon the Nelson River and Hudson Bay including the water front which will lie within the parcel five miles in width just hereinbefore mentioned or described with such right, interest or easement in the river-bed upon the Eastern side and the foreshore contiguous to the land so to be transferred as may be necessary or reasonably required for the erection, maintenance and operation of docks, elevators, or other structures for the purpose of the said railway; Provided, however, that the total combined frontage of the said two parcels of land upon Nelson River and Hudson Bay shall not exceed ten miles.

(b) If the terminus of the Hudson Bay Railway be established at Fort Churchill, and if the Government of Ontario prefer to make Fort Churchill the terminus of their said Railway, a right of way two hundred feet in width from any point on the Nelson River to the nearest available point on the Hudson Bay Railway, so that the Provincial Railway may connect with the Hudson Bay Railway at that point, Your Royal Highness' Government in that event agreeing for running powers over the Hudson Bay Railway.

2. Your Royal Highness' Government undertake in the event of the extension of the said Provincial Railway beyond the limits of Ontario to promote such legislation as may be necessary within the powers of the Parliament of Canada, to authorize such extension and the construction, maintenance and operation of the railway within the Province of Manitoba with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines, docks, elevators or other structures of every kind, to develop and operate water powers and generally to do all things necessary or convenient for the operation of said Railway.

3. A period of five years be allowed to the Government of Ontario within which to select and designate the said lands intended to be transferred as aforesaid, and to notify the location thereof, to Your Royal Highness' Government, and that this Order shall cease to be effective if such location be not made and duly notified within the said period.

The Prime Minister further recommends, that, if the Government of Ontario assent to the foregoing recommendations the necessary legislation for the purpose of carrying them into effect shall be submitted to Parliament as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Committee, concurring herein, submit the same for approval,

RUDOLPH BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council."

4. And this House extends to the Government its hearty congratulations for the success which has attended the efforts it has made on behalf of the people of Ontario.

And a Debate having arisen, it was, on motion of Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 29th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Lindsay.

The Reports were 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. 5), intituled "An Act respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deem necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated this 28th day of February, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The undersigned have had under consideration Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that in so far as it provides for the consolidation of the floating debt of the said Town, the Board is of opinion that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated this 28th day of February, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Lindsay, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

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

By Mr. Hogarth, the Petition of the City Council of Port Arthur.

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

By Mr. McKeown, the Petition of Georgianna Von Doran and others, of Morrisburg.

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

Bill (No. 146), intituled “An Act respecting the Forest Reserves Act.”
Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

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

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital.

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

Bill (No. 15), To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

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

Bill (No. 28), To confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton.

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

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the City of Guelph.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1911-12, the following sums:—

89. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department	\$1,412 50
90. To defray the expenses of the Audit of Justice Accounts....	200 00
91. To defray the expenses of the Insurance Inspection	1,250 00
92. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board	50 00
93. To defray the expenses of the Education Department	900 00
94. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines ..	300 00
95. To defray the expenses of the Surveys and Patents	1,025 00
96. To defray the expenses of the Accounts Branch	400 00

97. To defray the expenses of the Land Sales and Free Grants..	400 00
98. To defray the expenses of the Woods and Forests	625 00
99. To defray the expenses of the Military Grants	100 00
100. To defray the expenses of the Bureau of Mines	1,100 00
101. To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department..	3,675 00
102. To defray the expenses of the Highways Branch	3,950 00
103. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads	1,350 00
104. To defray the expenses of the Fisheries and Game	1,050 00
105. To defray the expenses of the Labour Bureau	150 00
106. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department	1,050 00
107. To defray the expenses of the Succession Duties Branch..	700 00
108. To defray the expenses of the Auditor's Office	2,770 00
109. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department	1,100 00
110. To defray the expenses of the Inspection Public Institutions	5,350 00
111. To defray the expenses of the License Branch	850 00
112. To defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Branch ..	1,225 00
113. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Board of Health..	3,020 00
114. To defray the expenses of the Neglected Children Branch..	950 00
116. To defray the expenses of the Colonization	600 00
117. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	355 00
118. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch	280 00
119. To defray the expenses of the Institutes Branch	700 00

120. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	430 00
121. To defray the expenses of the Factory Inspection Branch ..	710 00
122. To defray the expenses of the Stationary Engineers	750 00,
123. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous	850 00
124. To defray the expenses of the Legislation	2,050 00
125. To defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature	570 00
126. To defray the expenses of the Court of Appeal	580 00
127. To defray the expenses of the Central Office	850 00
128. To defray the expenses of the Exchequer Division	87 50
129. To defray the expenses of the Chancery Division	1,034 17
130. To defray the expenses of the Surrogate Clerk	200 00
131. To defray the expenses of the Commutation of Fees	700 00
132. To defray the expenses of the Inspector of Legal Offices ...	200 00
133. To defray the expenses of the Inspection of Division Courts	50 00
134. To defray the expenses of the Land Titles Office	2,445 50
135. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous	4,570 00
136. To defray the expenses of the District of Algoma	200 00
137. To defray the expenses of the District of Thunder Bay ...	\$1,725 00
138. To defray the expenses of the District of Kenora	600 00
139. To defray the expenses of the District of Manitoulin	200 00
140. To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education	117,665 99
141. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto	1,437 20

142. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	1,160 74
143. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London	290 00
144. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	270 00
145. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough.	370 00
146. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford	308 35
147. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay.	1,549 42
148. To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes	12,300 00
149. To defray the expenses of the Department Library and Museum	855 10
150. To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical and Scientific Societies	8,967 81
151. To defray the expenses of the Technical Education	34,500 00
152. To defray the expenses of the Maintenance Education De- partment	755 87
153. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville	3,497 00
154. To defray the expenses of the Blind Institution, Brantford	1,867 00
155. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville	13,030 00
156. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Cobourg	200 00
157. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton	11,650 00
158. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston	2,770 00
159. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	5,730 00
160. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico	11,085 00
161. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia	9,280 00

162. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene	2,890 00
163. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto	8,180 00
164. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	4,450 00
165. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison	7,750 00
166. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison Industries..	30,230 00
167. To defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory	3,405 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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 5.35 p.m.

Friday, March 1st, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Gamey, the Petition of John McPhie and others, of Manitoulin Island.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing extension of line and giving power of expropriation.

Of the Upper Canada Bible Society, praying that an Act may pass to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements, such buildings of the Society and the land whereon situated, as may be occupied by the Society.

Of the City Council of Brantford, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the John H. Stratford Hospital to the Brantford General Hospital and to authorize the issue of Debentures.

Of the City Council of London, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act so as to give the Municipal Clerk the necessary authority to properly inspect the work of Deputy Returning Officers in Municipal Elections.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of Thomas A. Blakely and others, of the Village of Flesherton, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the debenture debts of the Corporation and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of St. Mary's, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain By-laws guaranteeing certain Bonds.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an Act may pass to confirm an agreement between the Township and the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Ground, relative to the construction of a Roadway.

Of The Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to change name to "The Ottawa, Rideau Lakes and Kingston Railway Company," and to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the road.

Of Arthur Hawkins, of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to assume and bear the name of Arthur Hawkins-Masters.

Of the North Midland Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Of the Simcoe Railway and Power Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for commencement and completion of the railway.

Of the Town Council of Kenora, praying that an Act may pass to amend 1 Geo. V., cap. 92, authorizing the Corporation to redeem and take over any mortgage debentures of the Tourist Hotel Company, Limited; and for other purposes.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 12th day of March instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 15th day of March instant.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the Petition of the Town Council of Alliston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain Local Improvement By-laws and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of five weeks in the *Ontario Gazette* and in *The Alliston Herald*, and a declaration has been filed setting forth that instructions have been given to continue the publication of the said notice in each of the said papers for one week longer.

Your Committee also find that the notice, in enumerating the By-laws which it is desired to confirm, includes By-law No. 188, and this By-law appears to have been inadvertently omitted from the Petition.

Your Committee recommend that the attention of the Private Bills Committee be directed to this matter.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Twelfth day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the Fifteenth day of March instant.

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

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Flesher-ton." Mr. Jamieson.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Arnprior." Mr. McGarry.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston." Mr. Ferguson (Simcoe.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company." Mr. Hartt.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 66), intituled "An Act respecting the North Midland Railway Company." Mr. MacArthur.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 67), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Kenora." Mr. Machin.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company." Mr. McElroy.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of St. Mary's." Mr. Gooderham.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act to prevent the spread of Pulmonary and other forms of Tuberculosis." Mr. McQueen.

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

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Tires on Wagons and other Vehicles." Mr. Rankin.

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

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 128), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 130), To amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 131), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 132), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (134), To amend the Public Parks Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 129), To amend the Municipal 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. 135), 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. 22), To incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital.

Bill (No. 15), To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Bill (No. 28), To confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the City of Guelph.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

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

Report of the Minister of Public Works of the Province for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 12.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 5.)

Also—Detailed Report of the Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Also—Loan Corporations' Statements, being Financial Statements made by Building Societies, Loan Companies, Loaning, Land and Trust Companies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Also—Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Also—Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Also—Reports of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the years 1910 and 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)

Also—Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 21st of February for a Return of all correspondence from August 1st, 1911, to date, between the Attorney-General or any official of his Department and any person or persons of the Town of Chesley or elsewhere, respecting the prosecution, conviction and fining of one Charles Subject by Magistrate Montgomery for an infringement of the provisions of the Liquor License Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*)

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Monday, March 4th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By Mr. Sulman, the Petition of the Mueller Manufacturing Company and the Town Council of Sarnia.

By Mr. Champagne, the Petition of the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

By Mr. Galna, the Petition of the Town Council of Parry Sound.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to exempt the Pigeon River Lumber Company from taxation except for local improvements and school rates.

Of Georgianna Von Doran and others, of Morrisburg, praying that an Act may pass to confirm the Will of John Doran, authorizing her, with the consent of Mary Doran, to sell and convey certain lands in the Township of Matilda.

Of the City Council of Chatham, praying that the Municipal Act may be so amended that two-thirds of the votes polled be sufficient to carry By-laws granting Aid to Industries.

Of John McPhie and others, of Manitoulin, praying that it be made compulsory that all sleighs used on Public Highways should be four feet wide.

On motion of Sir James Whitney, seconded by Mr. Rowell, it was

Resolved, That out of respect to the memory of the late, the Honourable Edward Blake, Privy Councillor, formerly Prime Minister of the Province of Ontario, this House do now adjourn.

The House then adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate as a City and to authorize the annexation of certain territory.

Of the Town Council of Dryden and the Dryden Timber and Power Company, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 35, as to the sale of certain property to the Company.

Of the Town Council of Webbwood, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 95, *re* certain public works.

Of the Town Council of Haileybury, praying that an Act may pass giving them authority to pass a By-law authorizing the issue of debentures for the purpose of providing funds to discharge their floating indebtedness.

Of the Town Council of Orillia, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws for the purpose of raising money; fixing assessments and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the corporation to purchase, build, equip, maintain and operate motor cars, omnibusses and other vehicles; to issue debentures and for other purposes.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills without amendment: Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Town of Carleton Place; Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Young Women's Christian Association of the City of Stratford.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments: Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Kingston; Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone; Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands; Bill (No. 21), To confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland; Bill (No. 31), To confirm By-law No. 43 of 1911 of the City of Kingston; Bill (No. 49), To incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bills No. 14, 32 and 49, on the ground that they are Bills relating to Religious Institutions.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 14), St. Thomas' Church, Belleville; Bill (No. 32), Stratford Y.W.C.A., and Bill (No. 49), Fort William Y.M.C.A.

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

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury." Mr. Shillington.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 95, of the Town of Webbwood." Mr. Grigg.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie and for other purposes." Mr. Grigg.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 35, of the Town of Dryden." Mr. Machin.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." Mr. McNaught.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Orillia." Mr. Hartt.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 151), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 152), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Fraser.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 153), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906." Mr. Musgrove.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 154), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act." Mr. Machin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 155), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to encourage the refining of Metals in Ontario." Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion and Amendment *in re* the Boundaries of the Province, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And after some time,

Mr. Elliott moved in Amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Marshall,

That all the words of the Amendment after the first word "That" be struck out and that there be added to the main motion, the following:—

1. "this House regrets that the Government has undertaken to deal with the division of the territory of Keewatin, containing 324,500 square miles, and possessing most valuable agricultural lands, timber and mineral resources, without consultation with the Legislature, and this House is of the opinion that in matters of so great and vital interest to the Province it is the duty of the Executive to consult the representatives of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

2. This House further regrets that the Government failed to realize the great importance to the Province of securing such an extension of her boundary as would include her natural hinterland and a deep sea harbour on Hudson's Bay, and which would have thereby greatly added to her territorial extent and her natural resources, and enabled a Provincial Railway to be extended or constructed to tide water on Hudson's Bay within the boundaries of the Province.

3. This House further regrets that the Government failed to properly and adequately present to the Government of Canada the claim of this Province to the territory in question and thereby seriously prejudiced Ontario's case, and led to the conclusion that the matter was regarded by the Government as being of minor importance to the Province.

4. This House further regrets that the Government, without consulting with, or securing the aid of the Legislature of this Province, admitted and insisted that this Province had 'no legal right or claim whatever' to the lands in question, and that the Government has now, without consulting the Legislature, consented to a division of the territory in question, which, if carried into effect, will deprive Ontario of about 40,000 square miles of her natural hinterland, and of a deep sea harbour on Hudson's Bay within her own territory.

5. That the proposal embodied in the Order in Council of the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, of the 20th February, 1912, to allow Ontario for railway purposes access to Port Nelson or Port Churchill, by traversing lands within the Province of Manitoba and subject to the legislative, administrative and judicial jurisdiction of that Province, is entirely unsatisfactory to the Province of Ontario. If the said railway is extended across the Manitoba boundary such extension would, under the terms of the British North America Act, deprive Ontario of the entire legislative control of her own railway, which would thereupon pass under the exclusive legislative control of the Dominion of Canada, and if the said railway is extended to

Port Churchill it will involve the expenditure of about \$10,000.00 within the Province of Manitoba, and such extension will serve mainly as a colonization road for the Province of Manitoba.

6. This House recognizes that notwithstanding any resolutions at any time passed by any of the Legislative bodies interested in the territory of Keewatin, the said division can only be carried into effect by legislative enactments of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and as no such legislation has so far been enacted there is still time and opportunity to prevent the sacrifice of the interests of Ontario contemplated in the division of territory to which the Government without the authority of this House has given its consent.

7. That in the judgment of this House it is the imperative duty of the Government of this Province to prevent, if possible, the division of the territory in question in accordance with the terms of the bill introduced into the House of Commons by the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, on the 27th day of February, 1912, and the Order in Council of the Dominion of Canada adopted on the 20th day of February, 1912, and to insist upon such division as will ensure for Ontario the largest possible portion of her natural hinterland and a deep sea harbour on Hudson's Bay within her own territorial limits.

8. This House is further of the opinion that as the Province of Manitoba entered the Canadian Confederation upon terms assented to and approved of by this Province and the other Provinces then forming part of the Canadian Confederation, the alteration of these terms as set forth in the said Bill so introduced into the House of Commons by the Right Honourable R. L. Borden on the 27th day of February, 1912, and thereby greatly increasing the Annual Dominion Subsidy to Manitoba without consultation with and without the consent and approval of the Province of Ontario and the other Provinces of Canada, is a violation of the spirit of the British North America Act, and it is the duty of the Government of this Province to protest against any alteration being made in the said financial terms without the consent of this Province, and to demand that if additional sums are granted by the Dominion of Canada to the Province of Manitoba, this Province should be treated on exactly the same basis."

And a Debate ensuing, it was, upon motion of Mr. Studholme,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Of the Mueller Manufacturing Company and the Town Council of Sarnia, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 775, granting a bonus of \$20,000 to the Company.

Of the Town Council of Parry Sound, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 388 and a certain agreement with the Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 40), The Iron Range Railway Company.

Your Committee have also amended the Preamble to said Bills Nos. 1, 3, 39, 26 and 40, so to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to Your Committee.

Mr. Charters, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following documents be printed:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year ended 31st October, 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

The Supplementary Estimates of the Province of Ontario for the year ended 31st October, 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 5.*)

Report of the Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)

Report of Registrar of Loan Corporations for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11.*)

Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 16.*)

Report of the University of Toronto for the year ending June 30th, 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 17.*)

Report of the Registrar General for the year 1910 and 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 19.*)

Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

Report of the Live Stock Associations for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 39.*)

Report of the Farmers' Institutes for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 40.*)

Report of the Women's Institutes for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 41.*)

Report of the Agricultural Societies and of the convention of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 42.*)

Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 46.*)

The Committee recommend the purchase of 115 copies each of the following books:—

“Diary of Mrs. Simcoe,” by John Ross Robertson.

“Past Years in Pickering,” by Wm. R. Wood.

“5,000 Facts about Canada,” Canadian Facts Publishing Co.

“Clive, Baron Plassey,” by J. B. Mackenzie.

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:—

Report on the state of the Library for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 51.*)

Return *re* illegal sale of Liquor in Northern Ontario during year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 55.*)

Copies of Orders in Council *re* Surrogate Courts Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 56.*)

Copies of Orders in Council *re* Sec. 27 of the Department of Education Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 57.*)

Copies of questions submitted by Government of Canada to Supreme Court *re* “Ne Temere Decree.” (*Sessional Papers, No. 58.*)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion and Amendments relative to the Boundaries of the Province, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	MacKay	Racine
Atkinson	Kohler	Mageau	Richardson
Bowman	McCormick	Marshall	Rowell
Elliott	McDonald	Mayberry	Sinclair
Evanturel	McQueen	Munro	Studhohne
		Proudfoot	Sutherland—22

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lennox	Peck
Beck	Foy	Lucas	Pratt
Bennewies	Fraser	McCowan	Preston
Black	Galna	McCrea	(Durham)
Brewster	Gamey	McElroy	Preston
Brower	Godfrey	McGarry	(Lanark)
Chambers	Gooderham	McKeown	Pyne
Champagne	Grant	McNaught	Reaume
Charters	Grigg	McPherson	Ross
Cook	Hanna	MacArthur	Scholfield
Crawford	Hartt	Maediarmid	Shillington
Dargavel	Hearst	Machin	Sulman
Devitt	Hendrie	Mahaffy	Thompson
Duff	Hogarth	Mason	(Simcoe)
Eilber	Jarvis	Mathieu	Thompson
Ellis	Jessop	Morel	(Peterborough)
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Johnson	Musgrove	Torrance
	Lackner	Nixon	Vrooman
		Owens	Westbrook
		Pattinson	Whitesides
			Whitney—72

PAIRS.

Matheson. Clarke

The Amendment to the Original Motion, having been then put, the same was carried upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lennox	Peck
Beck	Foy	Lucas	Pratt
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Evanturel	McQueen	Munro	Studholme
		Proudfoot	Sutherland—22

PAIRS.

Matheson. Clarke.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then submitted, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	Lennox	Peck
Beck	Foy	Lucas	Pratt
Bennewies	Fraser	McCowan	Preston
Black	Galna	McCrea	(Durham)
Brewster	Gamey	McElroy	Preston
Brower	Godfrey	McGarry	(Lanark)
Chambers	Gooderham	McKeown	Pyne
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Duff	Hogarth	Mason	(Simcoe)
Eilber	Jarvis	Mathieu	Thompson
Ellis	Jessop	Morel	(Peterborough)
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		Proudfoot	Sutherland—22

PAIRS.

Matheson. Clarke

And it was

Resolved. That this House has learned with satisfaction of the efforts that were made by the Government to induce the late Government of Canada to consent to an extension of the Boundaries of the Province whereby its Westerly

boundary would extend North to the Churchill River and then follow the middle thread of the River Northeasterly to deep water on Hudson's Bay.

2. That this House regrets that these efforts were unfruitful, owing to the refusal of the late Government of Canada to agree to the extension sought and its determination that the Westerly boundary should be as laid out in the Resolution adopted by the House of Commons of Canada on the 13th day of July, A.D. 1908, thereby excluding Ontario not only from a port at the mouth of the Churchill River, but also from a port at the mouth of the Nelson River, the only other point on Hudson's Bay suitable for a port.

3. That this House has learned with unfeigned satisfaction that owing to the efforts of the Government, and notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of obtaining a settlement satisfactory to Ontario, caused by the action of the late Government of Canada, the present Government has been induced to consent to a modification of the decision and action of the late Government, whereby Ontario has secured not only access to both ports, but also the terms and agreement set out in the following Order-in-Council of the Government of Canada, adopted 20th February, 1912:—

"The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report from the Right Honourable the Prime Minister submitting—in connection with the proposed extensions of the limits of the respective Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba as defined by resolutions of the House of Commons, passed on the 13th July, 1908—that the Government of Ontario represents that upon the enlargement of the territory of the Province as proposed, it would or might be desirable in the interest of the Province to extend the Provincial Railway, known as the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, at present in operation between North Bay and Cochrane, in the said Province, to a suitable port on Hudson's Bay; that it may be found necessary or expedient to select for such Hudson's Bay terminus a point at or near the mouth of the Nelson River, and that as the estuary of the Nelson lies some distance Westward of the proposed Western or Northwestern boundary of the Province, the Government desires that such arrangements be made as will enable the Province, or such Commission or Public Corporation as may be thereunto authorized on behalf of the Province, to construct, maintain and operate that portion of the proposed extension of the said Provincial Railway which may be projected within the extended boundaries of the Province of Manitoba for the purpose of reaching the terminus to be selected as aforesaid upon the waters of Hudson's Bay.

The Prime Minister states that he considers that reasonable provision should be made to give effect to this request on the part of Ontario in so far as it is within the authority of the Government and Parliament of Canada, and therefore recommends that:—

1. The Government of Your Royal Highness be authorized to transfer to the Government of Ontario or to a Minister of that Government or to a Commission as may be authorized or required by the Government of the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Province, in so far as the lands hereinafter mentioned or described shall be vested in His Majesty in the right of the Dominion.

(a) A parcel of land of a uniform width of five miles commencing at a point to be determined by the Government of Ontario on the proposed Eastern boundary of Manitoba within fifty miles of the point of intersection of the said boundary with the shore line of Hudson's Bay and extending from the said proposed Eastern boundary of Manitoba to the Nelson River, but so that no portion of the said parcel of land shall be more than fifty miles in a direct line from the shore of Hudson's Bay; also such further parcels of land not exceeding in width one-half mile upon the East side of the said River, extending up river along the shore of Hudson's Bay as may be necessary to entitle the Province to a continuous water front of ten miles upon the Nelson River and Hudson's Bay including the water front which will lie within the parcel five miles in width, just hereinbefore mentioned or described with such right, interest or easement in the river-bed upon the Eastern side and the foreshore contiguous to the land so to be transferred as may be necessary or reasonably required for the erection, maintenance and operation of docks, elevators, or other structures for the purpose of the said railway; Provided, however, that the total combined frontage of the said two parcels of land upon Nelson River and Hudson's Bay shall not exceed ten miles.

(b) If the terminus of the Hudson's Bay Railway be established at Fort Churchill, and if the Government of Ontario prefer to make Fort Churchill the terminus of their said Railway, a right of way two hundred feet in width from any point on the Nelson River to the nearest available point on the Hudson's Bay Railway, so that the Provincial Railway may connect with the Hudson's Bay Railway at that point, Your Royal Highness' Government in that event agreeing for running powers over the Hudson's Bay Railway.

2. Your Royal Highness' Government undertake in the event of the extension of the said Provincial Railway beyond the limits of Ontario to promote such legislation as may be necessary within the powers of the Parliament of Canada, to authorize such extension and the construction, maintenance and operation of the railway within the Province of Manitoba with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines, docks, elevators or other structures of every kind, to develop and operate water powers and generally to do all things necessary or convenient for the operation of said Railway.

3. A period of five years be allowed to the Government of Ontario within which to select and designate the said lands intended to be transferred as aforesaid, and to notify the location thereof, to Your Royal Highness' Government.

and that this Order shall cease to be effective if such location be not made and duly notified within the said period.

The Prime Minister further recommends, that, if the Government of Ontario assent to the foregoing recommendations the necessary legislation for the purpose of carrying them into effect shall be submitted to Parliament as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Committee, concurring herein, submit the same for approval,

RUDOLPH BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council."

4. And this House extends to the Government its hearty congratulations for the success which has attended the efforts it has made on behalf of the people of Ontario.

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

Report of the condition of English-French Schools in the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Thursday, March 7th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estates Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Estate of the late William Copland.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:—

In the matter of the Bill respecting the Estate of the late William Copland, No. 18,

We the undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estates Bills, pursuant to the request of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 28th, 1912, respectfully report as follows:—

Under the Will in question, W. R. Evans having died, Copland Evans, now thirty years old, is entitled to a life estate. Upon his death, leaving issue, he is absolutely entitled, and the property would pass under his Will. He has now two children aged respectively eight and three years, both in good health. If they and any other children that may be born to him pre-decease him, upon his death the property falls into the general estate of the late William Copland, and would go to his widow, Madge Copland, for life, and upon her death to William Copland's children then surviving. The children now surviving are Alice B. Copland and William B. Copland, both of age, and under twenty-five. If they are then dead, the property would be divided share and share alike, *per capita* and not *per stirpes*, between W. R. Evans now dead, Copland Evans, who would then be dead, the children of Samuel Copland, the children of Mrs. Perry, the children of Lucy Sothern and the children of Susan Crisp.

A case is shewn upon the Petition justifying a sale of the land and a sale might be had upon an application to the Court under the Lands Estates Act. If such an application were made the purchase money would be paid into Court, and would bear four and a half *per cent.* interest, which would be paid to Copland Evans for his life, and on his death the fund would be divided among those who in the events which had then happened would be entitled.

What is now proposed is, that the Executors should be empowered to sell the possible interest of the estate of William Copland, *i.e.*, the chance of William Evans dying, leaving no issue him surviving, in which event only, would the estate have any interest.

This is consented to by the mother and the Testator's daughters, who would take the estate if then alive. It is not consented to by those who would take if they are then dead.

The sale of such an interest could only be expected to realize a nominal sum.

The chance of the estate falling to be distributed among the class ultimately entitled is very remote, but the effect of the Bill is to give to that class,

if it ever does take, a nominal sum only, and in the meantime this sum is to be left in the hands of the Executors without security.

We therefore report that it is not reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE,
C. J. K. B.

W. E. MIDDLETON,
J.

Osgoode Hall, Toronto, March 6th, 1912.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1912.

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

Your Committee recommends that, notwithstanding anything in Rule 51 of Your Honourable House, the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 15th day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Fifteenth day of March instant.

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

Bill (No. 157), intituled “An Act to amend the Landlord and Tenants Act.” Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 158), intituled “An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.” Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 159), intituled “An Act relating to Apartment or Tenement Houses.” Mr. Godfrey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Lucas 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, it was, upon motion of Mr. MacKay,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the Clock in the afternoon of Friday, the Eighth day of March instant.

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 11), To consolidate the **Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior.**

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior.

The Reports were 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. 11), intituled "An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated at Toronto, this 7th day of March, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The undersigned have had under consideration Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Arnprior," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and

into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated at Toronto, this 7th day of March, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 11), To consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hartt, the Petition of John Campbell and others, of the County of Simcoe.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of William Joseph Bell and others, of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Sudbury Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway.

Of the Town Council of North Bay, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 317 and the Debentures issued thereunder.

Of Georgianna Van Doran and others, of Morrisburg, praying that an Act may pass to confirm the Will of John Doran authorizing her, with the consent of Mary Doran, to sell and convey certain lands in the Township of Matilda.

Of the Town Council of Parry Sound, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 388 and a certain agreement with the Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

Of Thomas Hubert Wilson and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ontario Salvage Company.

Of the Mueller Manufacturing Company and the Town of Sarnia, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 775, granting bonus of \$20,000 to the Company.

Of the City Council of Brantford, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the John H. Stratford Hospital to the Brantford General Hospital and to authorize the issue of Debentures.

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to ratify By-law No. 516, authorizing the levying of a special frontage tax.

Of the City Council of Ottawa praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to borrow certain sums of money in connection with Hospitals; and for other purposes.

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

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to confirm certain By-laws *re* Public Works.

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to exempt the Pigeon River Lumber Company from taxation except for local improvements and school rates.

Of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing extension of line; to increase the Capital Stock and to authorize the issue of bonds.

Of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing extension of line and giving power to expropriate.

Of the Midland Terminal Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for commencement and completion of the road, and for the extension of the line.

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

Bill (No. 23), intituled “An Act to incorporate the Sudbury Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.” Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 41), intituled “An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.” Mr. Ellis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 43), intituled “An Act to confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.” Mr. Morel.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 52), intituled “An Act respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.” Mr. Hartt.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 56), intituled “An Act respecting the City of London.” Mr. Eilber.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 57), intituled “An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound.” Mr. MacKay.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 61), intituled “An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.” Mr. Hogarth.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 69), intituled “An Act to confirm By-law No. 775 of the Town of Sarnia.” Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 70), intituled “An Act to incorporate the Ontario Salvage Company.” Mr. Pratt.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Brantford." Mr. Brewster.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company." Mr. Nixon.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "An Act respecting the Estate of John Doran." Mr. McKeown.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 150), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 388 of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with the Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited." Mr. Galna.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act respecting Insurance." Mr. Foy.

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

Bill (No. 110), intituled "An Act respecting Joint Stock and other Companies." Mr. Hanna.

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

Bill (No. 156), intituled "An Act respecting Industrial Farms." Mr. Hanna.

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

Bill (No. 162), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Gooderham.

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

Bill (No. 163), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Sulman.

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

Bill (No. 164), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Sulman.

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

Bill (No. 165), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act." Mr. Whitesides.

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

Bill (No. 166), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Whitesides.

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

Bill (No. 167), intituled "An Act respecting Beaches and River Beds." Mr. Reaume.

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

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Town of Carleton Place.

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

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Young Women's Christian Association of the City of Stratford.

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

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Kingston.

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

Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.

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

Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas Church Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands.

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

Bill (No. 21), To confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland.

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

Bill (No. 31), To confirm By-law No. 43 (1911), of the City of Kingston.

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

Bill (No. 49), To incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William.

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

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.

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

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the Poreupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway.

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

Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Iron Range Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.

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

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Oliver.

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

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

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

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1912.

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

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

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

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 28), To confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 142), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

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

Mr. Munro asked the following Question:

1. Is one George W. Lee at present employed by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

2. If so, when was he first appointed and in what capacities has he been employed.

3. If the said George W. Lee is not now in the employment of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, was he employed by them at any time since the first day of January, 1905.

4. If the said George W. Lee was so employed at any time since the first day of January, 1905, in what capacities and during what periods was he so employed.

5. Is the Government aware that the said George W. Lee was actively engaged in the Federal election in South Renfrew in the interests of the Conservative candidate.

6. With whose permission or consent was the said George W. Lee absent from his employment during the said election campaign.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:

1. Yes.

2. Appointed, September, 1905, Clerk to Superintendent. Appointed, August, 1907, as General Agent.

3. Employed by the Commission since September, 1905.

4. September, 1905, to August, 1907, Clerk to Superintendent—assigned to such duties as Superintendent directed. August, 1907, appointed General Agent, reporting direct to Commission. Duties—settlement of claims for damages of all kinds, injuries to persons, live stock, fires, purchasing right-of-way, sale of lots in townsites, interviewing and in charge of settlers, looking after settlers, investigations, and any other duties assigned by the Commission.

5. No.

6. Covered by previous answer.

On Motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Racine,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between any person and the Government or any member thereof with respect to the construction of a Branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to Elk Lake or further. Also, all surveyors' or other reports received by the Government with respect to the feasibility and cost of construction of the said Branch.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), Respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Johnson 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 then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Monday, March 11th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of John Campbell and others, of the County of Simcoe, praying for certain amendmunts to the Act for the Protection of Sheep and to impose a Tax on Dogs.

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

Bill (No. 169), intituled “An Act respecting Optometry.” Mr. Whitesides.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 170), intituled “An Act to amend the Voters’ Lists Act.” Mr. Mayberry.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Town of Carleton Place.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Young Women’s Christian Association of the City of Stratford.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.

Bill (No. 21), To confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland.

Bill (No. 31), To confirm By-law No. 43 (1911), of the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 49), To incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William.

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company.

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Iron Range Railway Company.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. McPherson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time Tomorrow.

On Motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Racine,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—

1. (a) The number of Forest Rangers and Timber Cullers employed by the Government of Ontario in the seasons of 1903-4 and 1904-5.

(b) The number of feet of timber measured in each season.

(c) The amount of money paid in each of the said seasons to (1) Forest Rangers, (2) Timber Cullers.

2. Also showing all the information hereinbefore asked for with respect to the seasons 1909-10 and 1910-11.

On Motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Hearst,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to

consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the establishment of a Provincial Museum.

Sir James 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 Governors of the University of Toronto may provide, out of the endowment of the University or by borrowing on the security of it, or under the provisions of The University Act, 1907, a sum sufficient for the erection, equipment and furnishing of such buildings as the Board of Trustees of The Royal Ontario Museum may deem necessary for the purposes of the Museum, not exceeding in the whole Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000).

Resolved, That one-half of the sum so provided, including interest thereon, less One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), which has already been repaid, shall be repaid by the Province to the Governors of the University of Toronto in consecutive annual instalments of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) each, the first of which shall be payable on the First day of April, 1912, and that the same shall be charged upon The Consolidated Revenue Fund, and be paid as directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Resolved, That one-half of the cost of the maintenance of the Museum shall be borne by the Province, and one-half by the Governors of the University of Toronto.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Lennox reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Governors of the University of Toronto may provide, out of the endowment of the University or by borrowing on the security of it, or under the provisions of The University Act, 1907, a sum sufficient for the

erection, equipment and furnishing of such buildings as the Board of Trustees of The Royal Ontario Museum may deem necessary for the purposes of the Museum, not exceeding in the whole Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000).

Resolved, That one-half of the sum so provided, including interest thereon, less One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), which has already been repaid, shall be repaid by the Province to the Governors of the University of Toronto in consecutive annual instalments of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) each, the first of which shall be payable on the First day of April, 1912, and that the same shall be charged upon The Consolidated Revenue Fund, and be paid as directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Resolved, That one-half of the cost of the maintenance of the Museum shall be borne by the Province, and one-half by the Governors of the University of Toronto.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 138), To provide for the establishment of a Provincial Museum.

The House then adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Milligan, the Petition of C. L. Hervey and others, of Montreal.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 12), To incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Monarch Railway Company.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the North Midland Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 50), Respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company.

Your Committee have also amended the Preambles to said Bills Numbers 12, 54 and 50 so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to Your Committee.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill without any amendment:—

Bill (No. 44), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Town of Orillia.

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

Bill (No. 172), intituled "An Act to amend the Lands Titles Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 173), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 174), intituled "An Act respecting the purchase, sale and transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 175), intituled "An Act respecting Surveys and Plans of Land in certain Cities and their Suburbs." Mr. Ellis.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

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 it-elf into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time it was, on motion of Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of C. L. Hervey and others, of Montreal, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass giving power to expropriate the property, plant and appliances of any person, firm or corporation within the Municipality engaged in the business of supplying light, heat, or power for sale, or as a commercial product.

Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain By-law and Agreement with the Lake Superior Paper Company.

Of the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation by increasing their Capital Stock and for other purposes.

Of the Upper Canada Bible Society, praying that an Act may pass to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements, such buildings of the Society and the lands whereon the same are erected, as are or may be hereafter occupied by the said Society within the limits of the City of Toronto.

Of C. L. Hervey and others, of Montreal, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.

Of the Trustees of St. John's Church, Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Trustees, with the sanction of the Congregation, to use the proceeds of lands already sold, or to be sold, for the purpose of repairs or erection of another church.

Of the Humbervale Cemetery Company, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Company to sell and convey any portion of the Cemetery lands now owned in the Township of Etobicoke, and to divide the proceeds *pro rata* amongst its shareholders.

Of the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Company to construct branch lines; to increase their bonding powers and to extend the time for construction and operation.

Of The Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of William Ernest Grierson and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Forest Hill Electric Railway Company, and find that Notice of the pro-

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posed application to this Legislature has been published for three weeks in the "*Ontario Gazette*," and Your Committee have had a declaration filed before them shewing that the said Notice has also appeared in "*The News*," a newspaper published in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, being the only County affected, on the 24th day of February last, and on the 2nd day of March instant; the declaration also sets forth that fourteen posters containing true copies of the said Notice have been put up in conspicuous places along Forest Hill Road, Eglinton Avenue and Bathurst Street, in the Township of York, in the said County of York, said places being all along the intended route of the proposed railway; also that the proposed incorporation of the said railway has been mentioned by all six newspapers published in the City of Toronto; also that the matter of the proposed incorporation of the said railway has been brought before the members of the Council of the Township of York, and also before the members of the Council of the Town of North Toronto.

Your Committee are of the opinion, in consideration of the foregoing, that all parties interested have had an opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and would therefore recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case, and that the notices be held sufficient.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Lindsay.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 95 of the Town of Webbwood.

Bill (No. 63), To confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Town of St. Mary's.

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

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act respecting the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company." Mr. Grigg.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 58), intituled "An Act to confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie." Mr. Grigg.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 62), intituled "An Act respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall." Mr. Milligan.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company." Mr. Fraser.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." Mr. Peck.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Forest Hill Electric Railway Company." Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act to provide for the sale of a part of the Humbervale Cemetery Company's lands." Mr. McCowan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "An Act respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society." Mr. McNaught.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 149), intituled "An Act respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company." Mr. Champagne.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act respecting Toll Roads." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 176), intituled "An Act to amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 177), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Jamieson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 178), intituled "An Act to amend the Registry Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 179), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act. Mr. McNaught.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 12), To incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Monarch Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the North Midland Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 50), Respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company.

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

Bill (No. 44), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston.

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

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Town of Orillia.

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. 3), To incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy 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 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 it was, on motion of Mr. Brewster,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 6.)

Also—Copy of an Order in Council increasing the Commutation paid to His Honour A. D. Hardy, Judge of the County Court of the County of Brant. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 63.)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, March 14th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.

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. 47), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Gravenhurst," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated at Toronto, this 13th day of March, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.

A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 11), To consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting the City of Brantford.

Bill (No. 150), To confirm By-law No. 388 of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with the Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

Your Committee beg to report that the following Bills were lost on division, the Preamble not being proven:—

Bill (No. 4), To authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Harry Sanders to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor.

Bill (No. 9), To authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit James George Guise-Bagley to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on these two Bills.

Your Committee recommend that Rule 51 of Your Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, March 22nd instant, and that the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, March 22nd instant.

Ordered

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twenty-second day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twenty-second day of March instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills: (No. 4), Harry Sanders, and (No. 9), James George Guise-Bagley

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

Bill (No. 111), intituled "An Act respecting the Public Health." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 181), intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Electric Light and Power Works." Mr. Beek.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 182), intituled "An Act to amend the Law Reform Act, 1909." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Lucas be added to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. McNaught, seconded by Mr. Preston (Lanark),

Resolved, That notwithstanding that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills has elapsed, leave be given to present a Petition of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass confirming notice given by Corporation to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company, of the intention of the Corporation to acquire the line of the Company from Sunnyside to a point at or near Long Branch, and for other purposes, and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received:—

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass confirming notice given by the Corporation to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company, of the intention of the Corporation to acquire the line of the Company from Sunnyside to a point at or near Long Branch, and for other purposes.

Previous to the calling of the Orders of the Day, Mr. Speaker, rising in his place, addressed the House as follows:—

The House will recollect that early in the Session objection was made to a number of questions which appeared upon the Order Paper as being there contrary to the Rules and practice of the House. The objection was sustained by me and the questions were removed from the Order Paper.

Since then more than one question has appeared upon the Order Paper which clearly had no place there, and there are one or two of a similar nature on the Order Paper at present. However, I desire at this moment to draw the attention of the House to one of them only, namely: Enquiry of the Ministry, by Mr. Marshall, which is in the words following:—

“1. Did the Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General in the present Government, on the 20th November, 1911, at Toronto, make the following statement with reference to bi-lingual schools:—

‘I desire to give my views on the question of the schools and to put them briefly and clearly. To avoid imperfect reporting, I have written them down and will hand this to the press. My views are that the British Language should be thoroughly taught in our schools to every pupil by teachers fully competent to teach English.

‘That no other language should be taught in those schools.

‘That such is the law that should govern us. That there cannot lawfully be any bi-lingual schools in the Province of Ontario, and if any are found they must cease to exist, and care should be taken to make all schools conform to the law.

‘I wish to add that this policy is not one that is in the slightest way unfriendly to any portion of the community, but, on the contrary, is in the interest and for the benefit of each one of the rising generation. It will remove what would otherwise be a drag on many a youth in the race of life, and enable him to fairly compete with his fellows on an equal footing.’

2. In view of the expressed opinion of the chief law officer of the Crown in this Province that bi-lingual schools cannot lawfully exist in the Province of Ontario, and if found they must cease to exist, is it the intention of the Government to take steps to abolish the 345 English-French (bi-lingual) Schools which, according to the report of Dr. F. W. Merchant, dated February 24th, 1912, do exist in this Province.”

In several respects this question is in open violation of the rules and practice of the House, and in conflict with my decision to which I have referred. Strictly speaking, all questions should be passed upon by the Speaker

before they are permitted to go upon the Order Paper, and, this being so, I must instruct the Clerk of the House to remove from the Order Paper the question herein indicated.

Mr. Marshall's first question is a question or inquiry. His second asserts "In view of the expressed opinion of the chief law officer of the Crown," etc., *this assertion or allegation is on its face debatable*. The questions must be taken—read page 73, 3rd paragraph, also page 74, 1st paragraph, of Clarke's Members' Manual—together, and it goes without saying that they are debatable and thus within the Rule. Further, they involve matters of inference and of opinion and lead up to, or profess to lead up to, and deal with a question of policy of the Government which the Minister asked to announce, discuss and declare.

Any one of these reasons would be sufficient to condemn the inquiry, but over and above these objections the rules provide that "Questions addressed to a Minister should relate to the affairs with which he is officially connected, or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible." The matter is properly put under the formal heading "Enquiry of the Ministry." But the specific question could only be answered by the Attorney-General, and it does not relate to affairs with which he is officially connected or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible.

Question removed accordingly.

Mr. Elliott asked the following Question:—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to accept the invitation of the Government of Canada to appoint Counsel to represent the Province of Ontario before the Supreme Court and the Privy Council on the argument of the questions following:—

1. Has the Parliament of Canada authority to enact in whole or in part Bill (No. 3), of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of Canada, intituled "An Act to amend the Marriage Act."

The Marriage Act, Chapter 105, of the Revised Statutes 1906, is amended by adding thereto the following section:—

(a) "Every ceremony or form of marriage heretofore or hereafter performed by any person authorized to perform any ceremony of

marriage by the laws of the place where it is performed, and duly performed according to such laws, shall everywhere within Canada be deemed to be a valid marriage, notwithstanding any differences in the religious faith of the persons so married and without regard to the religion of the person performing the ceremony.

(b) "The rights and duties, as married people of the respective persons married as aforesaid and of the children of such marriage, shall be absolute and complete, and no law or canonical decree or custom of or in any Province of Canada shall have any force or effect to invalidate or qualify any such marriage or any of the rights of the said persons or their children in any manner whatsoever.

(c) "If the provisions of the said Bill are not all within the authority of the Parliament of Canada to enact, which, if any, of the provisions are within such authority.

(d) "Does the law of the Province of Quebec render null and void, unless contracted before a Roman Catholic priest, a marriage that would otherwise be legally binding, which takes place in such province (a) between persons who both are Roman Catholics, or (b) between persons one of whom, only, is a Roman Catholic.

(e) "If either (a) or (b) of the last preceding question is answered in the affirmative, or if both of them are answered in the affirmative, has the Parliament of Canada authority to enact that all such marriages, whether (a) hitherto solemnized, or (b) hereafter to be solemnized, shall be legal and binding."

2. If so, has Counsel been appointed.

3. What is the name of the Counsel so appointed.

4. If Counsel has been appointed, has Counsel been instructed as to whether he should, as representing the Province of Ontario, support the right of the Dominion to enact the legislation referred to in the said question, or to oppose such right.

5. If Counsel has not been appointed, or has not been so far instructed,

(a) Is it the intention of the Government to instruct Counsel to support the view that the Dominion Government has authority to enact the legislation referred to in the said questions;

(b) Is it the intention of the Government to instruct Counsel to oppose the view that the Dominion Government has authority to enact the legislation referred to in the said questions.

To which the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Yes.

2. No.

3 and 4. Answered by 2.

5. The argument will not be before 7th May, 1912, and the matter will receive consideration.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. Were the Government aware prior to the receipt of the report of Dr. F. W. Merchant on the condition of English-French Schools in Ontario that the Catechism was being taught during School hours in the following Public Schools of the Province:—

Essex—Anderdon, No. 6; Anderdon, No. 8; Maidstone and Rochester, No. 1; Sandwich, East, No. 5; Sandwich, West, No. 6; Sandwich, West, No. 8; Sandwich, West, No. 9; Tilbury, North, No. 3.

Prescott and Russell—Cambridge, No. 13; Plantagenet, North, No. 3.

Districts—Appleby, No. 1; Badgerow, No. 2; Blezard, No. 3; Broder, No. 1; Caldwell, No. 1; Caldwell, No. 2; Caldwell, No. 4; Capreol, No. 1; Capreol, No. 2; Brerar and Gibbins, No. 1; Dunnett, No. 2; Dunnett, No. 3; Ferris, No. 3; Garson, No. 1; Hanmer, No. 1; Jennings, No. 1; Kirkpatrick, No. 2; McKim, No. 4; McPherson, No. 1; Neelon, No. 1; Rayside, No. 4.

2. Was it the duty of the Public School Inspectors or any other Government Officials to report to the Minister of Education that the Catechism was being taught in these Public Schools during school hours.

3. Did the Public School Inspectors or other Government Officials or any of them report to the Department that the Catechism was being taught in the said Schools or any of them during school hours.

4. If it was not the duty of the Public School Inspectors to report on the above to the Minister of Education or Department of Education, how does the Minister or Department of Education keep informed as to what subjects are being taught in the Public Schools of the Province.

5. Is it the intention of the Government to immediately put a stop to the teaching of the Catechism in these Schools during school hours.

To which the Prime Minister replied in the words following:

The duties of Public School Inspectors will be found in the Statute Law and Regulations of the Department of Education. There is no further answer to the question.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Mr. Norman,

Ordered, That be laid before this House a Return shewing:—

How many male patients have been admitted to each of the Provincial Institutions for the Insane, Feeble Minded and Epileptics during the three years beginning Jan. 1st, 1909, and ending Dec. 31st, 1911.

How many female patients were admitted to these institutions during the same years.

How many male patients were discharged from each of these institutions during the same three years.

How many female patients were discharged from each of these institutions during these years.

Of these male patients discharged—

1st. How many were discharged recovered.

2nd. How many were discharged improved.

3rd. How many were discharged unimproved.

Of the female patients discharged—

1st. How many were discharged recovered.

2nd. How many were discharged improved.

3rd. How many were discharged unimproved.

Of the female patients discharged how many were under 45 years of age.

Of the patients admitted to each of these institutions during the years 1909, 1910 and 1911 how many were admitted for the first time. How many were admitted for the second time. How many were admitted for the third time. How many had been admitted more than three times.

In how many of these cases admitted during these years is there evidence that the patients have become the father or mother of children after the first attack of insanity.

In how many of these patients is there a history of insanity, epilepsy or imbecility in the father, mother, brother or sister of the patient.

In how many of these patients is there a history of insanity, epilepsy or imbecility in the children of the patients.

How many patients are in each of these institutions who have had a father, mother, son or daughter in an asylum at some time.

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 the House having continued to sit until twelve of the clock, midnight,

Friday, 15th March, 1912.

The Debate was continued.

And after some time it was, on the motion of Mr. Studholme,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until the next Sitting of the House To-day.

The House then adjourned at 2.40 a.m.

Friday, March 15th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew.

The Reports were 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. 8), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Renfrew," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated at Toronto, this 14th day of March, A.D. 1912.

JAMES LEITCH,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSOX,
Commissioner.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

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H. N. KITTSON,
Commissioner.

Ordered. That Bill (No. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Ordered. That Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

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

Of the Town Council of Gananoque, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for \$16,000 *re* consolidation of floating debt.

Of the Township Council of Tilbury East, praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 17 (1910), providing for the repair and maintenance of the Forbes Drainage Works.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass confirming notice given by Corporation to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company of the intention of the Corporation to acquire the line of the Company from Sunnyside to a point at or near Long Branch, and for other purposes.

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

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act respecting By-law No. 17 (1910), of the Township of Tilbury East, concerning the Forbes Drainage Works." Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque." Mr. Dargavel.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 186), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act and the Municipal Act, 1903." Mr. Studholme.

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

Bill (No. 187), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

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

Bill (No. 188), intituled "An Act allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting." Mr. Proudfoot.

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

Bill (No. 189), intituled "An Act respecting Municipal and School Debentures." Mr. Thompson (Simeoe.)

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

Bill (No. 190), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the manufacture and sale of Bread." Mr. Ellis.

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

Bill (No. 171), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company." Mr. Milligan.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), seconded by Mr. Preston (Lanark),

Resolved. That notwithstanding that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills has elapsed, leave be given to present a Petition of John H. Bertram and others of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass to change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes, and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received:—

Of John H. Bertram and others, of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass to change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 7). Respecting the Town of Lindsay.

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

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 95 of the Town of Webbwood.

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

Bill (No. 63), To confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth.

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

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Town of St. Mary's.

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

Bill (No. 73). Respecting the City of Brantford.

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

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior.

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

Bill (No. 11). To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Arnprior.

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

Bill (No. 150), To confirm By-Law No. 388 of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

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

Bill (No. 156), Respecting Industrial Farms.

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

Bill (No. 111), Respecting the Public Health.

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

Bill (No. 176), To amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act.

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

Mr. Anderson (Bruce), asked the following Question:—

1. Was the Minister of Education or any officer or official of the Department of Education aware, prior to receipt of the report of Dr. F. W. Merchant on English-French Schools, "That the English-French Schools are, on the whole, lacking in efficiency," and "That a large proportion of the children in the communities concerned leave School to meet the demands of life with an inadequate equipment in education."

2. If so, what are the names of the officers, or officials, who had such knowledge.

To which the Minister of Education replied as follows:—

The matters referred to in this question, were dealt with in a question asked yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence since the first day of January, 1911, between the Minister of Education, the Deputy-Minister of Education or any Official of the Department of Education and any School Trustee, Board of Trustees, or any person in the Township of Springer, with respect to the character of teaching in the Schools of the said Township, with respect to the teaching of French in the said Schools, with respect to the employment of teachers in the said Schools, or with respect to the giving or withholding of grants from the said Schools or any of them.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1912.

Bill (No. 44), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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 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 it was, on motion of Mr. Rowell,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 110), Respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred forthwith, to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Owens 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.

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

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the clock in the afternoon of Monday, the Eighteenth day of March instant.

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

Report of the Bureau of Mines for the year 1912. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 4.)

The House then adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

Monday, March 18th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 180), intituled “An Act respecting the City of Toronto.” Mr. McNaught.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 191), intituled “The Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Regulation Act, 1912.” Mr. Studholme.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 192), intituled “An Act to amend the Ontario Medical Act.” Mr. Jamieson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 79), To Prevent Minors from Frequenting Billiard Rooms and other places.

Bill (No. 103), Respecting the Barberry Shrub.

Bill (No. 104), For the Protection of Bees.

Bill (No. 105), To Prevent the Extermination of the Plant called Ginseng.

Bill (No. 77), Respecting Snow Fences.

Bill (No. 89), Respecting Companies for the Construction of Wharfs and Harbours.

Bill (No. 87), To Regulate the Travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.

Bill (No. 108), Respecting Houses of Refuge.

Bill (No. 85), For the Better Preventing of Excessive and Deceitful Gaming.

Bill (No. 78), Respecting Double Tracks in Snow Roads.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act.

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital.

Bill (No. 15), To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the City of Guelph.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Town of Carleton Place.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Young Women's Christian Association of the City of Stratford.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.

Bill (No. 21), To confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland.

Bill (No. 31), To confirm By-law No. 43 (1911), of the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company.

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Iron Range Railway Company.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the Porcupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 12), To incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Monarch Railway Company.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the North Midland Railway Company.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company.

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Lindsay.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 95 of the Town of Webbwood.

Bill (No. 63), To confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting the City of Brantford.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 11), To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 150), To confirm By-law No. 388 of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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. Rowell asked the following Question:—

1. How many petitions were presented to the Legislature or the Government in each of the years 1909, 1910, 1911, praying for legislation enabling municipalities to levy a lower rate upon improvements than that levied upon lands, or to fix the assessment valuation of improvements at less than their real value.

2. How many of such petitions in each year respectively were presented by Municipal Councils.

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

1. 1909—5; 1910—103; 1911—650.

2. 1909—5; 1910—86; 1911—247.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 169), Respecting Optometry, 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. 179), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

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

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 151), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 153), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 162), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 178), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 175), Respecting Surveys and Plans of Land in certain Cities and their Suburbs.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 177), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 138), To provide for the establishment of a Provincial Museum.

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

Bill (No. 146), To amend the Forest Reserves Act.

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

Bill (No. 155), To amend the Act to encourage the refining of Metals in Ontario.

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

Bill (No. 157), To amend the Landlord and Tenants Act.

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

Bill (No. 158), To amend the Land Titles Act.

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

Bill (No. 109), Respecting Insurance.

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

Bill (No. 99), Respecting Toll Roads.

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

Bill (No. 167), Respecting Beaches and River Beds.

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 97), To provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks, 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. Donovan 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. 83), To protect Beaches and Shores and Beds of Rivers and Streams, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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. 84), Respecting Money Lending, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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. 115), To aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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:—

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, on Hospitals for the Insane, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, on the Hospitals for Idiots, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 22.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, upon the Prisons and Reformatories, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 25.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 145). Respecting the Estate of John Doran.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:—

In the matter of the Bill respecting the Estate of John Doran (No. 145).

We the undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estate Bills, pursuant to the request of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, dated March 8, 1912, respectfully report as follows:—

The case shown upon the petition is a typical one for an application under the Settled Estates Act; and upon the facts shown an order would be made for sale. According to the settled policy of the Court, upon such an application the proceeds would be paid into Court and would there remain, subject to the trusts of the will. The fund so paid into Court would be invested as part of the Court funds, and would yield to the life tenant four and a half *per cent.* net, under the present arrangements.

The present Bill is apparently propounded at the instance of the life tenant for the purpose (a) of substituting a Trust Company for the Court as the custodian of the funds, and (b) of giving her power to sell without consulting the testator's heirs, who may take on her death, and without the intervention of the Official Guardian who would be appointed by the Court to represent her possible issue.

The experience of the Court is that upon the whole the present arrangement—by which the Court funds are invested and the capital is absolutely guaranteed, while a reasonable income is secured—is better for all concerned than the slightly greater income that may result to the life tenant from the handing over of the funds to private trustees for investment. When the latter course is adopted there are occasional losses, and the income is found not to be as large as expected, owing to periods of idleness while funds are awaiting investment and owing to the commission charged by the trustees and the substantial item of expense arising from the passing of trustees' accounts.

We do not think that your Commissioners should determine whether, as a matter of policy, an Act should be passed substituting, in the case of this estate, a mode of procedure differing from that provided generally and conferring upon this life tenant the right to sell without the consent of any of those entitled in reversion.

Agnes Dardis, who consents to this, is very much older than the life tenant and in ordinary course may be expected to predecease her.

Under the Settled Estates Act notice would be given to the testator's heirs and the Official Guardian would be appointed to represent the possible issue of the life tenant, and evidence would be required to satisfy the Court that the particular sale was for an adequate price.

In any event, the third and fourth clauses of the Bill are objectionable, because they do not, as contemplated by the preamble, direct that the proceeds of the sale shall be held upon the trusts of the will, but direct the funds

to be held on entirely new and different trusts, and eliminate entirely the provision of the will. "If my said daughter should die without leaving any children or descendants the same shall go to my sister, Agnes Dardis, or in the event of her being dead then it shall be divided among my legal heirs."

As the daughter is yet unmarried, and was born in 1880, this contingency cannot be regarded as remote.

We, therefore, suggest that these clauses be struck out and the following substituted:—

"The said purchase money (subject to the said annuity) shall stand in lieu of the said land and be subject to the same trusts and powers as the said land and upon the death of the said Georgianna Von Doran shall become the property of the same person who would then have taken said lands, in the same shares and proportions."

If it should be thought proper, in view of the considerations indicated, to grant the special powers sought in this case, and the Bill be amended as indicated, your Commissioners are of opinion that upon the facts being proved the Bill is in other respects reasonable, and that with the suggested amendment the provisions are proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

Osgoode Hall, Toronto, March, 1912.

J. V. TEETZEL,
J. C. P. D.
W. E. MIDDLETON,
J.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 145), Respecting the Estate of John Doran, 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.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the Sudbury-Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.

Bill (No. 149), Respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 193), intituled “An Act to amend the Marriage Act.” Mr. Godfrey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 14), To authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain lands.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Town of North Toronto.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1912.

Bill (No. 44), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston.

Bill (No. 12), To incorporate the Humber Valley Electric Railway Company

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Monarch Railway Company.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the North Midland Railway Company.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company.

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Lindsay.

Bill (No. 29), To confirm By-law No. 95 of the Town of Webbwood.

Bill (No. 63), To confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting the City of Brantford.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 11), To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 150), To confirm By-law No. 388 of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.

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 continued and after some time

The motion having been again submitted to the House, was carried, and the House, accordingly, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1911-12, the following sum:—

168. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	\$16,200 00
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House,

Return to an Order of the House of the 22nd February, 1912, for copies of 1. All correspondence between the Government or any member or official

thereof or the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission or any member or official thereof and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company or the Grand Trunk Railway or any official of either of them with respect to:

(a) The acquisition of running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway;

(b) The leasing, running, or operating of dining, cafe, or buffet cars on the tracks of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

2. All agreements between the Government of Ontario or any department thereof or the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and any other person or corporation with respect to:

(a) The acquisition of running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway;

(b) The leasing, running, or operating of dining, cafe, or buffet cars on the tracks of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. (*Sessional Papers, No. 64.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 194), intituled "An Act respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Agricultural Purposes." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 195), intituled "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the Sudbury, Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 149), Respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 137), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 152), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 154), To amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.

Referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

Bill (No. 159), Relating to Apartment and Tenement Houses.

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. 170), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 189), Respecting Municipal and School Debentures.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 190), To amend the Act respecting the Manufacture and Sale of Bread.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 172), To amend the Land Titles Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 173), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 174), Respecting the purchase, sale and transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 125), Respecting Hoisting Engineers, 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. 127), To amend the Motor Vehicles Act, having been read,

Mr. Elliott 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.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of

1. All correspondence, reports, estimates or returns of any kind and from any source respecting the quantity of timber cut upon the said limits in the seasons of 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1911-12.

2. The amount received by the Government of Ontario for timber dues, stumpage, rentals, or otherwise howsoever in connection with the said limits in each of the financial years 1909-10-11 with full details.

3. The Annual Return made to the Department of the Provincial Secretary by the Munn Lumber Company, Limited, for the years 1909, 1910 and 1911.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 84), Respecting Money Lending, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 157), To amend the Landlord and Tenants Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 158), To amend the Land Titles Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 107), Respecting Telephone Systems, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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, 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 1912, the following sums:—

169. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch	\$2,000 00
170. To defray the expenses of the Institutes	1,300 00
171. To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch	4,050 00
172. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	3,200 00
173. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College..	1,110 00
174. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous	14,000 00
175. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College.	6,630 00
176. To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and School	1,520 00
177. To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry	300 00
178. To defray the expenses of the Field Experiments	975 00
179. To defray the expenses of the Poultry Department	1,000 00
180. To defray the expenses of the Horticultural Department ..	3,050 00
181. To defray the expenses of the Apiculture Department	500 00
182. To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigration	7,528 55
183. To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities	47,038 14
184. To defray the expenses of the Government House	1,384 29

185. To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings	10,835 00
186. To defray the expenses of the New Government House	50,000 00
187. To defray the expenses of the Parliament Buildings	310,000 00
188. To defray the expenses of the No. 5 Queen's Park	6,100 00
189. To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall	48,100 00
190. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville	65,100 00
191. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Cobourg	1,800 00
192. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton	51,153 65
193. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston	23,200 00
194. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	60,600 00
195. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico.	25,000 00
196. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia	41,700 00
197. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene	14,800 00
198. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto.	204,700 00
199. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	9,200 00
200. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison	202,000 00
201. To defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory	6,100 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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.

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

Agreement made by and between the Montrose Paper Mills, Limited, of the first part and His Majesty the King, represented by the Honourable the Treasurer, of the second part, conditioned for the supply of printing paper for the use of the Province. (*Sessional Papers, No. 67.*)

Also—Agreement made by and between the Georgetown Coated Paper Mills, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King, represented by the Honourable the Treasurer, of the second part, conditioned for the supply of printing paper for the use of the Province. (*Sessional Papers, No. 68.*)

Also—Agreement made by and between the Kinleith Paper Company, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King, represented by the Honourable the Treasurer, of the second part, conditioned for the supply of printing paper for the use of the Province. (*Sessional Papers, No. 66.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

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. 68), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque," and the Petition therefor.

The Board has made enquiry into the allegations set out in the Bill and into all other matters which the Board deemed necessary in connection therewith, and beg to report that it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

Dated at Toronto, this 20th day of March, A.D. 1912.

A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.
H. N. KITTSOY,
Commissioner.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

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

Bill (No. 197), intituled “ An Act respecting the Ontario College of Art.”
Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Rowell having raised the point in connection with the right or practice of the Leader of the House to call Orders of the Day other than Government measures promiscuously, or at will, as being in contravention of Rule 23, and having requested a ruling by Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Speaker said that,—

“ With reference to the point raised by Mr. Rowell yesterday afternoon, I desire to say that rules 19 to 23 inclusive are in force now, and have always been in force since they were adopted. Further, I do not understand that any question has been raised against this view. The rules also provide that Orders not taken up when called shall be dropped; but upon the request of Members responsible for the Orders they are always allowed to stand as a matter of courtesy, although the intention never has been that Orders should be allowed to stand in this way for a long time, as our practice of late years has practically allowed. Of course, this does not affect the point raised by Mr. Rowell,

and is merely incidental to it. It would be very difficult to work out the procedure without a certain amount of elasticity. The Government, through the Leader of the House, has the right to control the Order in which Government business shall be taken up, and in practice, since I have been in the Legislature, and as I am informed for many years previous to my entering upon public life, the Leader of the House has been practically allowed to control the other business to the extent at least of suggesting when other business should be taken up. I have no recollection of any dispute ever arising as to the point which I am discussing, as apparently both sides of the House were in agreement as to this practice. This practice or custom does not, of course, affect the rule which as I have said is in force now, and, in the absence of concerted action by both sides of the House as heretofore, it must be followed."

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Town of Orillia.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Town of St. Mary's.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time Tomorrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 90), Respecting the Property of Religious Institutions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 107), Respecting Telephone Systems, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 86), To authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 88), To regulate the speed and operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 156), Respecting Industrial Farms, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 138), To provide for the establishment of a Provincial Museum, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 146), To amend the Forest Reserves Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 155), To amend the Act to Encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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. 111), Respecting the Public Health, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), 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, 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 1912, the following sums:—

202. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto	\$425 48
203. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London	730 00
204. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	1,600 00
205. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	2,970 64
206. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford ..	2,550 00
207. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay..	2,100 00
208. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Belleville	81,137 58
209. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford	71,325 00
210. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College.	116,769 47
211. To defray the expenses of the Horticultural Experimental Station, Jordan Harbour	3,022 30
212. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College..	3,000 00
213. To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigration	16,000 00
214. To defray the expenses of the Immigration Office, Front Street, Toronto	100 00
215. To defray the expenses of the Muskoka District	1,500 00
216. To defray the expenses of the Sudbury District	8,078 60
217. To defray the expenses of the Nipissing District	3,300 00
218. To defray the expenses of the Sault Ste. Marie District....	25 10
219. To defray the expenses of the Rainy River District	833 86
220. To defray the expenses of the Thunder Bay District	824 00
221. To defray the expenses of the Kenora District	11,737 15

222. To defray the expenses of the Provisional County of Haliburton	500 00
223. To defray the expenses of the New Comer's' Inn, Toronto ..	100 00
224. To defray the expenses of the Hygienic Building, London ..	560 00
225. To defray the expenses of the Public Works	28,450 00
226. To defray the expenses of the Outside Service and Surveys	32,000 00
227. To defray the expenses of the Mines and Mining	5,000 00
228. To defray the expenses of the Parks	4,000 00
229. To defray the expenses of the Land Improvement Fund	958 73
230. To defray the expenses of the Education	500 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), 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.

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

Bulletin of the Ontario Hospitals for the Insane, in the Interests of Psychiatry in Ontario, 1912. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 69.)

Also—Report on James Bay Surveys Explorations, Cochrane to James Bay, June 9th to September 12th, 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 70.)

Also—Report of Special Investigation into the cause of Typhoid Fever in the Town of Sarnia. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 71.)

The House then adjourned at 10 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lemox, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of John H. Bertram and others, of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

Your Committee have had declarations filed before them shewing that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature was published in the regular daily edition of *The Hamilton Spectator* on each of the following days, namely, March 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th instant; that said Notice was also published in *The St. Catharines Journal*, beginning on the 14th March instant, and will be continued until six consecutive daily insertions have appeared.

Your Committee have been credibly informed that although the Notice was forwarded to the *Ontario Gazette* on the 13th instant for insertion in that paper, yet through inadvertence it did not appear in its issue of the 16th instant as instructed.

Your Committee are of the opinion that, as this is a matter of purely private interest, sufficient publicity has been given thereto, and would therefore recommend the suspension of the rule in this case and that the Notices as published be held sufficient.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 36), To confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Dryden.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting By-law No. 17 of 1910 of the Township of Tilbury East, concerning the Forbes Drainage Works.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills without amendments:—

Bill (No. 43), to confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 65), Respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 140), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.

Your Committee have also amended the Preamble to said Bill (No. 65), so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to Your Committee.

Your Committee have also considered Bill (No. 153), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, and report the Bill without amendment.

Your Committee have also considered Bill (No. 74), To incorporate the Forest Hill Electric Railway Company and find the Preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that Legislation in the premises is neither necessary nor expedient.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 74), To incorporate the Forest Hill Electric Railway.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 29th day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twenty-ninth day of March instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 74), Forest Hill Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 185), intituled “An Act to change the name of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 168), intituled “An Act relating to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.” Mr. Hanna.

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

Bill (No. 198), intituled “An Act to amend the Liquor License Act.” Mr. McDonald.

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

Bill (No. 199), intituled “An Act to amend the Act respecting Theatres and Cinematographs.” Mr. Lucas.

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

Bill (No. 200), intituled “An Act to amend the Ontario Railway Act.” Mr. McNaught.

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

Bill (No. 201), intituled “An Act concerning Operations for the Prevention of Procreation.” Mr. Godfrey.

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

Bill (No. 202), intituled “An Act to amend the Children’s Protection Act of Ontario” Mr. McCrea.

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

Bill (No. 203), intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario."
Mr. Hearst.

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

Mr. Rowell asked the following Question:—

1. Has any Order in Council been passed creating the new Judicial District of Temiskaming. If so, what is the date of the Order in Council, and what are the boundaries of the new District.

2. If no Order in Council has been passed creating the new Judicial District of Temiskaming, has any Order in Council been passed creating any new Judicial District in Northern Ontario, and if so what is the date of the Order in Council, and what are the boundaries of the new District.

3. If a new Judicial District has been created, has the County seat of the new Judicial District been chosen. If so, what is the name of the County seat and what is the date of its selection.

4. If the County seat has not been selected, when is it the intention of the Government to make such selection.

To which the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

To questions 1, 2 and 3—No. 4. In due course.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 114), To amend the Judicature Act, having been read,

Mr. Rowell 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 Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), To regulate the Hours of Employment in Underground Work, having been read,

Mr. Rowell moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

Mr. Hearst moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "in the opinion of this House the regulation of the hours of employment in underground work is a matter in which undue haste should be avoided, and should be the subject of careful investigation: that such investigation can be made during the Recess and in time for the results of it to be laid before this House at its next Session, and that therefore the said Bill be not now read the second time, but be read a second time this day six months."

And a Debate having ensued, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

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

Report on Neglected and Dependent Children, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

Also—A Return to an Order of the House of the 14th February, 1912, for a Return shewing: 1. All complaints received by the Government since the first day of January, 1911, in reference to the participation of any officers, officials or employees of the Government in political contests or taking part in political matters in this Province.

2. All correspondence arising out of or incidental to such complaints.

3. All correspondence passing between the Government or any Department or Member thereof and any officer, officials, or employees of the Government with reference to the participation of such officers, officials or employees in political contests or taking part in political matters in this Province since the first day of January, 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 72.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 25th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 204), intituled "An Act respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the Sudbury, Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.

Bill (No. 149), Respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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 following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 36), To confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Dryden.

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

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

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

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

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

Bill (No. 43), To confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.

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

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew.

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

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.

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

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

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

Bill (No. 55), Respecting By-law No. 17, 1910, of the Township of Tilbury East, concerning the Forbes Drainage Works.

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

Bill (No. 65), Respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 140), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.

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

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. Was the prosecution of W. G. Durst, of Chesley, before Mr. McNamara at Walkerton on the 19th and 26th days of October, and the 1st day of November, 1910, instituted or conducted by the Attorney-General's Department.

2. Was J. B. Mackenzie authorized to act in the said prosecution by the Attorney-General's Department.

3. If so, what were his instructions.

4. Were any of the expenses of the said prosecution paid out of a public fund of the Province of Ontario.

5. If so, to whom and what sums were paid and on what account.

6. Who were the witnesses called on behalf of the Crown in the said prosecution.

7. Which of the said witnesses were paid their witness fees and which of them were not paid.

8. If the fees of certain of these witnesses were not paid, why were they not paid.

9. Is it the intention of the Government to pay the fees of any witnesses who have up to the present time received no fees.

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

1. The County Crown Attorney was in charge of the case.

2. No, but he acted for the private prosecutor. The County Crown Attorney was instructed that if Mr. Mackenzie, representing the private prosecutor, attends on the preliminary hearing, it would be proper to allow him to examine such witnesses as the Crown Attorney thinks it fair that he should examine, and that no partiality should be shown.

3. No instructions to him.

4 and 5. The Crown Attorney was paid \$6.00 and payments were made to the witnesses hereinafter mentioned.

6, 7 and 8. George Stanley, Charles Parker and Manfred Denvill gave evidence on behalf of the Crown. They were each paid \$3.50, as also was P. J. Schumaker, who was subpoenaed. Other witnesses were subpoenaed and they attended.

9. There is no objection to pay \$3.50 to each of the other witnesses who were subpoenaed and attended on the day when the examination was adjourned.

Mr. Devitt asked the following Question:—

1. Were the Bell Telephone Company and the Seymour Power Company incorporated by a Dominion or Provincial Statute.

2. Has the attention of the Government been called to the mutilation and trimming by The Bell Telephone Company and the Seymour Power Company of trees growing on the highways.

3. Has the question, whether or not the Provincial Legislature has power to enact a law restraining, restricting or regulating the mutilating or trimming of trees on highways by The Bell Telephone Company and the Seymour Power Company, been considered by the Government.

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

1. The Bell Telephone Company, Limited, was incorporated by Special Act of the Dominion of Canada, being 43 Vic., Chap. 67 (Statutes of 1880.)

Seymour Power & Electric Company, Limited, was incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act by Letters Patent, dated 20th May, 1908.

2. The attention of the Government has not been called to the mutilation and trimming by the aforesaid Companies of trees growing on the highways.

3. As to the Bell Telephone Company, the Act incorporating such Company (43 Vic., Chap. 67, already referred to), certain restrictions are imposed as to erection of poles, and it is provided (Sec. 3) that “in so doing the said Company shall not cut down or mutilate any tree.” In 1904 the question of the power of the Company to enter on the streets and highways of Toronto and lay cables or erect poles without the consent of the municipality came before the Privy Council (1905 Appeal Cases, p. 52). In giving Judgment it states as follows:—

“It would seem to follow that the Bell Telephone Company acquired from the Legislature of Canada all that was necessary to enable it to carry on its business in every Province of the Dominion, and that no Provincial Legislature was or is competent to interfere with its operations, as authorized by the Parliament of Canada.”

As to Seymour Power & Electric Company, Limited, this Company being incorporated under the provisions of The Ontario Companies Act, is amenable to any legislation now existing or which may hereafter be passed by this House.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), To regulate the Hours of Employment in Underground Work, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 141), To amend the Ontario Election Act, having been read,

Mr. McDonald moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

Mr. Hanna moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Reaume,

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "In the opinion of this House sudden and unconsidered changes in the Parliamentary Franchise are undesirable; that the subject of changes in the Franchise was not discussed nor brought before the people at the last General Election, and that, therefore, the said Bill be not now read the second time, but be read the second time on this day six months."

And the amendment having been put, was carried on a division.

The main motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried on a division and it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House sudden and unconsidered changes in the Parliamentary Franchise are undesirable; that the subject of changes in the franchise was not discussed nor brought before the people at the last General Election, and that, therefore, 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 second reading of Bill (No. 147), To prevent the spread of Pulmonary and other forms of Tuberculosis, 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. 165), To amend the Ontario Voters' Lists 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. 166), To amend the Municipal 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. 186), To amend the Ontario Election Act and the Municipal Act, 1903, having been read,

Mr. Studholme moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate having arisen, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 191), The **Fair** Wages and Hours of Labour Act, 1912, having been read,

Mr. Studholme moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate having ensued, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, on Hospitals and Charities, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Also—Return of the Distribution of the Revised Statutes of 1897 and of the Sessional Statutes. (*Sessional Papers, No. 73.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McDonald, the Petition of the Township Council of Kincardine.

Mr. Reaume, from the Standing Committee on Fish and Game, presented their First Report, which was read as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 154), To amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 171), To incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Your Committee have also amended the preamble to the said Bill so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to Your Committee.

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

Bill (No. 205), intituled "An Act respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Highway Construction." Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 206), intituled "An Act for Raising Money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 207), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Mahaffy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 208), intituled "An Act respecting Land Grants to Railways." Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

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

Resolved, That on and after Wednesday next, for the remainder of the Session, Government business shall take precedence over all other business.

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

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Salaries of District Officers of Health.

Sir James 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 divide the Province into not more than ten Health Districts, and may appoint a legally quali-

fied medical practitioner to be known as the District Officer of Health for each such District, but a city, having a population of 50,000 or over, according to the last census of Canada, shall not be included in any such District.

That every District Officer of Health shall be paid an annual salary not exceeding \$2,500 and an allowance of \$———— for expenses, and such salary and allowance shall be payable in the first instance out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

That the Council of every county forming part of a health district shall annually on or before the 1st day of February pay to the Treasurer of Ontario such proportion of the salary and allowance of the District Officer of Health based upon the population of the County according to the last census of Canada and exclusive of the population of any city or separated town within the county as may be certified by the Chief Officer.

That every city having a population of less than 50,000 and every town separated from the county for municipal purposes shall pay to the Treasurer of Ontario on or before the 1st day of February such proportion of the salary and allowance of the District Officer of Health based upon the population of such city or town according to the last census of Canada as may be so certified.

That in a Provisional Judicial District in which there is no organized municipality the salary and allowances of the District Officers of Health shall be borne and paid by the Province.

That in a Provisional Judicial District in which there are one or more organized municipalities the salaries and allowances of the District Officers of Health shall in the first instance be borne and paid by the Province, and the corporations of such municipalities shall respectively repay to the Province the same proportion thereof as would be payable by them if the district were a county.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. McGarry reported the Resolutions 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. 111), Respecting the Public Health.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

1. On what date was Mr. Kelly Evans appointed Commissioner to enquire into and report to the Government with respect to Fish and Game in this Province.

2. Has Mr. Kelly Evans' report been received.

3. If so, on what date was the said report received.

4. If so, when will the report be presented to the House.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. July 17th, 1909. 2. Yes. 3. January 8th, 1912. 4. The report has been for some time in the hands of the printers, who have promised to deliver it in time for it to be presented to the House next week.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 88), To regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan 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. Rowell moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott.—

1. That this House is of the opinion that a thorough system of good roads in this Province would increase the value of farm lands, lessen the cost of transportation, improve marketing facilities, increase the comfort and convenience of farm life, and greatly promote the general progress and prosperity of the Province.

2. That this House is gratified at the progress so far made in road improvement under the Highway Improvement Act, passed in 1901, but this House is of the opinion that the time has come for a more comprehensive and adequate policy to promote the construction of good roads throughout the Province, particularly roads leading to market towns.

3. That this House has learned with satisfaction of the proposals of the Government of Canada to contribute out of its revenue towards the establishment of good roads in the several Provinces of Canada, and this House would respectfully represent to the Government of Canada that such contributions

should be on a fixed basis, which would be fair to all the Provinces of Canada and which would prevent the possibility of provincial political "log rolling" on the part of any Province to secure a larger proportion or share of the money appropriated by the Dominion for good roads than might otherwise be received by such Province, and that the present basis of population upon which the several Provinces are paid their Dominion subsidy would appear to provide a reasonable and convenient basis on which such grants might be made.

4. That as the title to the Highways of this Province is vested in the Crown, as represented by this Province, and the construction, repair and maintenance of such highways are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Legislature and municipalities of the Province and must in the interests of the Province and the municipalities remain so, this House respectfully insists that all grants made by the Government of Canada to assist in the construction of good roads in this Province should be paid over to the Province and expended by it, together with adequate Provincial appropriations, under a well-considered policy to secure a thorough system of good roads throughout the Province.

Mr. Hearst moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Duff,—

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "this House desires to express its satisfaction with the Policy announced by the Government of the Province for the promotion of the construction of good roads in the Province; its appreciation of the policy of the Government of Canada in making appropriations for good roads within the Provinces; its approval of the plan outlined in the Bill now before the Parliament of Canada and its full confidence in the methods and the policy of the Government of the Province with reference to good roads."

Mr. Anderson (Bruce), moved in Amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Kent.)

That all the words in the Amendment after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "the following be added to the main motion. 'This House cannot approve of the form of the Legislation proposed by the Government of Canada, unless it embodies the principles set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Resolution.'"

And the Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	McQueen	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Marshall	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Munro	Sutherland—20.

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Bennewies	Fraser	McCrea	Preston
Black	Galna	McElroy	(Durham)
Brewster	Gamey	McGarry	Preston
Brower	Godfrey	McKeown	(Lanark)
Carscallen	Gooderham	McNaught	Pyne
Chambers	Grant	McPherson	Rankin
Champagne	Grigg	MacArthur	Reaume
Charters	Hanna	Maediarmid	Regan
Cook	Hartt	Machin	Ross
Crawford	Hearst	Mahaffy	Scholfield
Dargavel	Hendrie	Mason	Shillington
Devitt	Hogarth	Mathieu	Studholme
Donovan	Jamieson	Milligan	Sulman
Duff	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Dunlop	Jessop.	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Eilber	Johnson	Nixon	Thompson
Ellis	Lackner	Norman	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Owens	Torrance
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Pattinson	Vrooman
Ferguson	McCowan	Peck	Westbrook
(Grenville)			Whitesides
Foy			Whitney—78.

PAIRS.

Matheson	MacKay.
Anderson (Essex)	Proudfoot.

The Amendment, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

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Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sutherland—20.
Elliott	McDonald		

PAIRS.

Matheson	MacKay.
Anderson (Essex)	Proudfoot.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then submitted, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bennewies	Fraser	McCrea	Preston
Black	Galna	McElroy	(Durham)
Brewster	Gamey	McGarry	Preston
Brower	Godfrey	McKeown	(Lanark)
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PAIRS.

Matheson MacKay.
 Anderson (Essex) Prondfoot.

And it was,

Resolved, That this House desires to express its satisfaction with the policy announced by the Government of the Province for the promotion of the construction of good roads in the Province; its appreciation of the policy of the Government of Canada in making appropriations for good roads within the Provinces; its approval of the plan outlined in the Bill now before the Parliament of Canada and its full confidence in the methods and the policy of the Government of the Province, with reference to good roads.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 191), The Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act, 1912, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And, after some time, the motion for the second reading having been again put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), To regulate the Hours of Employment in Underground Work, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time, the Amendment having been put, was carried upon a division.

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

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the regulation of the hours of employment in underground work is a matter in which undue haste should be avoided, and should be the subject of careful investigation; that such investigation can be made during the Recess and in time for the results of it to be laid before this House at its next Session, and that therefore the said Bill be not now read the second time, but be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 186), To amend the Ontario Election Act, and the Municipal Act, 1903, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time the motion for the second reading having been again put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

On motion of Sir James Whitney, seconded by Mr. Hanna, it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the Clock of Wednesday, the Twenty-seventh day of March instant.

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

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 7.*)

Also—Report on the Feeble-Minded in Ontario for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

Also—Return to an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the 14th February, 1912, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario or any member thereof, or any person on its behalf, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof, or any person on its behalf, with reference to the construction of permanent highways in the Province or grants to aid in such construction. (*Sessional Papers, No. 74.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 27th February, 1912, showing:—1. How many barrels of apples were produced in each year in each of the 45 Demonstration Orchards instituted by the Government. 2. What was the sale price *per* barrel of the apples from each of the said Demonstration Orchards. 3. What are the names and qualifications of the several orchard demonstrators now in the employ of the Government. (*Sessional Papers, No. 75.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 62), Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:—

We, the undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estates Bills, pursuant to the request of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, dated March 13th, 1912, respectfully beg to report as follows:—

We have examined the proposed Bill (No. 62), intituled "An Act respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall," copies whereof and of the Petition therefor were submitted to us.

We do not find that the Bill contains any objectionable features. On the contrary, it appears to follow along the line of the previous Acts therein referred to in giving the congregation more ample and appropriate powers to deal with its lands, the moneys arising from the sale thereof, the erection of a church and manse, and repairs and improvements thereto.

There is perhaps some doubt whether subsection (2) of section 2 of the Bill provides with sufficient clearness for the election, during each of the next five years, of a Trustee in the place of the one retiring each year as provided under section 1.

We have drawn a clause amending said subsection (2) as follows: By striking out all the words after the word "years" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the following "and Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation each year to replace the present Trustees as they shall respectively retire as aforesaid and thereafter annually at the said meeting."

We therefore report that it is reasonable that the Bill, as thus amended, do pass into law.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1912.

W. MULOCK,
C. J. EX. D.
R. F. SUTHERLAND,
J.

Ordered. That Bill (No. 62), Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall, 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.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 61), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 81), To authorize the appointment of Fire Guardians.

Bill (No. 112), To amend an Act respecting the Toronto General Hospital.

Bill (No. 82), To impose a tax on Dogs and for the protection of Sheep.

Bill (No. 92), To prevent the spread of Insect and Fungus Diseases injurious to Vegetation.

Bill (No. 83), To protect Beaches and Shores and Beds of Rivers and Streams.

Bill (No. 86), To authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways.

Bill (No. 138), To provide for the establishment of a Provincial Museum.

Bill (No. 146), To amend the Forest Reserves Act.

Bill (No. 155), To amend the Act to encourage the refining of Metals in Ontario.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Town of Orillia.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 117), To amend the Assessment Act.

Bill (No. 118), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to a Select Committee to be hereafter named.

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 1912, the following sums:—

115. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture. . . \$1,817 00

231. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous 2,081,230 49

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdunnid 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. Macdiarmid reported the following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Insurance Inspection for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys and Patents Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Accounts Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Land Sales and Free Grants Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Woods and Forests Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Military Grants Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Bureau of Mines for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Highways Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fisheries and Game for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Labour Bureau for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Succession Duties Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Auditor's Office for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the License Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Board of Health for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Neglected Children's Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand eight hundred and seventeen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Factory Inspection Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Stationary Engineers for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for year ending 31st October, 1912.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Court of Appeal for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Office for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Exchequer Division for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand and thirty-four dollars and seventeen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Chancery Division for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Surrogate Clerk for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Commutation of Fees for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Legal Offices for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Division Courts for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Land Titles Office for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the District of Algoma for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the District of Thunder Bay for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the District of Kenora for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expense of the District of Manitoulin for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventeen thousand six hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and twenty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and seventy-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and eight dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and forty-nine dollars and forty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and ten cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty-five dollars and eighty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand four hundred and ninety-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Cobourg, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand six hundred

and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand two hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison Industries for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand four hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand six hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and School for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Animal Husbandry for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and fifty dollars

be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Apicultural Department for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand and thirty-eight dollars and fourteen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of New Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of No. 5 Queen's Park for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-eight thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand eight hundred

dollars granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Cobourg, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand one hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-one thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Feeble-minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and four thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Central Prison for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-five dollars and forty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars and sixty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-one thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Blind Institute, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and forty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Agricultural College, Guelph, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and twenty-two dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Horticultural Experimental Station, Jordan Harbour, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works at Colonization and Immigration Buildings, London, England, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration Office, Front Street, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Muskoka District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand and seventy-eight dollars and sixty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Sudbury District for the year ending October 31st, 1912.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Nipissing District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five dollars and ten cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in the Sault Ste. Marie District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Rainy River District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Thunder Bay District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifteen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Works in Kenora District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provisional County of Haliburton for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of New-Comers' Inn, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hygienic Building, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys, Crown Lands, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Land Improvement Fund for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two million and eighty-one thousand two hundred and thirty dollars and forty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, it was

Ordered, That the consideration of the One Hundred and Eighty-Sixth Resolution be postponed until To-morrow.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

The Order for the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 123), To amend the Mines Act, having been read,

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

Mr. Hanna presented to the House:—

A Return to an Order of the House of the 4th March, 1912, for a Return of copies of all correspondence between any person and the Government or any member thereof with respect to the construction of a Branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to Elk Lake or further, with memorandum of dates upon which delegations waited upon the Government or any member thereof in support of the construction of the said Branch; also all surveyors' or other reports received by the Government with respect to the feasibility and cost of construction of the said Branch and all other papers or documents bearing upon the question of the construction of the said Branch. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 76.)

The House then adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Thursday, March 28th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Kincardine, praying for certain amendments to the Noxious Weeds Act.

Sir James 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:—

J. M. GIBSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits further Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1912, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, March 26th, 1912.

(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.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 30), Respecting the Town of Oakville.

Bill (No. 64), Confirming certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall.

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

Bill (No. 209), intituled “An Act respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to report upon certain Territory.” Sir James Whitney.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 210), intituled “An Act to amend the Power Commission Act.” Sir James Whitney.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 211), intituled “An Act to amend the School Laws.” Mr. Pyne.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 212), intituled “An Act respecting certain lands under the Land Titles Act, where the Ores, Mines and Minerals have been reserved to the Crown.” Mr. Hearst.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 196), intituled "An Act respecting Houses of Refuge in Provincial Judicial Districts." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 23), To incorporate the Sudbury, Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.

Bill (No. 149), Respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 84), Respecting Money Lending.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 94), Respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada, 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 Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 95), Respecting Barristers-at-Law, 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 Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 96), Respecting Solicitors, 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 again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 107), Respecting Telephone Systems, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 36), To confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Dryden.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

Bill (No. 43), To confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting By-law No. 17, 1910, of the Township of Tilbury East, concerning the Forbes Drainage Works.

Bill (No. 65), Respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 140), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid 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 following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 171), To incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.

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

Bill (No. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury.

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

Bill (No. 61), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

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

Bill (No. 121), Respecting the Enrolment and Inspection of Stallions.

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

Bill (No. 124), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act.

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

Bill (No. 194), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Agricultural Purposes.

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

Bill (No. 168), Relating to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.

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

Bill (No. 197), Respecting the Ontario College of Art.

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

Bill (No. 200), To amend the Ontario Railway Act.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 187), To amend the Municipal 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. 148), To regulate the Width of Tires on Wagons and other Vehicles, 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. 193), To amend the Marriage 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. 201), Concerning Operations for the Prevention of Procreation, having been read,

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

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

Resolved. That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, bearing date on the first day of February, 1912, made by and between the Georgetown Coated Paper Mills, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King,

represented by the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, of the second part, which said Agreement is conditioned for the supply of certain described printing papers required by the Government of the Province, for a term of five years to be computed from the first day of February, 1912.

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

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, bearing date on the first day of February, 1912, made by and between the Kinleith Paper Company, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King, represented by the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer of the second part, which said Agreement is conditioned for the supply of certain described printing papers required by the Government of the Province for a term of five years to be computed from the first day of February, 1912.

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

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, bearing date on the first day of February, 1912, made by and between the Montrose Paper Mills, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King, represented by the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer of the second part, which said Agreement is conditioned for the supply of certain described printing papers required by the Government of the Province for a term of five years, to be computed from the first day of February, 1912.

Mr. Marshall asked the following Question:—

1. Is Charles A. Wilson the chairman of the License Commission for the City of St. Catharines.
2. If so, when, and by whom was he appointed to the said commission.
3. Is the said Charles A. Wilson secretary of the Conservative Association of the City of St. Catharines.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Yes.

2. 27th of February, 1912, by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary.

3. The Department has no knowledge.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Sutherland,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Copies of (1) All correspondence between the Department of the Attorney-General or any official thereof and any other person whatsoever with respect to certain charges against M. Houston, one time Police Magistrate for the City of Chatham. (2) All charges against the said M. Houston. (3) All Commissions issued, evidence taken and documents submitted in connection with the said charges and the dismissal of the said M. Houston from his office as Police Magistrate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), To amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 167), Respecting Beaches and River Beds, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 99), Respecting Toll Roads, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 153), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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.

On motion of Sir James Whitney, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past Two of the Clock in the afternoon of Friday, the Twenty-ninth day of March instant.

The House then adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

Friday, March 29th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 41), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of London.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Your Committee recommend that the time for receiving Reports of Com-

mittees relative to Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Tuesday, the 2nd day of April next.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Second day of April next.

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

Bill (No. 214), intituled “An Act to express the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario to an Extension of the Limits of the Province.” Sir James Whitney.

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

Bill (No. 215), intituled “An Act to create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming.” Mr. Hearst.

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

Bill (No. 216), intituled “An Act to amend the Law Reform Act, 1909.” Mr. Elliott.

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. 36), To confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Dryden.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Town of Kenora.

Bill (No. 43), To confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Renfrew.

Bill (No. 47), Respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Flesherton.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting By-law No. 17, 1910, of the Township of Tilbury East, concerning the Forbes Drainage Works.

Bill (No. 140), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 90), **Respecting the Property of Religious Institutions**, 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. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

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

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 27), **Respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited.**

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

Bill (No. 30), **Respecting the Town of Oakville.**

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

Bill (No. 64). **Confirming certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall.**

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

Bill (No. 196), **Respecting Houses of Refuge in Provincial Judicial Districts.**

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

Bill (No. 208), **Respecting Land Grants to Railways.**

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

Bill (No. 199), **To amend the Act respecting Theatres and Cinematographs.**

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

Bill (No. 205), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Highway Construction.

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), To amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) 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. 121), Respecting the Enrolment and Inspection of Stallions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) 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. 194), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Agricultural Purposes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 168), Relating to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 124), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 197), Respecting the Ontario College of Art, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McPherson 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, 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 1912, the following sums:—

232.	To defray the expenses of Civil Government	\$10,025 00
233.	To defray the expenses of Legislation	\$1,250 00
234.	To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice.	\$3,719 00
235.	To defray the expenses of Education	\$21,360 00
236.	To defray the expenses of Public Institutions, Maintenance	\$200 00
237.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	\$10,250 00
238.	To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch	\$2,200 00
239.	To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	\$1,000 00
240.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	\$3,000 00
241.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College	\$3,125 00

242.	To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities..	\$350 00
243.	To defray the expenses of the Repairs and Maintenance of Government Buildings	\$7,800 00
244.	To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Depart- mental Buildings	\$18,750 00
245.	To defray the expenses of No. 5 Queen's Park.....	\$1,500 00
246.	To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall	\$2,650 00
247.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, King- ston	\$1,000 00
248.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	\$2,000 00
249.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico	\$2,000 00
250.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	\$500 00
251.	To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville	\$44 35
252.	To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford	\$2,100 00
253.	To defray the expenses of the New Normal Schools, Strat- ford, Peterborough, North Bay and Hamilton	\$2,500 00
254.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural Col- lege	\$500 00
255.	To defray the expenses of the Horticultural Experimental Station, Jordan Harbour	\$3,500 00
256.	To defray the expenses of the Eastern Dairy School	\$400 00
257.	To defray the expenses of the Sudbury District	\$2,600 00
258.	To defray the expenses of the Nipissing District.....	\$1,500 00
259.	To defray the expenses of the Thunder Bay District....	\$150 00
260.	To defray the expenses of the Kenora District	\$504 50
261.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous	\$25,100 00
262.	To defray the expenses of the Public Works	\$127,615 00
263.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, North Division	\$183,101 00
264.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, West Division	\$30,378 32
265.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, East Division	\$77,679 99
266.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, Temis- kaming, 1912	\$92,243 00
267.	To defray the expenses of General	\$7,710 00
268.	To defray the expenses of the Charges on Crown Lands..	\$10,600 00
269.	To defray the expenses of the Refunds	\$32,000 00
270.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous	\$42,485 09

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McPherson 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 on Monday next.

Mr. McPherson reported the following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply:—

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand three hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Repairs and Maintenance of Government Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of No. 5 Queen's Park for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty four dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred

dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institution for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of New Normal Schools, Stratford, Peterborough, North Bay and Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Experimental Station, Jordan Harbour, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Eastern Dairy School for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sudbury District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Nipissing District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Thunder Bay District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and four dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Kenora District for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-three

thousand one hundred and one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-seven thousand six hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety two thousand two hundred and forty three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, Temiskaming, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand seven hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, General, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refunds for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty two thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars and nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time, it was

Ordered. That the consideration of the Two hundred and sixty-second and Two hundred and sixty-fifth Resolutions be postponed until Monday next.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

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

Interim Report on Laws relating to the liability of employers to make compensation to their employees for injuries received in the course of their employment which are in force in other countries and as to how far such laws are found to work satisfactorily. (*Sessional Papers, No. 65.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 23rd February, 1912, for a Return shewing: The names of all persons to whom payments have been made in connection with the present Revision of the Statutes, and the total amount paid to each, and the services or other matter in respect of which such payments were made. (*Sessional Papers, No. 77.*)

Also—Supplementary Return to a Return to an Order of the House of the 4th March, 1912, for a Return of copies of all correspondence between any person and the Government or any member thereof with respect to the construction of a Branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to Elk Lake or further, with memorandum of dates upon which delegations waited upon the Government or any member thereof in support of the construction of the said Branch; also all surveyors' or other reports received by the Government with respect to the feasibility and cost of construction of the said Branch and all other papers or documents bearing upon the question of the construction of the said Branch. (*Sessional Papers, No. 76.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

Monday, April 1st, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 183), intituled "An Act to amend the Guarantee Companies Securities Act." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 184), intituled "An Act to amend the Surrogate Courts Act." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Sir James 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:—

J. M. GIBSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1913, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, March 26th, 1912.

(*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 following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 91), For the suppression of Foul Brood among Bees.

Bill (No. 153), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act.

Bill (No. 121), Respecting the Enrolment and Inspection of Stallions.

Bill (No. 194), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Agricultural Purposes.

Bill (No. 8), To confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 107), Respecting Telephone Systems, 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. McGarry 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 third reading of Bill (No. 156), Respecting Industrial Farms, 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. McGarry 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. 171), To incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.

Bill (No. 61), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 30), Respecting the Town of Oakville.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered. That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of London.

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

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

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

Bill (No. 203), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario.

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

Bill (No. 209), Respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to report upon certain Territory.

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

Bill (No. 210), To amend the Power Commission Act.

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

Bill (No. 202), To amend the Children's Protection Act.

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

Bill (No. 207), To amend the Public Schools Act.

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), Respecting Loan and Trust Corporations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 168). Relating to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 196), Respecting Houses of Refuge in Provincial Judicial Districts, 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 forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 199), To amend the Act respecting Theatres and Cinematographs, 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 To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 208), Respecting Land Grants to Railways, 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. 154), To amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries 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 To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 109), Respecting Insurance, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

the Chair; and Mr. Mahaffy 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.

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

Ordered, That the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 41), Respecting the City of Ottawa, be discharged and that the Bill be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions for further consideration and report.

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

Statement of the Auditor made pursuant to the provisions of Section 13, subsection 2, of the Audit Act as amended by section 6, chapter 10, 9 Edward VII. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 53.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 4th March, 1912, for a Return of copies of all correspondence since the first day of January, 1911, between the Minister of Education, the Deputy-Minister of Education or any Official of the Department of Education and any School Trustee, Board of Trustees, or any person in the Township of Springer, with respect to the character of teaching in the Schools of the said Township, with respect to the teaching of French in the said Schools, with respect to the employment of teachers in the said Schools, or with respect to the giving or withholding of grants from the said Schools or any of them. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 78.)

The House then adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2nd, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Charters, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Report of the Bureau of Mines for the year 1912. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 4.)

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 7.*)

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 9.*)

Report of Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals for the Insane of the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, containing report on the Hospital for Idiots, Orillia and the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 22.*)

Report on the Feeble-Minded in Ontario for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals and Charities, etc., for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Prisons and Reformatories for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 25.*)

Report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

Return from the Records of the General Election during the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 49.*)

Report on the condition of English-French Schools in the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*)

Paper Contracts for the term of five years. (*Sessional Papers, Nos. 66, 67 and 68.*)

Bulletin of the Ontario Hospitals for the Insane in the interests of Psychiatry in the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 69.*)

Report on James Bay Surveys, Exploration—Cochrane to James Bay. (*Sessional Papers, No. 70.*)

Report of Special Investigation into the Cause of Typhoid in the Town of Sarnia. (*Sessional Papers, No. 71.*)

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:-

Return *re* extension of T. & N. O. Railway consequent upon proposed extensions of the limits of the respective Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. (*Sessional Papers, No. 59.*)

Return *re* infringement of the provisions of the Liquor License Act by Charles Subject. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61.*)

Return *re* running rights over the T. & N. O. Railway and leasing, running or operating of dining, cafe or buffet cars. (*Sessional Papers, No. 64.*)

Return *re* Government employees taking part in recent elections. (*Sessional Papers, No. 72.*)

Return *re* Distribution of Revised Statutes of 1897 and Sessional Statutes for 1897 and subsequent years to 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 73.*)

Return *re* permanent highways in the Province or grants to aid in such construction. (*Sessional Papers, No. 74.*)

Return *re* number of barrels of apples produced in Government Experimental Orchards. (*Sessional Papers, No. 75.*)

Return *re* extension of T. & N. O. Railway into Elk Lake or further. (*Sessional Papers, No. 76.*)

Your Committee recommend the purchase of one hundred and twenty (120) copies of "The Canadian Annual Review," by J. Castell Hopkins, at \$3.00 *per* volume.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Bill (No. 69), To confirm By-law No. 775 of the Town of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 180), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

Bill (No. 145), Respecting the Estate of John Doran.

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Steelton.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 185), To change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 70), To incorporate the Ontario Salvage Company.

Bill (No. 76), Respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 75), To provide for the sale of The Humbervale Cemetery Company's lands. The same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof. And also on Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society on the ground that it is one relating to a Religious Institution.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House, the time for receiving Reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday, the 4th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday, the Fourth day of April instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the

following Bills: Bill (No. 35), Town of Sandwich; Bill (No. 70), Ontario Salvage Company; Bill (No. 75), To provide for the sale of Humbervale Cemetery Lands; Bill (No. 76), Respecting the Township of York; Bill (No. 139), Upper Canada Bible Society.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 88), To regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

Bill (No. 65), Respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 171), To incorporate the Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.

Bill (No. 61), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid 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. 202), To amend the Children's Protection Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid 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. 207), To amend the Public Schools Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdunnid 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 Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 198), 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 read the second time:—

Bill (No. 192), To amend the Ontario Medical Act.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows: Messieurs Pyne, Reaume, Jamieson, McQueen, Thompson (Simcoe), Marshall, Musgrove, Johnson, Bowman, McNaught, McPherson and Sinclair.

Bill (No. 204), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.

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

Bill (No. 211), To amend the School Laws.

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

Bill (No. 212), Respecting certain Lands under the Land Titles Act, where the Ores, Mines and Minerals have been reserved to the Crown.

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

Bill (No. 215), To create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming.

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

Bill (No. 183), To amend the Guarantee Companies Securities Act.

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

Bill (No. 184), To amend the Surrogate Courts Act.

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

Bill (No. 195), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912.

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

Bill (No. 144), Respecting granting Franchises by Municipal Councils.

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

Bill (No. 133), To amend the Power Commission Act.

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

Bill (No. 181), Respecting Municipal Electric Light and Power Works.

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

On motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between any person or persons whatever and the Government of Ontario, or any Minister or Official thereof, with respect to the water power on the Montreal River, known as the "Notch" and all applications for a lease of the said water power and any and all leases issued, assignments of any such leases and all other papers and documents in any way relating to the said "Notch" water power or to the Montreal-Cobalt Power Company, Limited, since the 1st day of January, 1905.

Mr. Rowell moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That in the judgment of this House the spoils and patronage systems are inimical to the highest efficiency of the public service, and to the best interests of the country; that the public interests demand the immediate creation of a non-partizan Civil Service Commission with ample powers, and that all appointments and promotions in the public service shall be by merit after competitive examination, except in those cases where the conditions of the public service render this impracticable.

Sir James Whitney moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "this House congratulates the people of the Province on the fact that under the administration of public affairs by the present Government, no such system as the Spoils System has any place; recognizes the difficulties which would surround the operation of a system of so-called Civil Service over a small number of officials and that it would be wholly unwise and practically impossible to bring under such a system the various officials in the service of the Province, including such officials as Registrars of Deeds, Sheriffs and County Crown Attorneys; this House recognizes the fact that success in a competitive examination is in no way a guarantee of pre-eminent or ordinary fitness for Government service, and this House also recognizes the wisdom and fairness with which the Government has dealt with appointments and promotions in the Government service."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on a division.

The original motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried on a division, and it was

Resolved. That this House congratulates the people of the Province on the fact that under the administration of public affairs by the present Government no such system as the Spoils System has any place; recognizes the difficulties which would surround the operation of a system of so-called civil service over a small number of officials, and that it would be wholly unwise and practically impossible to bring under such a system the various officials in the service of the Province, including such officials as Registrars of Deeds, Sheriffs and County Crown Attorneys; this House recognizes the fact that success in a competitive examination is in no way a guarantee of pre-eminent or ordinary fitness for Government service, and this House also recognizes the wisdom and fairness with which the Government has dealt with appointments and promotions in the Government service.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 109), Respecting Insurance and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask 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. 210), To amend the Power Commission Act and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 205), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Highway Construction and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 209), Respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to report upon certain Territory and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 203), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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 introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 217), intituled “An Act to alter the Limits of the Districts of Sudbury and Nipissing,” Mr. Hearst.

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 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 1913, the following sums:—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant Governor's Office..	\$ 4,750 00
2. To defray the expenses of the Office of the Prime Minister and President of the Council	\$ 8,150 00
3. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department	\$ 68,330 00
4. To defray the expenses of the Education Department	\$ 32,160 00
5. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines Department	\$142,875 00
6. To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department..	\$ 84,660 00
7. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department	\$ 37,154 00
8. To defray the expenses of the Audit Office	\$ 19,500 00
9. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Depart- ment	\$230,970 00
10. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture..	\$ 79,025 00
11. To defray the expenses of the Factory Inspection Branch..	\$ 23,850 00
12. To defray the expenses of the Stationary Engineers	\$ 6,850 00
13. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	\$ 19,500 00
14. To defray the expenses of Legislation	\$286,400 00
15. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice...	\$213,942 66
16. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	\$373,053 00
17. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts	\$161,369 00
18. To defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education	\$1,169,600 00
19. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto ..	\$ 49,632 00
20. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	\$ 47,470 00
21. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London....	\$ 26,675 00
22. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton....	\$ 22,585 00
23. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	\$ 23,155 00
24. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford....	\$ 22,225 00
25. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay..	\$ 27,220 00
26. To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes	\$170,900 00
27. To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum	\$ 20,328 00
28. To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies	\$ 73,450 00
29. To defray the expenses of Technical Education	\$143,200 00
30. To defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers.....	\$ 60,650 00

31. To defray the expenses of the Provincial University and Mining Schools	\$ 42,200 00
32. To defray the expenses of the Maintenance Education Department and Miscellaneous	\$ 32,824 00
33. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville	\$ 65,139 00
34. To defray the expenses of the Blind Institution, Brantford..	\$ 45,817 00
35. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville	\$129,957 00
36. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Cobourg	\$ 30,310 00
37. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton	\$187,557 00
38. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston.	\$123,483 00
39. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London..	\$174,020 00
40. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico..	\$119,455 00
41. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Idiots, Orillia ..	\$106,982 00
42. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene	\$ 72,935 00
43. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto..	\$169,132 00
44. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	\$ 44,806 00
45. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto.....	\$ 83,240 00
46. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison Industries....	\$103,850 00
47. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females	\$ 37,680 00
48. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	\$143,275 00
49. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch	\$ 39,950 00
50. To defray the expenses of the Institutes	\$ 30,800 00
51. To defray the expenses of the Bureau of Industries	\$ 5,500 00
52. To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch	\$ 61,900 00
53. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	\$ 48,800 00
54. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College...	\$ 33,670 00
55. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	\$ 83,350 00
56. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College..	\$150,575 00
57. To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall	\$ 39,740 00
58. To defray the expenses of Forestry	\$ 1,500 00
59. To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department	\$ 22,050 00
60. To defray the expenses of the Field Experiments.....	\$ 15,055 00
61. To defray the expenses of the Experimental Dairy Department	\$ 9,756 00
62. To defray the expenses of the Dairy School	\$ 8,165 00
63. To defray the expenses of the Poultry Department	\$ 7,000 00
64. To defray the expenses of the Pomology Department	\$ 6,575 00
65. To defray the expenses of the Landscape Gardening Department	\$ 5,575 00

66. To defray the expenses of the Apicultural Department....	\$ 1,250 00
67. To defray the expenses of the Soil Physics Department ...	\$ 4,000 00
68. To defray the expenses of the Mechanical Department	\$ 1,150 00
69. To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigration	\$107,600 00
70. To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities.....	\$399,775 00
71. To defray the expenses of the Government House	\$ 30,050 00
72. To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings	\$123,100 00
73. To defray the expenses of the Government House.....	\$150,000 00
74. To defray the expenses of the Parliament Buildings	\$ 60,000 00
75. To defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall	\$ 15,000 00
76. To defray the expenses of the Public Institutions	\$353,600 00
77. To defray the expenses of Educational	\$ 9,300 00
78. To defray the expenses of Agriculture	\$ 96,000 00
79. To defray the expenses of the Districts	\$ 41,600 00
80. To defray the expenses of the Public Works	\$ 73,200 00
81. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads	\$130,000 00
82. To defray the expenses of the Outside Service and Surveys..	\$542,900 00
83. To defray the expenses of the Mines and Mining	\$ 90,650 00
84. To defray the expenses of the Parks	\$ 28,500 00
85. To defray the expenses of the Education, Refund Account..	\$ 1,500 00
86. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines, Refund Account	\$ 25,000 00
87. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous, Refund Account	\$ 30,000 00
88. To defray the expenses of the Succession Duty, Refund Account	\$ 36,000 00
89. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	\$562,070 00

And the Committee having continued to sit until Twelve of the clock midnight.

WEDNESDAY 3rd April, 1912.

The House continued in Committee, and after some time Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be presented at the next Sitzings of the House To-day.

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

Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province for the year 1911.
(*Sessional Papers*, No. 18.)

Also—Report of the Department of Agriculture, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 28.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year 1911 (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Growers' Association for the year 1911 (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Branch for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

Also—Report of the Corn Growers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35.*)

Also—Report of the Entomological Society for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 36.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Industries for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Also—Reports of the Inspectors of Factories for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Commission 1909-1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 52.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.40 A.M.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 116), To amend the Registry Act.

Bill (No. 174), Respecting the Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 189), Respecting Municipal and School Debentures, and report the same without amendments.

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bills Nos. 119, 131, 132, 151, 152, 162, 163, 164, 177 to amend the Municipal Act, and so much of their provisions as have been approved of have been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912."

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 130), To amend The Act for the Improvement of Public Highways, and report the same with certain amendments.

Mr. Hendrie, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 200), To amend the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, referred to Your Committee by Your Honourable House, and have prepared certain amendments to the Bill.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Thirteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 19), To confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.

Bill (No. 58), To confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

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

Bill (No. 160), intituled "An Act respecting Exemptions from Tolls."
Mr. Reaume.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 218), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Bruce Mines and Algoma 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. McKeown 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. 167), Respecting Beaches and River Beds.

Bill (No. 99), Respecting Toll Roads.

Bill (No. 154), To amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.

Bill (No. 30), Respecting the Town of Oakville.

Bill (No. 205), Respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Highway Construction.

Bill (No. 209), Respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to report upon certain Territory.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Bill (No. 202), To amend the Children's Protection Act.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 185), To change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

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

Bill (No. 62), Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

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

Bill (No. 145), Respecting the Estate of John Doran.

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

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society.

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

Bill (No. 69), To confirm By-law No. 775 of the Town of Sarnia.

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

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the City of Toronto.

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

Bill (No. 180), Respecting the City of Toronto.

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

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie and for other purposes.

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

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Steelton.

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

Mr. Rowell moved, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That in the opinion of this House the public interests demand (1) The immediate abolition of the bar; (2) Such other restrictions upon the residue

of the liquor traffic as experience may show to be necessary to limit its operations and effective to remedy its evils; (3) The strict enforcement of the law by officials in sympathy with law enforcement, and the elimination of political influence from the administration of the law; (4) Regulation and inspection of all houses of public entertainment so as to ensure reasonable accommodation for the travelling public.

Sir James Whitney moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following be substituted therefor:—

"this House recognizes the duty cast upon it to minimize as far as possible the evil effect of the drunk habit by wise restrictions upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors. This House also recognizes that having regard to the decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as to the respective jurisdictions of the Dominion and of the Provinces, it is impossible for the people of the Province, through its Legislature to abolish or control the manufacture within, or the importation into the Province of intoxicating liquors; that the treating habit is now almost universally recognized as the most powerful factor in the evil results of the said traffic and habit and no good object would be served by simply diverting the habit from the bar to some other place. That in the opinion of this House legislation to prevent and put a stop to the said treating habit should be enacted, and, if necessary, supplemented by regulations under which retail licenses are granted and held."

Mr. Macdiarmid moved in Amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Eilber,

That the following words be added to the Amendment: "And this House desires to put on record its appreciation of the good work done by the present Government of the Province during the past seven years by their earnest and faithful administration of the Liquor License Laws and by the desirable improvements which have been added thereto."

And a Debate ensuing,

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the clock midnight.

THURSDAY, 4th April, 1912.

The Debate was continued,

And after some time, the Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Peck
Beck	Foy	McCrea	Pratt
Bennewies	Fraser	McElroy	Preston
Black	Galna	McGarry	(Durham)
Brewster	Godfrey	McKeown	Preston
Brower	Gooderham	McNaught	(Lanark)
Carscallen	Grant	McPherson	Pyne
Chambers	Grigg	MacArthur	Rankin
Champagne	Hanna	Maediarmid	Reaume
Charters	Hartt	Machin	Regan
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Ross
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Scholfield
Dargavel	Hogarth	Milligan	Shillington
Devitt	Jamieson	Morel	Sulman
Donovan	Jarvis	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jessop	Nesbitt	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Johnson	Nixon	Thompson
Eilber	Lackner	Norman	(Peterboro)
Ellis	Lennox	Owens	Torrance
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Pattinson	Vrooman
			Westbrook
			Whitesides
			Whitney—79.

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Atkinson	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Bowman	McDonald	Munro	Studholme
Clarke	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	Mageau	Richardson	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Mahaffy	Kohler
Gamey	Evanturel

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Peck
Beck	Foy	McCrea	Pratt
Bennewies	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Black	Galna	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Brewster	Godfrey	McKeown	Pyne
Brower	Gooderham	McNaught	Rankin
Carscallen	Grant	McPherson	Reaume
Chambers	Grigg	MacArthur	Regan
Champagne	Hanna	Macdiarmid	Ross
Charters	Hartt	Machin	Scholfield
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Shillington
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Studholme
Dargavel	Hogarth	Milligan	Sulman
Devitt	Jamieson	Morel	Thompson (Simcoe)
Donovan	Jarvis	Musgrove	Thompson (Peterboro)
Duff	Jessop	Nesvitt	Torrance
Dunlop	Johnson	Nixon	Vrooman
Eilber	Lackner	Norman	Westbrook
Ellis	Lennox	Owens	Whitesides
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Pattinson	Whitney—80.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Richardson
Atkinson	McCormick	Mayberry	Rowell
Bowman	McDonald	Munro	Sinclair
Clarke	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—18.
Elliott	Mageau		

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Matheson	MacKay
Mahaffy	Kohler
Gamey	Evanturel

The main motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Peck
Beck	Foy	McCrea	Pratt
Bennewies	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Black	Galna	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Brewster	Godfrey	McKeown	Pyne
Brower	Gooderham	McNaught	Rankin
Carscallen	Grant	McPherson	Reaume
Chambers	Grigg	MacArthur	Regan
Champagne	Hanna	Macdiarmid	Ross
Charters	Hartt	Machin	Scholfield
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Shillington
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Sulnan
Dargavel	Hogarth	Milligan	Thompson (Simcoe)
Devitt	Jameson	Morel	Thompson (Peterboro)
Donovan	Jarvis	Musgrove	Torrance
Duff	Jessop	Nesbitt	Vrooman
Dunlop	Johnson	Nixon	Westbrook
Eilber	Lackner	Norman	Whitesides
Ellis	Lennox	Owens	Whitney—79.
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Pattinson	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Atkinson	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Bowman	McDonald	Munro	Studholme
Clarke	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	Mageau	Richardson	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Makaffy	Kohler
Gamey	Evanturel

And it was

Resolved, That this House recognizes the duty cast upon it to minimize as far as possible the evil effect of the drink habit by wise restrictions upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors. This House also recognizes that having regard to the decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as to the respective jurisdictions of the Dominion and of the Provinces, it is impossible for the people of the Province, through its Legislature to abolish or control the manufacture within, or the importation into the Province of intoxicating liquors; that the treating habit is now almost universally recognized as the most powerful factor in the evil results of the said traffic and habit and no good object would be served by simply diverting the habit from the bar to some other place. That in the opinion of this House legislation to prevent and put a stop to the said treating habit should be enacted, and, if necessary, supplemented by regulations under which retail licenses are granted and held. And this House desires to put on record its appreciation of the good work done by the present Government of the Province during the past seven years, by their earnest and faithful administration of the Liquor License Laws and by the desirable improvements which have been added thereto.

On motion of Sir James Whitney, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past two of the clock in the afternoon, instead of the hour of three.

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

Report on Highway Improvement in the Province, for the year 1912. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

Also—Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts, Ontario, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 27.)

Also—Report of the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 29.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 31.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 34.)

Also—Report of the Bee Keepers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

Also—Report of the Dairymen's Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 38.*)

Also—Report of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

Also—Report of the Archivist for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 50.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 28th day of February, 1911, for a Return shewing: (*a*) The number of sales of timber limits which have taken place in each year since 1905; (*b*) The location and acreage of each limit sold; and (*c*) The name of the purchaser in each case; (*d*) The price paid per acre, or otherwise, in each case; (*e*) The berth, or area of each berth, which had been under permit previous to the sale, with the original date of the permit; (*f*) The area of each berth damaged by fire previous to the sale; (*g*) The berth, or berths, which were virgin territory; (*h*) The reasons which caused each timber sale to be held from 1905 down to date; (*i*) The number of permits to cut timber current in the season of 1904-5; the number of permits to cut timber current in the season of 1910-11. (*Sessional Papers, No. 79.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.35 a.m.

Thursday, April 4th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and beg leave to report the same with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 173), To amend the Local Improvement Sections of the Municipal Act.

Bill (No. 175), Respecting Surveys and Plans of certain Land in certain Cities and their Suburbs.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House, the time for receiving Reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 9th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Ninth day of April instant.

Mr. Jamieson, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 192), To amend the Ontario Medical Act, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

Your 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. 219), intituled "An Act respecting Purchases of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves." Mr. Lucas.

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

Bill (No. 220), intituled "The Municipal Act, 1912." Mr. Hanna.

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

Bill (No. 221), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act." Mr. Hanna.

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 210), To amend the Power Commission Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 133), To amend the Power Commission
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Act, with an instruction to amalgamate the provisions thereof with those of said Bill (No. 133.)

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 207), To amend the Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered. That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 211), To amend the School Laws, with an instruction to incorporate the provisions thereof with those of said Bill (No. 211.)

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 115), To Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, having been read,

Ordered. That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instruction 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. McKeown reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Town of St. Mary's, 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. McNaught reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 124), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board 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. McKeown reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited, 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. McNaught reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 203), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 204), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 211), To amend the School Laws, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 212), Respecting certain lands under the Land Titles Act, where the Ores, Mines and Minerals have been reserved to the Crown, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 215), To create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 217), To alter the Limits of the Districts of Sudbury and Nipissing, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 189), Respecting Municipal and School Debentures, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charters 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. 130), To amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charters 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 resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 64), Confirming certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 185), To change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Steelton.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Pratt 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 Tuesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 214), To Express the Consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario to an Extension of the Limits of the Province.

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

Bill (No. 160), Respecting Exemptions from Tolls.

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

Bill (No. 218), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912.

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

Bill (No. 19), To confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.

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

Bill (No. 58), To confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

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

Mr. Eilber reported the following further Resolutions from the Committee of Supply:—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lieutenant-Governor's Office for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Office of the Prime Minister and President of the Council for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand six hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Public Works Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand one hundred and fifty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Auditor's Office for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-nine thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Factory Inspection Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Stationary Engineers for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty-two dollars and sixty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, Salaries and Expenses for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy-three thousand and fifty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Administration of Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-nine dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million one hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-nine thousand six hundred and thirty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand four hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuated Public and High School Teachers for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial University and Mining Schools for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses

of Miscellaneous Maintenance, Education Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-five thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-five thousand eight hundred and seventeen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Blind Institute, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1912.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand three hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Cobourg, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred and eighty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-four thousand and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and six thousand nine hundred and eight-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Idiots, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-two thousand nine hun-

dred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-nine thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand eight hundred and six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-three thousand two hundred and forty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison Industries for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand six hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending October 31st, 1913.

51. *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 October, 1913.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Agriculture, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries and Expenses, Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and forty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Macdonald Institute and Hall, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Forestry for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy School for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Pomology Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Landscape Gardening Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand and two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Apiculture for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Soil Physics Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Mechanical Department for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seven thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-three thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of New Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings, Educational, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings, Agriculture, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-one thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings (Districts) for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and forty-two thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Expenditure on account of Outside Service and Surveys for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Expenditure on account of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray expenses of Expenditure on account of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Refund Account, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand dol-

lars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines, Refund Account, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refund Account, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Succession Duty, Refund Account, for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-two thousand and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1913.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time it was

Ordered, That the consideration of the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Fifty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-third, Eighty-first and Eighty-ninth Resolutions be postponed until Tuesday next.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

On motion of Sir James Whitney, seconded by Mr. Pyne, it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, the Ninth instant, at Three of the Clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Your Committee also beg leave to report, without further amendment Bill (No. 41), Respecting the City of Ottawa, re-committed to your Committee for further consideration and report.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 18), To enable the Estate of William Copland to convey certain Lands, the same having been reported against by the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 18), Copland Estate.

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

Bill (No. 161), intituled “An Act to amend the Privy Council Appeals 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 To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 100), To regulate Maternity Boarding Houses and for the protection of Infant Children.

Bill (No. 97), To provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks.

Bill (No. 90), Respecting the Property of Religious Institutions.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Town of St. Mary's.

Bill (No. 124), To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act.

Bill (No. 64), Confirming certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 185), To change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Bill (No. 33), To Incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Steelton.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 106), Respecting Ditches and Watercourses, 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 Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 199), To amend the Act respecting Theatres and Cinematographs, 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. Eilber 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 third reading of Bill (No. 110), 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. Eilber 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 third reading of Bill (No. 130), To amend the Act for the Improvement of Public Highways, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 115), with an instruction to embody the provisions thereof with those of the said Bill (No. 115), being an Act for the Improvement of Highways.

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

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the purchase, by the Province, of certain Municipal Debentures.

Sir James 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 the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to purchase on behalf of Ontario, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund any or all of the Municipal Debentures issued or to be issued under the following By-laws:—

(a) By-law No. 498 of the Corporation of the Village of Eganville, intituled "A By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of the erection of a School House for the Eganville Public School."

(b) By-law No. 46 of the Town of Cochrane, for raising \$38,500 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a Public School and Gaol, purchasing sewer pipe, and plant, constructing sidewalks and crossings and for other purposes.

(c) A proposed By-law of the Township of Whitney for raising \$25,000 for the purpose of installing a waterworks system at Golden City, fire pump at Lake View and for other purposes.

(d) By-law No. 21 of the Corporation of the Township of Tisdale, to borrow \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing Public School buildings, extending the waterworks system, installing a more efficient system of fire protection, constructing bridges, sidewalks and crossings and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered. That the Report be now received.

Mr. Brewster reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to purchase on behalf of Ontario, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund any or all of the Municipal Debentures issued or to be issued under the following By-laws:—

(a) By-law No. 498 of the Corporation of the Village of Eganville, intituled "A By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of the erection of a School House for the Eganville Public School."

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(d) By-law No. 21 of the Corporation of the Township of Tisdale, to borrow \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing Public School buildings, extending the waterworks system, installing a more efficient system of fire protection, constructing bridges, sidewalks and crossings and for other purposes.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 195), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912.

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

Resolved. That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the raising of money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Sir James 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 is hereby authorized to raise, by way of loan, a sum of money not exceeding Five Million dollars (\$5,000,000), for any or all of the purposes following, that is to say: (*a*) For the construction of works and improvements; (*b*) The making of roads; (*c*) The improvement and development of water powers; (*d*) The advancement of settlement and colonization and the assistance of settlers; (*e*) The improvement of means of transportation and of communication and the encouragement and assistance of agriculture and reforestation in the north and northwestern districts of the Province and for such other public purposes of a like character as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem expedient.

Resolved, That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at a rate not exceeding four *per centum per annum*, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and shall be chargeable thereupon.

Resolved, That all bonds and inscribed stock issued under the authority of this Act shall be free from all Provincial taxes, succession duty, charges and impositions whatsoever.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to the issue herein authorized and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one *per centum per annum* on the amount of such debentures or stock, as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Brewster reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is hereby authorized to raise, by way of loan, a sum of money not exceeding Five Million dollars (\$5,000,000), for any or all of the purposes following, that is to say: (*a*) For the construction of works and improvements; (*b*) The making of roads; (*c*) The improvement and development of water powers; (*d*) The advancement of settlement and colonization and the assistance of settlers; (*e*) The improvement of means of transportation and of communication and the encouragement and assistance of agriculture and reforestation in the north and northwestern

districts of the Province and for such other public purposes of a like character as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem expedient.

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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. 206), For raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

On motion of Sir James 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 salary of the Chairman of the Power Commission.

Sir James 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 Chairman of The Power Commission shall be paid out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for the general purposes of the Commission, such salary or other remuneration not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) as may be determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Resolved, That the members of the Commission other than the Chairman or a member of the Executive Council shall be paid out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for that purpose, such salary or other remuneration as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Brewster reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the Chairman of The Power Commission shall be paid out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for the general purposes of the Commission, such salary or other remuneration not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) as may be determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Resolved, That the members of the Commission other than the Chairman or a member of the Executive Council shall be paid out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for that purpose, such salary or other remuneration as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 133), To amend the Power Commission Act.

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

Resolved, That beginning on Wednesday next, there shall be two Sittings of the House, the first to begin at half-past 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 on each succeeding day of the Session, the first meeting of the House shall be at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Marshall.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of (1) All correspondence between the Government or any Minister or officer thereof and any person, association, board or organization whatsoever between the 1st day of July, 1911, and the present date: and also (2) All protests, resolutions, objections or written statements of any kind whatsoever received by the Government or any Minister or officer thereof between the said dates with respect

to:—(a) The conduct of one S. J. Dempsey in his official capacity as Police Magistrate or as Crown Lands Agent; (b) The participation of the said S. J. Dempsey in the Federal Election contest in South Renfrew; (c) The participation of the said S. J. Dempsey in the Provincial Election contests held in December, 1911.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 109), Respecting Insurance, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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. 133), To amend The Power Commission Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. 144), Respecting Granting Franchises by Municipal Councils, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 181), Respecting Municipal Electric Light and Power Works, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 160), Respecting Exemptions from Tolls, and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Machin 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. 214), To express the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario to an Extension of the Limits of the Province, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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 The Guarantee Companies Securities Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 218), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McNaught 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. 175), Respecting Surveys and Plans of certain Land in certain Cities and their Suburbs, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 62). Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

Bill (No. 145). Respecting the Estate of John Doran.

Bill (No. 19). To confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.

Bill (No. 58). To confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), 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. 180). Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 45). Respecting the City of Toronto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) 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 following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 219). Respecting purchases of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves.

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

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:

Is it the intention of the Government to issue any fishing licenses affecting Lake Nipissing during the year 1912.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the negative.

Mr. Evanturel asked the following Question:—

1. Did the Minister of Public Works at a meeting in the Town of Hawkesbury in the latter part of November or the early part of December last promise to include in the Estimates for the present year a re-vote of \$15,000.00 towards the building of the inter-provincial bridge at Hawkesbury.

2. Is it the intention of the Government to include in the Estimates of this year a re-vote of the said sum of \$15,000 towards the construction of the said inter-provincial bridge.

3. If it is not the intention of the Government to include the said amount in the Estimates, what are the reasons for the Government's refusal to re-vote the said sum.

4. If the Federal Government makes a grant towards the construction of the said bridge, will the Government request a re-vote of the said sum.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. No.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

What sums were expended by the Province of Ontario for colonization roads and bridges in each of the electoral districts of Manitoulin and Algoma in the respective years 1903 and 1904.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

MANITOULIN.

1903, \$1,779.96 for roads; 1904, \$2,150.46 for roads.

ALGOMA.

1903, \$6,393.88 for roads, \$1,770.32 for bridges; 1904, \$7,272.37 for roads, \$940.05 for bridges.

On motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Racine,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return of Copies of all correspondence, official or unofficial, reports and written memoranda of every kind passing between the Government or any Minister or officer thereof and any other person or corporation with respect to:—

(a) The granting of a permit for a tug owned by the Dominion Fish Company to fish on what is known as "the Lizard Island Preserve," during the season 1911, and copy of such permit.

(b) The granting of a permit or permits to any other body or person or corporation to fish upon the said Lizard Island Preserve during the season 1911 together with copies of such permits.

(c) The granting of permits to move the tugs of the Dominion Fish Company from one fishing ground to another, in either of the years 1909, 1910, 1911, with copies of such permits.

(d) The issue of permits permitting the removal of tugs or other fishing boats owned by persons or corporations other than the Dominion Fish Company from one fishing ground to another during the seasons 1909, 1910, 1911, with copies of such permits.

(e) The issue of a license to a Canadian-owned tug or boat to fish in waters of the Lizard Island Preserve in either of the seasons of 1911 or 1912, with copy of such license, if any.

(f) The issue of licenses or permits to use 5-lb. or 6-lb. nets on the said Lizard Island Preserve during the seasons of 1911 and 1912, with copies of such licenses or permits.

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 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

The House then adjourned at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

11.30 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 101), Respecting Vaccination and Inoculation, having been read,

Mr. Hanna moved

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. McQueen moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Marshall,

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "the Bill be not now read a third

time, but be forthwith re-committed to the Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend Section 12 thereof by striking out the first five lines thereof and substituting the following therefor:—

“In every municipality where smallpox exists, the council of the municipality may and in every case in which the Provincial Board of Health or the Local Board of Health, with the approval of the Provincial Board of Health, has, by reason of the existence of smallpox in the municipality or of the danger of its breaking out owing to the facility of communication with infected municipalities, so directed, the council of the municipality shall order.”

And a Debate having ensued, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until the next Sitting of the House To-day.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 98), Respecting Pounds.

Bill (No. 204), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.

Bill (No. 212), Respecting certain Lands under the Land Titles Act, where the Ores, Mines and Minerals have been reserved to the Crown.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 116), To amend the Registry Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid 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), To amend the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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. 173), To amend the Local Improvement Sections of the Municipal Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid 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. 41), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

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. McKeown 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 Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

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. McKeown 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. 184), To amend the Surrogate Courts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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. 69), To confirm By-law No. 775 of the Town of Sarnia, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 second reading of Bill (No. 220), The Municipal Act, 1912, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged.

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 a certain proposed Resolution respecting an increase in the emolument of Sheriffs.

Sir James 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 in lieu of the provisions made by Section 39 of The Sheriff's Act, where it appears by a return to the Lieutenant-Governor or to any department of the Government that in any year a sheriff not paid wholly or in part by salary, has derived from the fees and emoluments of his office, after deducting necessary disbursements, an income which does not exceed the sum of \$1,500.00, there may, on the report of the Inspector of Legal Offices, be paid to such Sheriff an amount sufficient to make up the income for a year to \$1,500.00 if the Lieutenant-Governor in Council so directs.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. McKeown reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That in lieu of the provisions made by Section 39 of The Sheriff's Act, where it appears by a return to the Lieutenant-Governor or to any department of the Government that in any year a sheriff not paid wholly or in part by salary, has derived from the fees and emoluments of his office, after deducting necessary disbursements, an income which does not exceed the sum of \$1,500.00, there may, on the report of the Inspector of Legal Offices, be paid to such Sheriff an amount sufficient to make up the income for a year to \$1,500.00 if the Lieutenant-Governor in Council so directs.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 195), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three P.M.

3 P. M.

Mr. Foy, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 172), To amend the Land Titles Act.

Bill (No. 137), To amend the Voters' Lists Act, and

Bill (No. 170), To amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 101), Respecting Vaccination and Inoculation, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And the amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Marshall	Richardson
Atkinson	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Bowman	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Clarke	McQueen	Racine	Studholme—18.
Elliott	Mageau		

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Beek	Galna	McKeown	Pyne
Bennewies	Gamey	McNaught	Rankin
Black	Grant	McPherson	Reaume
Brewster	Grigg	MacArthur	Regan
Brower	Hanna	Macdiarmid	Ross
Chambers	Hartt	Mahaffy	Scholfield
Charters	Hearst	Mason	Shillington
Cook	Hendrie	Matheson	Sulman
Crawford	Jamieson	Mathieu	Thompson
Dargavel	Jarvis	Morel	(Simcoe)
Devitt	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson (Peterborough)
Donovan	Johnson	Norman	Torrance
Duff	Lackner	Owens	Vrooman
Eilber	Lucas	Pattinson	Whitesides
Ferguson (Simcoe)	McCowan	Pratt	Whitney—66.
Foy	McCrea	Preston (Durham)	

The motion for the third reading having been then again put was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston
Beck	Galna	McKeown	(Lanark)
Bennewies	Gamey	McNaught	Pyne
Black	Grant	McPherson	Rankin
Brewster	Grigg	MacArthur	Reaume
Brower	Hanna	Macdiarmid	Regan
Chambers	Hartt	Mahaffy	Ross
Charters	Hearst	Mason	Scholfield
Cook	Hendrie	Matheson	Shillington
Crawford	Jamieson	Mathieu	Sulman
Dargavel	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Devitt	Jessop	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Donovan	Johnson	Norman	Thompson
Duff	Lackner	Owens	(Peterborough)
Eilber	Lucas	Pattinson	Torrance
Ferguson (Simcoe)	McCowan	Pratt	Vrooman
Foy	McCrea	Preston	Whitesides
		(Durham)	Whitney—66.

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Marshall	Richardson
Atkinson	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Bowman	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Clarke	McQueen	Raeme	Studholme—18.
Elliott	Mageau		

And the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 93), The Noxious Weeds Act, having been read,

Mr. Duff moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Anderson (Bruce) moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Munro,

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 so as to provide for the appointment of Provincial Inspectors to enforce the provisions of the Act in cases where the municipality does not appoint an Inspector under the provisions of the Act."

And the amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The motion for the third reading having been then again put was carried on a division, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 49), To incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William, having been read,

Mr. Jarvis moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Studholme moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

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 seven of the Bill as follows: After the word 'all' in the 4th line strike out the words 'school and municipal' and after the word 'for' in the fifth line insert the words 'school and' so that the section will read as follows:—

"'7. The buildings, lands and equipment of the said Corporation so long as and to the extent to which they are occupied by and used for the purpose of the said Corporation, are declared to be exempted from all taxation except for school and local improvement.'"

And the amendment having been put, was lost on a division.

The motion for the third reading having been then again put was carried and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 115), To aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, having been read,

Mr. Reaume moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Rowell moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

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 all the words in the ninth and following lines of section 11 thereof, and by adding thereto the following:—

"11a. Section 4 of the Highway Improvement Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "and out of the sums appropriated to the Province of Ontario for highway improvement by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada a further sum equal to one-third of the amount of said expenditure."'"

And the amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Elliott	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Evanturel	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair—17.
	McQueen		

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Beck	Foy	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Bennewies	Fraser	McKeown	Pyne
Black	Galua	McNaught	Rankin
Brewster	Gamey	MacArthur	Reaume
Brower	Gooderham	Macdiarmid	Regan
Chambers	Grant	Machin	Ross
Champagne	Grigg	Mahaffy	Scholfield
Charters	Hanna	Mason	Shillington
Cook	Hartt	Matheson	Studholme
Crawford	Hearst	Mathieu	Sulman
Dargavel	Hendrie	Morel	Thompson (Simcoe)
Devitt	Jamieson	Musgrove	Thompson (Peterborough)
Donovan	Jarvis	Nixon	Torrance
Duff	Johnson	Norman	Vrooman
Eilber	Lackner	Owens	Westbrook
Ellis	Lucas	Pattinson	Whitesides
Ferguson (Simcoe)	McCowan	Peck	Whitney—75.
	McCrear	Pratt	

The motion for the third reading having been again put,

Mr. Elliott moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

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 adding to section 11 the following words: 'But all municipalities shall receive the same proportionate payments from the said fund.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The motion for the third reading having been then again put was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Beck	Foy	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Bennewies	Fraser	McKeown	Pyne
Black	Galna	McNaught	Raukin
Brewster	Gamey	McPherson	Reaume
Brower	Gooderham	MacArthur	Regan
Chambers	Grant	Macdiarmid	Ross
Champagne	Grigg	Machin	Scholfield
Charters	Hanna	Mahaffy	Shillington
Cook	Hartt	Mason	Studholme
Crawford	Hearst	Matheson	Sulman
Dargavel	Hendrie	Mathieu	Thompson (Simcoe)
Devitt	Jamieson	Morel	Thompson (Peterborough)
Donovan	Jarvis	Musgrove	Torrance
Duff	Johnson	Nixon	Vrooman
Eilber	Lackner	Norman	Westbrook
Ellis	Lucas	Owens	Whitesides
Ferguson (Simcoe)	McCowan	Pattinson	Whitney—75.
	McCrea	Peck	
		Pratt	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Elliott	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Evanturel	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair—17.
	McQueen		

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, having been read,

Mr. Gooderham moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Studholme moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

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 as follows: That after the word 'York' in the 18th line of ss. 3 of section 4, there be added the words 'and Building Trades Council of Toronto,' and after the word 'Club' in the 23rd line of the same subsection, there be added the words 'The Metal Trades Council of Toronto.'"

And the amendment having been put, was lost on a division.

The motion for the third reading having been then again put was carried,

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited, 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. Eilber 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 third reading of Bill (No. 203), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario, 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. Ganey 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 third reading of Bill (No. 215), To create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming 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. Mahaffy 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. 111), Respecting the Public Health.

Bill (No. 197), Respecting the Ontario College of Art.

Bill (No. 211), To amend the School Laws.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

Bill (No. 145), Respecting the Estate of John Doran.

Bill (No. 45), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 180), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 19), To confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.

Bill (No. 58), To confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill (No. 175), Respecting Surveys and Plans of certain Land in certain Cities and their Suburbs.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), Respecting Purchases of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hilber 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 Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 133), To amend the Power Commission Act, having been read,

Mr. Beck moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Mayberry moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Anderson (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 forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by (a) striking out the words 'the Commission' wherever the same occur in the following sections sought to be added to *The Power Commission Act* by Section 7 of the Bill, namely subsections 22a, 22d, 22e, 22f, 22h, 22i, 22j, and substituting therefor in each case the words 'The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board'; (b) striking out of subsection 22c sought to be added to *The Power Commission Act* by section 7 of the Bill the following words after the word 'the' in the thirteenth line thereof, 'Commission may by general regulation or special order direct,' and substituting therefor the following: 'Municipal Council may by by-law direct.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 144), Respecting Granting Franchises by Municipal Councils, having been read,

Mr. Beck moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Marshall moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

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 3 thereof by adding thereto the following: '(4) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Council of a municipality from granting for a period not exceeding five years to any person, firm or company, not being a street or electric railway, light, heat or power company, and not being a company primarily engaged in the production of electric light, heat, power or steam, the right to use or occupy any of the highways of the municipality in so far as such use or occupation may be necessary for the disposal of any *bona fide* surplus of electric light, heat, power or steam produced in excess of their own requirements by any such person, firm or corporation; nor to any co-operative association supplying natural gas to its members and not otherwise vending the same.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 214). To express the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario to an extension of the Limits of the Province, having been read.

Sir James Whitney moved.

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Clarke.

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 of section 1 thereof, the words 'in the Act of the Parliament of Canada set forth,' where they occur in the fifth and sixth lines of the said section and by adding to the said section so amended, at the end thereof, the following words, 'upon the Parliament of Canada making provision for a re-adjustment of the debt allowance for the Province of Ontario on the same principle, and with the same terms and conditions as the debt allowance for the Province of Manitoba is re-adjusted under the terms of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, as Bill No. 118 of the Session of 1911-1912.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	McQueen	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Marshall	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Munro	Studholme—21.
		Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Beck	Fraser	McKeown	Peck
Bennewies	Galna	McNaught	Preston
Black	Gooderham	McPherson	(Durham)
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Preston
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	(Lanark)
Chambers	Hanna	Machin	Pyne
Champagne	Hartt	Mahaffy	Reaume
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Ross
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Scholfield
Dargavel	Jamieson	Milligan	Shillington
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Johnson	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Lackner	Nesbitt	Thompson
Eilber	Lennox	Nixon	(Peterborough)
Ellis	Lucas	Norman	Torrance
Ferguson	McCowan	Owens	Vrooman
(Simcoe)	McElroy	Pattinson	Westbrook
Ferguson			Whitesides
(Grenville)			Whitney—66.

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Foy	Sutherland

The Motion for the third reading, having been again put.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

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 as follows:—(a) By striking out of the said Bill, section 2 thereof; and (b) By striking out of the Schedule to the said Bill all the words, except the first word 'Schedule,' and substituting therefor the following: 'Commencing at the most northerly point of the westerly boundary of the Province of Ontario, as determined by the Canada (Ontario) Boundary Act, 1889, Chap. 28 of the Statutes of 1889 of the United Kingdom (the said westerly boundary being the easterly boundary of the Province of Manitoba) thence continuing due north along the same meridian to a point five miles north of the intersection of the Nelson River by the said meridian; thence north-easterly, following the course of the said Nelson River at a distance of five miles northerly therefrom to a point five miles easterly from the westerly shore of Hudson's Bay; thence easterly and southerly following the westerly shores of Hudson Bay and James' Bay at a distance therefrom of five miles easterly to the point where the northerly boundary of the Province of Ontario as established under the said Act intersects the shore of James' Bay; thence westerly along the said boundary as established by the said Act, to the place of commencement.'"

And the Amendment having been put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	McQueen	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Marshall	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Munro	Studholme—21.
		Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Beck	Fraser	McKeown	Peck
Bennewies	Galna	McNaught	Preston
Black	Gooderham	McPherson	(Durham)
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Preston
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	(Lanark)
Chambers	Hanna	Machin	Pyne
Champagne	Hartt	Mahaffy	Reaume
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Ross
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Scholfield
Dargavel	Jamieson	Milligan	Shillington
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Johnson	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Lackner	Nesbitt	Thompson
Eilber	Lennox	Nixon	(Peterborough)
Ellis	Lucas	Norman	Torrance
Ferguson	McCowan	Owens	Vrooman
(Simcoe)	McElroy	Pattinson	Westbrook
Ferguson			Whitesides
(Grenville)			Whitney—66.

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Foy	Sutherland

The Motion for the third reading having been again submitted, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Beck	Fraser	McKeown	Peck
Bennewies	Galna	McNaught	Preston
Black	Gooderham	McPherson	(Durham)
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Preston
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	(Lanark)
Chambers	Hanna	Machin	Pyne
Champagne	Hartt	Mahaffy	Reaume
Cook	Hearst	Mason	Ross
Crawford	Hendrie	Mathieu	Scholfield
Dargavel	Jamieson	Milligan	Shillington
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Johnson	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Lackner	Nesbitt	Thompson
Eilber	Lennox	Nixon	(Peterborough)
Ellis	Lucas	Norman	Torrance
Ferguson	McCowan	Owens	Vrooman
(Simcoe)	McElroy	Pattinson	Westbrook
Ferguson			Whitesides
(Grenville)			Whitney—66.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	McQueen	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Marshall	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Mayberry	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Munro	Studholme—21.
		Proudfoot	

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Matheson	MacKay
Foy	Sutherland

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 181), Respecting Municipal Electric Light and Power Works, having been read,

Mr. Beek moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

And the Motion, having been-put, was carried on a division.

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 218), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 221), To amend the Liquor License Act.

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 proceedings of the Twelfth Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction, 1912. (*Sessional Papers, No. 80.*)

Also—Report of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association, 1912. (*Sessional Papers, No. 81.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 14th February, 1912, for a Return of copies of all correspondence passing in the years 1905 and 1906 between the Attorney-General or any officer or official of his Department and Mr. J. W. Curry, K.C., Crown Attorney of the City of Toronto, or his successor, with reference to the prosecution of any alleged combines and all briefs, statements or other documents furnished by Mr. Curry to the Attorney-General or any officer or official of his Department with reference to any of the said alleged combines. (*Sessional Papers, No. 82.*)

The House then adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Thursday, April 11th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Kohler, the Petition of the County Council of Haldimand.

Mr. Marshall asked the following Question:—

1. What arrangement has been made with the Hon. Sir William Meredith with respect to his remuneration as Commissioner to report upon legislation respecting compensation for injuries to workmen.

2. What amount of money has so far been paid to the said the Hon. Sir William Meredith with respect to his work as such Commissioner.

3. What amount is yet to be paid to the said the Hon. Sir William Meredith with respect to his work as such Commissioner.

To which Sir James Whitney replied as follows:—

No arrangement was made with Sir William Meredith with respect to

his remuneration as Commissioner, and no money has been paid to him on account of or with respect to it.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hearst,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the borrowing of money for the purchasing of rights of licensees of Timber Limits.

Sir James 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 is authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of purchasing the rights of licensees of timber limits in any lands heretofore or hereafter set apart as a Provincial Park or Forest Reserve, and for other purposes necessarily incidental thereto.

Resolved, That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at a rate not exceeding four *per centum per annum*, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon.

Resolved, That all bonds and inscribed stock issued under the authority of this Act shall be free from all Provincial taxes, succession duty charges and impositions whatsoever.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to the issue herein authorized, and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of the one *per centum per annum*, on the amount of such debentures or stock, as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Brewster reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of purchasing the rights of licensees of timber limits in any lands heretofore or hereafter set apart as a Provincial Park or Forest Reserve, and for other purposes necessarily incidental thereto.

Resolved. That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at a rate not exceeding four *per centum per annum*, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon.

Resolved. That all bonds and inscribed stock issued under the authority of this Act shall be free from all Provincial taxes, succession duty charges and impositions whatsoever.

Resolved. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to the issue herein authorized, and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of the one *per centum per annum*, on the amount of such debentures or stock, as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 219), Respecting purchases of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 116), To amend The Registry Act.

Bill (No. 173), To amend the Local Improvement Sections of the Municipal Act.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 219), Respecting Purchases of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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), Respecting the purchase, sale and transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Torrance 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. 172), To amend the Land Titles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Brewster 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. 192), To amend the Ontario Medical Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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. 170), To amend the Voters' Lists Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at Three P.M.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 195), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912, 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 To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 221), To amend the Liquor License Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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 Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 162), Respecting Loan and Trust Corporations.

Bill (No. 169), Respecting Insurance.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 206), For raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

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. MacdIarmid 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. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Evanturel,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of (1) All correspondence passing between the Government or any Minister or official thereof or any commission under the Government or any official thereof and any other person or corporation with respect to the development of the Smoky Falls Water Power on the Sturgeon River for the benefit of the Town of North Bay.

On Motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Evanturel,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return shewing: 1. The quantity of pine timber cut at or near mileage 81 on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway during each of the seasons 1907-1908, 1908-1909, 1909-1910, 1910-1911, by the North Land Mining Company, Limited.

2. The price at which the said pine timber was sold to the said Company in each of the said seasons.

3. The names of the persons by whom the pine cut in each of the said seasons by the said Company was measured for the Government.

4. The names of the original incorporators of the said Company and the names of its shareholders and directors in each of the years 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911 and 1912.

On Motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Prondfoot,

Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any Minister or Official thereof with respect to the character, efficiency or teaching in the Schools in Simcoe, Stormont, Prescott, Russell and Glengarry Counties since January 1st, 1910. Of all orders, regulations, provisions or other means authorized or directed by the Government or any member or official thereof, to meet or in consequence of any of the said memorials, resolutions, affidavits, protests, charges or complaints.

The schools in the said Counties from which the Provincial grant was withheld in the years 1910 and 1911 respectively.

The reports or other evidence upon which grants were paid in 1911 to any schools in the said counties from which grants had been withheld in 1910.

Mr. Prondfoot moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That this House is of the opinion that the Government, having failed to carry into effect its pledge given upon the second reading of Bill (No. 220), of the Session of 1910, to introduce a Bill with respect to the Compensation of

Workmen for injuries incurred in the course of their occupation, and having sought to escape the carrying into effect of the said pledge by the appointment of a Commission, and having failed to see that the said Commission reported in time to have such a Bill enacted in the Session of 1912, the Government has failed to do justice to the workmen of this Province.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost upon the following division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Richardson
Atkinson	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Prondfoot	Studholme
Evanturel	Mageau	Racine	Sutherland—20.

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Black	Gabna	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Brewster	Gamey	McNaught	Pyne
Brower	Gooderham	McPherson	Rankin
Carscallen	Grant	MacArthur	Reanne
Chambers	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Regan
Charters	Hanna	Mahaffy	Ross
Cook	Hartt	Mason	Scholfield
Crawford	Hearst	Mathieu	Shillington
Dargavel	Hendrie	Milligan	Sulman
Devitt	Jarvis	Musgrove	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Jessop	Nesbitt	Thompson (Peterborough)
Dunlop	Johnson	Nixon	Torrance
Eilber	Lackner	Norman	Vrooman
Ellis	Lennox	Owens	Westbrook
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Pattinson	Whitesides
Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Peck	Whitney—71.
Foy	McCrea	Pratt	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay.
Champagne	Bowman.
McKeown	McQueen.

And so it was declared in the negative.

Mr. Rowell moved, seconded by Mr. Munro,

1. That this House desires to assert the right of the Members of the House to interrogate the Ministry on matters of public policy and administration in accordance with the Rules and procedure of the House "that asking questions is the modern method of supervising the general policy and administrative acts of the Ministry . . . and it is permissible to frame questions so as to draw from the Government statements of their intentions or plans as to matters of public concern.

2. And that this House protests against any encroachment upon this established right as subversive of one of the most important powers possessed by it for the protection of the public interest and tending to establish in the Legislature the uncontrolled rule of the Speaker in the place of the freedom of the individual member and the responsibility of the Ministry to the House.

3. That this House dissents from and respectfully protests against the direction of the Speaker that the following question should not be placed upon the Order Paper, the said direction being in contravention of the Rules of the House and is the first departure in this respect from the established usage of the House since Confederation. Unless over-ruled the said direction precludes the members of the House from enquiry of the Ministry in respect of the matters set forth in the said question:—

"1. Is the Minister aware that the Honourable J. J. Foy, Attorney-General in the present Government, on or about the 20th November, 1911, at Toronto, made the following statement with reference to Bi-lingual Schools, as reported in the *Mail and Empire* of November 21st, 1911: 'I desire to give my views on the question of the schools and to put them briefly and clearly. To avoid imperfect reporting I have written them down and will hand this to the Press. My views are that the British language should be thoroughly taught in our schools to every pupil by teachers fully competent to teach English.

" "That no other language should be taught in these schools.

" "That such is the law that should govern us. That there cannot lawfully be any Bi-lingual Schools in the Province of Ontario, and if any are found they must cease to exist, and care should be taken to make all schools conform to the law.

" 'I wish to add that this policy is not one that is in the slightest way unfriendly to any portion of the community, but, on the contrary, is in the interest and for the benefit of each one of the rising generation.

“ ‘It will remove what would otherwise be a drag on many a youth in the race of life, and enable him to fairly compete with his fellows on an equal footing.’

“ 2. If the Minister is aware that the said statement was made by the Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General, is it the intention of the Minister to act upon the opinion of the Attorney-General as above expressed.

“ 3. Is it the intention of the Minister of Education to introduce any legislation during the present session dealing with the question of English-French or Bi-lingual Schools.

“ 4. Is it the intention of the Minister to make any change in the existing regulations of the Department of Education in reference to English-French or Bi-lingual Schools.

“ 5. If it is the intention of the Minister to make any change, what change does the Minister intend to make.”

4. That this House further dissents from and respectfully protests against the direction of the Speaker that the following question should not be placed upon the Order Paper, the said direction being in contravention of the Rules of the House, and is the first departure in this respect from the established usage of the House since Confederation. Unless over-ruled the said direction precludes the members of the House from enquiry of the Ministry in respect of the matters set forth in the said question:—

“ 1. Was the Minister of Education, the Deputy-Minister of Education or the Superintendent of Education aware prior to the receipt of the report of Dr. F. W. Merchant on English-French Schools ‘That the English-French Schools are, on the whole, lacking in efficiency,’ and ‘That a large proportion of the children in the communities concerned leave school to meet the demands of life with an inadequate equipment in education,’ as appears from page 69 of the said report.

“ 2. Is it the intention of the Minister to take any action to increase the efficiency of the said schools.

“ 3. If so, what action does the Minister intend to take.”

5. This House further dissents from and respectfully protests against the direction of the Speaker that the following question should not be placed upon the Order Paper, the said direction being in contravention of the Rules of the House, and is the first departure in this respect from the established usage since Confederation. Unless over-ruled the said direction precludes members of the House from enquiry of the Ministry in respect of the matters set forth in the said question:—

" 1. Was the Minister of Education, the Deputy-Minister of Education or the Superintendent of Education aware, prior to the receipt of the report of Dr. F. W. Merchant on the condition of the English-French Schools in Ontario that the Catechism was being taught during school hours in the following Public Schools of the Province of Ontario or any of them, as appears from page 35 of the said report: Essex—Anderdon, No. 6; Anderdon, No. 8; Maidstone and Rochester, No. 1; Sandwich, East, No. 5; Sandwich, West, No. 6; Sandwich, West, No. 8; Sandwich, West, No. 9; Tilbury, North, No. 3. Prescott and Russell—Cambridge, No. 13; Plantagenet, North, No. 3. Districts—Appleby, No. 1; Badgerow, No. 2; Blezard, No. 3; Broder, No. 1; Caldwell, No. 1; Caldwell, No. 2; Caldwell, No. 4; Capreol, No. 1; Capreol, No. 2; Brerar and Gibbins, No. 1; Dunnett, No. 2; Dunnett, No. 3; Ferris, No. 3; Garson, No. 1; Hammer, No. 1; Jennings, No. 1; Kirkpatrick, No. 2; McKim, No. 4; McPherson, No. 1; Neelon, No. 1; Rayside, No. 4.

" 2. Is it the intention of the Minister of Education to take any action with reference to the teaching of the catechism in the said Public Schools.

" 3. If so, what action does the Minister intend to take."

6. And this House orders and directs that the three questions hereinbefore set forth be forthwith placed upon the Order Paper for reply.

And a Debate having ensued.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock midnight.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1912.

The Debate was continued.

And after some time,

Mr. Lucas moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Hearst.

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor "under the Rules and Procedure of this House questions put to Members must not put forward any debatable facts nor any matter that will involve opinion, argument or inference, nor can any fact be stated, nor any opinion or intention as to matters of Policy: nor should any question be put upon a matter which is not within the recognition of the House. That such Rules and procedure are the outcome of many years of experience and are necessary in order to conserve and protect the dignity of this House and the Members thereof and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, is to be deprecated and deserves the severest censure of this House."

Mr. Elliott moved in Amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot.

That all after the words "That" be struck out and the following added to the main motion "this House should safeguard the rights of the Members of this House to make all reasonable enquiries of the Ministry in accordance with the Rules and Precedents of this House."

At this point Mr. Speaker addressed the House in the words following:—

"May, 11th edit., p. 248, says that Ministers cannot be addressed by question for an expression of their opinion upon matters of policy.

In the British Hansard there are many rulings by Speakers in accordance with the above deliverance. Among them may be quoted the following:—

3 Han., Volume 266, p. 380.

Mr. Sexton—I would like to ask the President of the Board of Trade whether he was consulted by his colleagues in the appointment of this gentleman?

Mr. Speaker—The hon. member in asking for an opinion is clearly out of order.

3 Han., Volume 262, p. 18.

In this case a Member had in a question put *viva voce* made statements in which he had attributed certain murders to the Land League. He was called to order by Mr. T. P. O'Connor who asked whether it was in order to attribute to the Land League organization responsibility for outrages which the League repudiates and which was at any rate a matter for discussion?

Mr. Speaker—If the Hon. Gentleman had placed on the paper in the ordinary way the terms of the question he proposed to submit I should have considered it my duty to strike out such an expression of opinion.

3 Han., Volume 247, p. 430.

Sir J. Goldsmid—Will the Hon. Gentleman say why the Government asked the Khedive to resign?

Mr. Speaker—I must point out to the Hon. Baronet that he is now asking for the opinion of the Government which goes beyond the limits of the question.

3 Han., Volume 243, p. 198.

Lord Robert Montagu—I would ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer if he does not think such an interpretation of the words quoted is inconsistent with those other words quoted by Sir Nevill Chamberlain?

Mr. Speaker remarked that the noble lord was not entitled to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer for an expression of opinion on this point.

3 Han., Volume 234, p. 498.

Mr. Sullivan had put a long question asking the intentions of the Government as to Egypt.

Mr. Speaker said—A question of that character should be submitted to the House in the form of a motion as it involves matters of argument and debate.

3 Han., Volume 203, p. 242—Object of the rules to exclude matters of opinion.

In giving a ruling on a complicated question the Speaker said:—It is perfectly true that the rules of the House have been made for the purpose of excluding from questions matters of opinion and argument which are fit for debate.

4 Han., Volume 9, p. 1620—Conveying information under Cover of Question.

Colonel Nolan asked why the Speaker had ruled off the paper certain questions which named the old rates the railways charged and the new rates.

The Speaker said the purpose of a question is to ask for information and not to supply it to the House.

MR. MARSHALL'S QUESTION.

This question can clearly be ruled off the Order Paper under the following decision of Mr. Speaker Brand:—

3 Han., Volume 228, p. 1757.

Mr. Charles Lewis gave notice that he would question the Right Hon. Member for the University of London as to the correctness of the report in the *Daily Telegraph* of words used by him at a Liberal banquet at East Bedford with reference to the Royal Titles Bill and would ask further questions arising therefrom.

Mr. Speaker—I think it right to state to the House that the question of which the Hon. Member has given notice refers to matters which passed outside the walls of this House and does not relate to any Bill or Motion before

the House and that therefore it is a question which according to the Rules of this House cannot be put.”

The Amendment to the Amendment, having been then put, was lost upon the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Proudfoot	Studholme—20.

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McElroy	Preston (Lanark)
Black	Galna	McGarry	Pyne
Brewster	Gooderham	McNaught	Rankin
Brower	Grant	McPherson	Reaume
Carscallen	Grigg	MacArthur	Regan
Chambers	Hanna	Macdiarmid	Ross
Cook	Hartt	Mahaffy	Scholfield
Crawford	Hearst	Mason	Shillington
Dargavel	Hendrie	Milligan	Sulman
Devitt	Jamieson	Musgrove	Thompson (Simcoe)
Duff	Jarvis	Neshitt	Thompson (Peterborough)
Dunlop	Jessop	Nixon	Torrance
Eilber	Johnson	Norman	Vrooman
Ellis	Lackner	Owens	Westbrook
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lennox	Pattinson	Whitesides
Ferguson (Grenville)	Lucas	Peck	Whitney—69.
Fox	McCowan	Pratt	
	McCrea	Preston (Durham)	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Champagne	McQueen
Bennewies	Sutherland.

The Amendment, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Black	Galna	McNaught	Pyne
Brewster	Gooderham	McPherson	Rankin
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Reaume
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Regan
Chambers	Hanna	Mahaffy	Ross
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	McCrea		
	McElroy		

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Proudfoot	Stndholme—20.

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	Mackay.
Champagne	McQueen.
Bennewies	Sutherland.

The original Motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Black	Galna	McNaught	Pyne
Brewster	Gooderham	McPherson	Rankin
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Reaume
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Regan
Chambers	Hanna	Mahaffy	Ross
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	McCrea		
	McElroy		

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Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McDonald	Prondfoot	Stndholme—20.

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	Mackay.
Charopagne	McQueen.
Bennewies	Sutherland.

And it was

Resolved, That under the Rules and procedure of this House Questions put to Members must not put forward any debatable facts, nor any matter that will involve opinion, argument or inference, nor can any fact be stated, nor any opinion or intention as to matters of policy; nor should any question be put upon a matter which is not within the recognition of the House. That such Rules and procedure are the outcome of many years of experience and are necessary in order to conserve and protect the dignity of this House and the Members thereof and any departure therefrom or violation thereof is to be deprecated and deserves the severest censure of this House.

Mr. Harna presented to the House by Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor, for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Labour for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 15.)

Also—Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 47.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 48.)

The House then adjourned at 1 a.m.

Friday, April 12th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the County Council of Haldimand, praying that the law respecting enquiries into accidents on Railways may be so amended as to render the Companies liable for a fair proportion of the Expenses.

Mr. Charters, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines for the year 1911.
(*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 8.*)

Report on Highway Improvement in Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 14.*)

Report of the Bureau of Labour for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

Report of the Secretary and Registrar for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 18.*)

Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts in Ontario for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 27.*)

Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 28.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 29.*)

Report of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 31.*)

Report of the Fruit Growers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Report of the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

Report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 34.*)

Report of the Ontario Corn Growers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35.*)

Report of the Entomological Society for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 36.*)

Report of the Bee-Keepers' Association for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

Reports of the Dairymen's Associations for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 38.*)

Report of the Horticultural Societies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

Report of the Bureau of Industries for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Reports of the Inspectors of Factories for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

Third and Fourth Reports of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 47.*)

Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 48.*)

Report of the Bureau of Archives for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 50.*)

Evans' Report of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Commission, 1909-1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 52.*)

Auditor's Statement under Audit Act for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 53.*)

Return of correspondence *re* Boundary between Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

Return *re* extension of T. & N. O. Railway into new territory of Province. (*Sessional Papers, No. 59.*)

Interim Report on operation of "Employers Liability Act" and "Workmen's Compensation Act" in other countries. (*Sessional Papers, No. 65.*)

Report of the proceedings of the Twelfth Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction. (*Sessional Papers, No. 80.*)

Report of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association. (*Sessional Papers, No. 81.*)

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:—

Copy of an Order-in-Council increasing commutation paid to His Honour A. D. Hardy, Judge of the County Court of Brant. (*Sessional Papers, No. 63.*)

Return *re* Sale of Timber Limits, their size, etc., etc., since 1905. (*Sessional Papers, No. 79.*)

Return of correspondence *re* prosecution of alleged Combines. (*Sessional Papers, No. 82.*)

Your Committee recommend that in future more copies of such Acts as The Consolidated Municipal Act, Drainage Act and Assessment Acts be printed.

Also that a further edition of Consolidated Municipal Acts be printed, as the supply has become exhausted.

Also that 10,000 copies of the Consolidated Acts relating to the various Telephone Acts be printed, as follows:—

“The Ontario Telephone Act,” extract from the “Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, 1911,” article on the Rural Telephone Systems, by Francis Dagger, *re* systems now operating under “The Local Municipal Telephone Act, 1908.”

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Committee on Printing.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 215), To create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming, 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. McKeown 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 third reading of Bill (No. 172), To amend The Land Titles Act, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to embody the provisions of the Bill with those of Bill (No. 158), To amend the Land Titles Act.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had embodied the Bill as directed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 158), To amend the Land Titles Act.

Bill (No. 192), To amend the Ontario Medical Act.

Bill (No. 219), Respecting the purchase of Timber Licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 195), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McGarry 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 third reading of Bill (No. 206), For raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, having been read,

Mr. Lucas moved.

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

That all the words in the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"in the opinion of this House the placing at the disposal of the Executive of so large a sum as \$5,000,000 without a vote of this House appropriating the same to particular works, is contrary to our constitutional usages; subversive of the right of the people through their representatives in Legislative Assembly assembled to control and direct the expenditure of public moneys; in contravention of the accepted principle of voting supply for the ensuing year only, and is inimical to the best interests of this Province,

"And that the Bill be not now read a third time, but be forthwith re-committed to the Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by (a) striking out of subsection (c) of section 1 the words 'Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem expedient,' and by adding in lieu thereof the following 'Legislative Assembly may hereafter authorize,' and (b) striking out sections 6, 8, 9 and 10 thereof and by adding to the Bill so amended the following: 'The proceeds of the loan heretofore authorized shall be expended for such of the purposes hereinbefore set forth as the Legislative Assembly may from time to time appropriate the whole or any portion of such proceeds.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Kohler	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	McCormick	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—20

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Foy	McElroy	Preston (Durham)
Bennewies	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Black	Galna	McKeown	Pyne
Brewster	Gamcy	McNaught	Rankin
Brower	Godfrey	McPherson	Reaume
Carscallen	Grant	MacArthur	Regan
Chambers	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Scholfield
Charters	Hanna	Machin	Shillington
Crawford	Hartt	Mahaffy	Studholme
Dargavel	Hearst	Mason	Sulman
Devitt	Jamieson	Matheson	Thompson
Dunlop	Jarvis	Morel	(Simcoe)
Eilber	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson (Peterboro)
Ellis	Lackner	Norman	Vrooman
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lennox	Owens	Westbrook
Ferguson (Grenville)	Lucas	Pattinson	Whitesides
	McCowan	Peck	Whitney—68.
	McCrea	Pratt	

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Hendrie	MacKay
Champagne	Evanturel

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

That all the words in the Motion after the first word " That " be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

" In the opinion of this House the immense resources and possibilities of Northern and North Western Ontario, the contemplated expenditure on the development thereof of \$5,000,000 and the great importance to the Province as a whole of the speedy opening up and settlement of that portion of our territory, require the creation of a separate department of the Government, with a Minister at its head, whose duty it shall be to devote his whole time to devising and putting into effect ways and means of opening up and developing Northern and North Western Ontario.

"And that the Bill be not now read a third time, but be forthwith re-committed to the Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out sections 5, 6, 8 and 9 thereof, and by substituting in lieu of the said sections so struck out provision for the creation of a new

Department of the Government to be known as the Department of Immigration and Colonization, which shall have charge of all matters relating to the settlement and development of Northern and North Western Ontario; the said Department to be presided over by a Minister of the Crown, who shall devote his whole time and energies to this work and, among other things, to the encouraging of settlement, the building of roads, ensuring other necessary transportation facilities, providing drainage requirements, assisting pioneer settlers, giving special assistance to pioneer schools, and the other matters set forth in section 1 of the Act."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Kohler	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	McCormick	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—20

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Bennewies	Galna	McKeown	Pyne
Black	Gamey	McNaught	Rankin
Brewster	Godfrey	McPherson	Reaume
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Regan
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Ross
Chambers	Hanna	Machin	Scholfield
Charters	Hartt	Mahaffy	Shillington
Crawford	Hearst	Mason	Studholme
Dargavel	Jannieson	Matheson	Sulman
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Jessop	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Johnson	Norman	Thompson
Eilber	Lackner	Owens	(Peterboro)
Ellis	Lennox	Pratt	Vrooman
Ferguson	Lucas	Pattinson	Westbrook
(Simcoe)	McCowan	Peck	Whitesides
Ferguson	McCrea	Preston	Whitney—71.
(Grenville)	McElroy	(Durham)	
Foy			

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Hendrie	MacKay
Champagne	Evanturel

The motion for the third reading having been again submitted, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston (Lanark)
Bennewies	Galna	McKeown	Pyne
Black	Gamey	McNaught	Rankin
Brewster	Godfrey	McPherson	Reaume
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Regan
Carscallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Ross
Chambers	Hauna	Machin	Scholfield
Charters	Hartt	Mahaffy	Shillington
Crawford	Hearst	Mason	Studholme
Dargavel	Jamieson	Matheson	Sulman
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Jessop	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Johnson	Norman	Thompson
Eilber	Lackner	Owens	(Peterboro)
Ellis	Lennox	Pattinson	Vrooman
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Peck	Westbrook
Ferguson (Grenville)	McCowan	Pratt	Whitesides
Foy	McCrea	Preston (Durham)	Whitney—71.
	McElroy		

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Mageau	Racine
Atkinson	Kohler	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	McCormick	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McQueen	Proudfoot	Sutherland—20

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Hendrie	MacKay
Champagne	Evanturel

And the Bill was thereupon read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 221), To amend the Liquor License Act, having been read,

Mr. Hanna moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McDonald.

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 adding thereto the following section:—

"Subsection 2 of section 28 of an Act to amend the Liquor License Laws, passed in the 6th year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, chaptered 47, as amended by section 46 of an Act to amend the Liquor License Act, passed in the 9th year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, chaptered 82, is amended by adding thereto the following words: "Provided, however, that no such Club-license shall be issued to any society, association or club existing or located within any municipality in which a by-law passed under subsection 1 of section 141 of the Liquor License Act is in force."'"

Mr. Macdonald moved in Amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Thompson (Simcoe),

That all the words of the Amendment after the first word "That" be struck out, and that the following words be added to the original motion:

"And this House approves the policy pursued by the Government in discouraging the issue of Club and Wholesale Licenses in Local Option districts, and accepts with satisfaction the assurance that this policy will be continued."

And the Amendment to the Amendment having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Fraser	McGarry	Preston
Bennewies	Galna	McKeown	(Lanark)
Black	Gamey	McNaught	Pyne
Brewster	Godfrey	McPherson	Rankin
Brower	Grant	MacArthur	Reanme
Carseallen	Grigg	Macdiarmid	Regan
Chambers	Hanna	Machin	Ross
Charters	Hartt	Mahaffy	Scholfield
Crawford	Hearst	Mason	Shillington
Dargavel	Jamieson	Matheson	Suhman
Devitt	Jarvis	Morel	Thompson
Duff	Jessop	Musgrove	(Simcoe)
Dunlop	Johnson	Norman	Thompson
Eilber	Lackner	Owens	(Peterboro)
Ellis	Lennox	Pattinson	Vrooman
Ferguson	Lucas	Peck	Westbrook
(Simcoe)	McCowan	Pratt	Whitesides
Ferguson	McCrea	Preston	Whitney—70.
(Grenville)	McElroy	(Durham)	
Foy			

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Ferguson (Kent)	Magean	Racine
Atkinson	Kohler	Marshall	Richardson
Bowman	McCormick	Mayberry	Rowell
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sinclair
Elliott	McQueen	Prondfoot	Stidholme
			Sutherland—21.

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Hendrie	MacKay
Champagne	Evanturel

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and it was

Resolved, That this House approves the policy pursued by the Government in discouraging the issue of Club and Wholesale Licenses in Local Option districts, and accepts with satisfaction the assurance that this policy will be continued.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 143), To amend the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, having been read,

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

Mr. Anderson (Bruce) moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Kent),

That this House doth order and direct that in each Session the Reports for the preceding year of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission be presented to the House at the same time as the Public Accounts are brought down for the same year, or if this be not possible before the House is called upon to vote supply.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

And it being One of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Three P.M.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 188), Allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting, having been read,

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), To amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber 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. Brewster moved, seconded by Mr. Donovan,

Resolved, That this House emphatically protests against the unjust and partizan action of the Senate in rejecting the Bill passed by the House of Commons for granting a subsidy amounting to nearly two millions of dollars in aid of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Mr. Proudfoot moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

"this House is of the opinion that subsidies should be granted by the Parliament of Canada to Provincial Government Railways under the same circumstances and upon the same conditions as subsidies are granted to railway corporations.

This House approves of the action of the Liberal Government of this Province in applying to the Government of Canada for a subsidy to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway when the construction of the said railway was undertaken by this Province, and the action of the present Government continuing said application; and this House regrets, that when the question of a subsidy for the said railway came before the Senate of Canada for consideration at the Session just closed, it does not appear to have been drawn to the attention of the Senate that a subsidy was applied for by the Government of this Province when the construction of the said railway was undertaken and before the first section thereof had been completed and the matter appears

to have been considered in the Senate simply on the basis of an application for a subsidy for a railway, the construction of which had already been completed and which was now being operated at a profit.

This House is further of the opinion that the said subsidy so applied for should be granted to this Province, the proceeds to be used in continuing the construction of the railway and the necessary branches thereof for the opening up and development of Northern Ontario.

This House is further of the opinion that the objection to the granting of the said subsidy would be largely removed if it were agreed by the Province that the proceeds should be devoted to the extension of the said railway, and that the rates of the said railway should be subject to the regulation and control of the Dominion Railway Board on the same basis as those of other railway corporations in Canada; and that this House should consent to the proceeds being so applied and to the rates upon the said railway being made subject to the approval and control of the Dominion Railway Board, thereby protecting shippers and settlers from inequitable rates.

This House requests the Government to renew the said application for the said subsidy upon the conditions above set forth."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The original Motion, having been then again put, was carried on a division, and it was

Resolved, That this House emphatically protests against the unjust and partizan action of the Senate in rejecting the Bill passed by the House of Commons for granting a subsidy amounting to nearly two millions of dollars in aid of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Mr. Grigg moved, seconded by Mr. Dargavel,

That this House is of the opinion that a thorough system of good roads in this Province would increase the value of farm lands, lessen the cost of transportation, improve marketing facilities, increase the comfort and convenience of farm life, and greatly promote the general progress and prosperity of the Province.

That this House learned with satisfaction of the proposals of the Government of Canada to contribute out of its revenue towards the establishment of good roads in the several Provinces of Canada.

That this House now learns with indignation and deep regret that, although that policy was approved by the electorate at the last General Election, and

by a large majority of the peoples' representatives in the House of Commons, the popular will has been overridden by the partizan action of the Senate, and Ontario has been deprived of her share of the \$1,000,000 proposed to be expended during the present financial year, which would have amounted to at least \$351,000 and of the benefit which would have flowed from the expenditure of that sum on highway improvement.

Mr. Sinclair moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

That all the words in the Motion after the word "That" in the 9th line thereof be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "in view of the fact that the title to the highways of this Province is vested in the Crown as represented by this Province, this House is of the opinion that the public interests demand that the Province and the Municipalities should retain exclusive jurisdiction and control over the construction, repair and maintenance of the highways of the Province; and that all sums voted by the Parliament of Canada to aid in the construction of highways should be paid over to the Province and expended by it as part of its general policy for securing a thorough system of good roads throughout the Province; and this House therefore does not object to the amendment made to 'the Act to encourage and assist the improvement of Highways' by striking out the 6th section thereof, which read as follows:—

6. The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council and upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by Order in Council, may undertake the construction of any new highway or the improvement of any existing highway in any Province and may expend in such improvement or construction the whole or any part of the sums voted by Parliament for such subsidy to that Province. Provided, however, that the Minister shall first obtain the necessary authority from the Legislature of such Province and the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

This House is further of the opinion that all grants made to the several Provinces should be on a fixed basis, as admitted by the Prime Minister of Canada, and that the basis of population provides a reasonable and fair fixed basis. This House therefore approves of the amendment made to Section 3 of the Highway Improvement Act as follows:—

The sum of money voted in any year to be expended under this Act shall be apportioned among, and paid to the several Provinces of the Dominion in proportion to the respective populations of such provinces, as shown by the next preceding census.

This House regrets that the 'Government of Canada' declined to accept the amendments so made, which in no way impaired the principle of the bill or interfered with its beneficial operation; and this House is of the opinion that if this Province fails to receive the benefit of the proposed legislation it

will be due to the insistence by the 'Government of Canada' upon the retention of section 6 in the said Act and their refusal to concur in the amendment to clause 3 as above indicated, contrary to the best interests of the people of this Province."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Mageau	Richardson
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Sinclair
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	McQueen	Racine	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Essex)	Ferguson (Grenville)	McCrea	Preston (Durham)
Black	Foy	McElroy	Preston (Lanark)
Brewster	Fraser	McGarry	Pyne
Brower	Galna	McKeown	Rankin
Carscallen	Gamey	McNaught	Reaume
Chambers	Gooderham	MacArthur	Regan
Charters	Grant	Macdiarmid	Ross
Cook	Grigg	McChin	Scholfield
Crawford	Hanna	Mahaffy	Shillington
Dargavel	Hartt	Mason	Sindholme
Devitt	Hearst	Milligan	Sulman
Donovan	Hendrie	Morel	Thompson (Peterboro)
Duff	Jarvis	Musgrove	Torrance
Dunlop	Jessop	Nesbitt	Vrooman
Eilber	Lackner	Nixon	Westbrook
Ellis	Lennox	Norman	Whitesides
Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	Whitney—71.
	McCowan	Pattinson	
		Peck	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Matheson	MacKay
Jamieson	Proudfoot
Champagne	McDonald

And the Main Motion, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Foy	McGarry	Preston
Black	Fraser	McKeown	(Lanark)
Brewster	Galua	McNaught	Fyne
Brower	Gamey	MacArthur	Rankin
Carscallen	Gooderham	Macdiarmid	Reaume
Chambers	Grant	Machin	Regau
Charters	Grigg	Mahaffy	Ross
Cook	Hanna	Mason	Scholfield
Crawford	Hartt	Milligan	Shillington
Dargavel	Hearst	Morel	Studholme
Devitt	Hendrie	Musgrove	Sulman
Donovan	Jarvis	Nesbitt	Thompson
Duff	Jessop	Nixon	(Peterboro)
Dunlop	Lackner	Norman	Torrance
Eilber	Lennox	Owens	Vrooman
Ellis	Lucas	Pattinson	Westbrook
Ferguson	McCowan	Peck	Whitesides
(Simcoe)	McCrea	Preston	Whitney—71.
Ferguson (Grenville)	McElroy	(Durham)	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Mageau	Richardson
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Sinclair
Clarke	McCormick	Munro	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	McQueen	Racine	

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Matheson	MacKay
Jamieson	Proudfoot
Champagne	McDonald

And it was

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that a thorough system of good roads in this Province would increase the value of farm lands, lessen the cost of transportation, improve marketing facilities, increase the comfort and convenience of farm life, and greatly promote the general progress and prosperity of the Province.

That this House learned with satisfaction of the proposals of the Government of Canada to contribute out of its revenue towards the establishment of good roads in the several Provinces of Canada.

That this House now learns with indignation and deep regret that, although that policy was approved by the electorate at the last General Election, and by a large majority of the peoples' representatives in the House of Commons, the popular will has been overridden by the partizan action of the Senate and Ontario has been deprived of her share of the \$1,000,000 proposed to be expended during the present financial year, which would have amounted to at least \$351,000 and of the benefit which would have flowed from the expenditure of that sum on highway improvement.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 170), To amend the Voters' Lists Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to embody the provisions of the Bill with those of Bill (No. 137), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lennox reported, That the Committee had embodied the Bill as directed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 157), To amend the Landlord and Tenants Act.

Bill (No. 137), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The One hundred and eighty-sixth Resolution, respecting the expenses of new Government House, having been again read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Marshall moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in but be forthwith re-committed to the Committee of Supply with instructions to strike out the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Resolution was then concurred in, on a division.

The Two hundred and sixty-second Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Public Works, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Two hundred and sixty-fifth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Sixteenth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Miscellaneous Administration of Justice, having been read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Elliott moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be re-committed to the Committee of Supply with instructions to reduce the same by the sum of \$30,000, being the sum appropriated to defray the expenses of the Commission for the Revision of the Statute Law.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Resolution was then concurred in, on a division.

The Eighteenth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Public and Separate School Education, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Fifty-eighth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Forestry, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Sixty-ninth Resolution, respecting the expenses of Colonization and Immigration, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Seventy-third Resolution, respecting the expenses of New Government House, having been again read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Marshall,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be re-committed to the Committee of Supply with instructions to reduce the same by the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

And the Motion having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Anderson	Evanturel	Mageau	Richardson
(Bruce)	Ferguson	Marshall	Rowell
Atkinson	(Kent)	Mayberry	Sinclair
Bowman	Kohler	Munro	Sutherland—19.
Clarke	McDonald	Racine	
Elliott	McQueen		

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Foy	McNaught	Pyne
Bennewies	Fraser	McPherson	Rankin
Black	Galna	MacArthur	Reaume
Brower	Gamey	Macdiarmid	Regan
Carscallen	Gooderham	Machin	Ross
Chambers	Grant	Milligan	Scholfield
Cook	Hanna	Morel	Shillington
Crawford	Hartt	Musgrove	Studholme
Dargavel	Hearst	Nesbitt	Sulman
Devitt	Hendrie	Norman	Thompson
Donovan	Jessop	Owens	(Peterboro)
Duff	Lennox	Pattinson	Torrance
Dunlop	Lucas	Peck	Vrooman
Eilber	McCowan	Preston	Westbrook
Ferguson	McCrea	(Durham)	Whitesides
(Simcoe)	McElroy	Preston	Whitney—63
Ferguson	McGarry	(Lanark)	
(Grenville)			

PAIRS.

Messieurs :

Matheson	MacKay
Jamieson	Proudfoot
Champagne	McCormick

The Resolution was then concurred in on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Anderson (Essex)	Foy	McNaught	Pyne
Bennewies	Fraser	McPherson	Rankin
Black	Galna	MacArthur	Reaume
Brower	Gamey	Macdiarmid	Regan
Carscallen	Gooderham	Machin	Ross
Chambers	Grant	Milligan	Scholfield
Cook	Hanna	Morel	Shillington
Crawford	Hartt	Musgrove	Studholme
Dargavel	Hearst	Nesbitt	Sulman
Devitt	Hendrie	Norman	Thompson
Donovan	Jessop	Owens	(Peterboro)
Duff	Lennox	Pattinson	Torrance
Dunlop	Lucas	Peck	Vrooman
Eilber	McCowan	Preston	Westbrook
Ferguson	McCrea	(Durham)	Whitesides
(Simcoe)	McElroy	Preston	Whitney—63
Ferguson	McGarry	(Lanark)	
(Grenville)			

 NAYS.

Messieurs:

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Mageau	Richardson
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Sinclair
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	McQueen	Racine	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

MacKay	MacKay
Proudfoot	Proudfoot
McCormick	McCormick

The Eighty-first Resolution respecting Colonization Roads, having been again read was concurred in.

The Eighty-ninth Resolution respecting Miscellaneous Expenses, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and means, having been read.

Mr. Lucas moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That all the words after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "this House, in view of the decision of the Government to appoint Counsel to represent this Province on the argument before the Supreme Court and the Privy Council of the question of the power of the Parliament of Canada to enact in whole or in part Bill No. 3 of the First Session of the 12th Parliament intituled "An Act to Amend the Marriage Act" and commonly known as "The Lancaster Bill" is of opinion that in view of the importance of a uniform marriage law for the whole of the Dominion of Canada, the Government should instruct Counsel for this Province to support the view that the Parliament of Canada has power to enact a bill declaring the validity of all marriages celebrated throughout the Dominion of Canada."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:

YEAS.

Messieurs.

Anderson (Bruce)	Evanturel	Magean	Richardson
Atkinson	Ferguson (Kent)	Marshall	Rowell
Bowman	Kohler	Mayberry	Sinclair
Clarke	McDonald	Munro	Sutherland—19.
Elliott	McQueen	Racine	

NAYS.

Messieurs.

Anderson (Essex)	Foy	McKeown	Preston (Lanark)
Bennewies	Fraser	McNaught	Pyne
Black	Galua	McPherson	Rankin
Brewster	Gamey	MacArthur	Reaume
Brower	Gooderham	Macdiarmid	Regan
Carscallen	Grant	Mahaffy	Ross
Chambers	Grigg	Mason	Scholfield
Cook	Hanna	Milligan	Shillington
Crawford	Hartt	Morel	Sulman
Dargavel	Hearst	Musgrove	Thompson (Peterboro)
Devitt	Hendrie	Nesbitt	Torrance
Duff	Jamieson	Nixon	Vrooman
Dunlop	Lucas	Norman	Westbrook
Eilber	McCowan	Owens	Whitesides
Ferguson	McCrea	Pattinson	Whitney—65.
Ferguson (Simcoe)	McElroy	Peck	
Ferguson (Grenville)	McGarry	Preston (Durham)	

PAIRS.

Messieurs.

Matheson	MacKay.
Ellis	Proudfoot.
Champagne	McCormick

The Original Motion having been then again put, was carried.

And the House accordingly 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 Thirteen millions six hundred and eighty-seven thousand three hundred and forty-one dollars and nine cents (\$13,687,341.09) to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Macdiarmid reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Macdiarmid, 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 Thirteen millions six hundred and eighty-seven thousand three hundred and forty-one dollars and nine cents (\$13,687,341.09) 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. 222). intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, One thousand nine hundred and twelve, and for the year ending 31st day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes therein mentioned.” Mr. Lucas.

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.

On Motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of (a) All memorials, resolutions, letters or other written memoranda received by the Government or any Minister or official thereof since the 1st day of January, 1910, from any individual, public officer or organization with respect to the increase of the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario or with respect to the changes in the constitution of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario provided for in sections 1 to 19 inclusive, of The Law Reform Act, 1909.

(b) Copies of all letters or written memoranda from the Government or any Minister or Official thereof to any individual, public officer, or organization with respect to the said two subject matters, or either of them, since the said date.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House:—

Return to an Order of the House of the 9th April, 1912, for a Return of copies of (1) All correspondence between the Government or any Minister or Officer thereof and any person, association, board or organization whatsoever, between the 1st day of July, 1911, and the present date; and also (2) All protests, resolutions, objections or written statements of any kind whatsoever received by the Government or any Minister or Officer thereof, between the said dates with respect to: (a) The conduct of one S. J. Dempsey, in his official capacity as Police Magistrate or as Crown Lands Agent; (b) The participation of the said S. J. Dempsey in the Federal Election contest in South Renfrew; (c) The participation of the said S. J. Dempsey in the Provincial Election contests held in December, 1911. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 83.)

The House then adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 195). The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown 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 second reading of Bill (No. 216), to amend the Law Reform Act, 1909, having been read,

Mr. Elliott 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 Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 182), to amend the Law Reform Act having been read,

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

On motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Dr. Reaume, it was

Resolved, That the Select Committee to which Bills 117 and 118, to amend the Assessment Act, were referred be composed as follows:—Sir James Whitney and Messieurs Foy, Matheson, Brower, Charters, Eilber, Ellis, Ferguson (Simcoe), Dunlop, Hearst, Jamieson, Lucas, Morel, Mu-grove, McNaught, Norman, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Ross, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance, Mahaffy, Hanna, Rowell, Elliott, Mayberry, Racine, Atkinson, Ferguson (Kent), and Marshall.

And that the said Select Committee be authorized and instructed to meet during the coming Recess and devote such time, as in their judgment may seem meet, to the consideration of such Bills and such other Amendments to the Assessment Law as may seem desirable, and make their recommendations with reference thereto, in a Report to this House to be presented at the ensuing Session. Said Committee to be called together by the Chairman of the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts presented their Report which was read. (*Appendix No. 1.*)

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

Resolved, That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to Messieurs Matheson, Mackay and Rankin, absent on account of illness, and to any other of the Members who were unavoidably absent for the same reason.

The Order of the Day for the House to again resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 174), respecting the purchase, sale and transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk, having been read,

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

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

Resolved, That when this House adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Twelve of the Clock, noon, of Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of April instant.

The House then adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16th, 1912.

PRAYERS.

12 O'CLOCK NOON.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Acts that had passed severally as follows:—

2. An Act for raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3. An Act to express the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario to an extension of the limits of the Province.

4. An Act to amend the Voters' Lists Act.

5. An Act respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to report upon certain Territory.

6. An Act to amend the Forest Reserves Act.

7. An Act respecting purchases of timber licenses in Provincial Parks and Forest Reserves.

8. An Act to amend the Mining Act.

9. An Act to amend the Act to encourage the Refining of Metals in Ontario.

10. An Act respecting certain lands under the Land Titles Act where ores, mines and minerals have been reserved to the Crown.

11. An Act to amend the Act to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

12. An Act respecting Aid from the Dominion of Canada for Highway Construction.

13. An Act to amend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Act.

14. An Act to amend the Power Commission Act.

15. An Act respecting aid from the Dominion of Canada for Agricultural Purposes.

16. An Act to amend the Algonquin National Park Act.

17. The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1912.

18. An Act to amend the Privy Councils Appeals Act.

19. An Act to amend the County Judges Act.

20. An Act to amend the Surrogate Courts Act.

21. An Act to create the Territorial and Provisional Judicial District of Temiskaming.

22. An Act to alter the limits of the Districts of Sudbury and Nipissing.

23. An Act to amend the Registry Act.

24. An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.

25. An Act to amend the Landlord and Tenants Act.

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26. An Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada.
 27. An Act respecting Barristers-at-Law.
 28. An Act respecting Solicitors.
 29. An Act respecting the Ontario Medical Act.
 30. An Act respecting Money Lenders.
 31. An Act respecting Joint Stock and other Companies.
 32. An Act respecting Companies for the Construction of Wharfs and Harbours.
 33. An Act respecting Insurance.
 34. An Act respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations.
 35. An Act to amend the Ontario Railways Act.
 36. An Act respecting Land Grants to Railways.
 37. An Act to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act.
 38. An Act respecting Telephone Systems.
 39. An Act to amend the Guarantee Companies Securities Act.
 40. The Municipal Amendment Act, 1912.
 41. An Act respecting Municipal and School Debentures.
 42. An Act respecting the Granting of Franchises by Municipal Councils.
 43. An Act respecting Surveys and Plans of certain Lands in certain Cities and their Suburbs.
 44. An Act to amend the Local Improvement Sections of The Municipal Act.
 45. An Act respecting Municipal Electric Light and Power Works.
 46. An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks.

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47. An Act to regulate Travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.
 48. An Act to regulate the speed and operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.
 49. An Act respecting Double Tracks in Snow Roads.
 50. An Act respecting Toll Roads.
 51. An Act respecting Exemptions from Tolls.
 52. An Act respecting Snow Fences.
 53. An Act to authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways.
 54. An Act to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act.
 55. An Act to amend the Liquor License Act.
 56. An Act for the better preventing of Excessive and Deceitful Gaming.
 57. An Act to prevent Minors from Frequenting Billiard Rooms and other places.
 58. An Act respecting the Public Health.
 59. An Act respecting Vaccination and Inoculation.
 60. An Act to regulate Maternity Boarding Houses and for the Protection of Infant Children.
 61. An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of Ontario.
 62. An Act to authorize the Appointment of Fire Guardians.
 63. An Act to protect Beaches and Shores and Beds of Rivers and Streams.
 64. An Act respecting Beaches and River Beds.
 65. An Act to impose a Tax on Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep.
 66. An Act respecting Pounds.
 67. An Act respecting the Enrolment and Inspection of Stallions.

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68. An Act to prevent the Spread of Noxious Weeds.
 69. An Act to prevent the Spread of Insect and Fungus Diseases Injurious to Vegetation.
 70. An Act respecting the Barberry Shrub.
 71. An Act to prevent the Extermination of the plant called Ginseng.
 72. An Act for the Protection of Bees.
 73. An Act for the Suppression of Foul Brood among Bees.
 74. An Act respecting Ditches and Watercourses.
 75. An Act to amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.
 76. An Act to amend the School Laws.
 77. An Act respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.
 78. An Act respecting Industrial Farms.
 79. An Act respecting the Ontario College of Art.
 80. An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial Museum.
 81. An Act respecting the Property of Religious Institutions.
 82. An Act respecting Houses of Refuge.
 83. An Act respecting Houses of Refuge in Provisional Judicial Districts.
 84. An Act to amend an Act respecting the Toronto General Hospital.
 85. An Act relating to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.
 86. An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Alliston.
 87. An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Arnprior.
 88. An Act respecting the Town of Arnprior.
 89. An Act to confirm By-law No. 418 of the Town of Brampton.
 90. An Act respecting the City of Brantford.

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91. An Act respecting the Town of Carleton Place.
 92. An Act confirming certain By-laws of the Township of Cornwall.
 93. An Act to confirm By-law No. 35 of the Town of Dryden.
 94. An Act respecting the Floating Debt of the Town of Dundas.
 95. An Act to incorporate the Village of Flesherton.
 96. An Act respecting the City of Fort William, 1912.
 97. An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque.
 98. An Act respecting the Town of Gravenhurst.
 99. An Act respecting the City of Guelph.
 100. An Act to confirm By-law No. 305 of the Town of Haileybury.
 101. An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.
 102. An Act to confirm By-law No. 411 of the Township of Humberstone.
 103. An Act respecting the Town of Kenora.
 104. An Act respecting the City of Kingston.
 105. An Act to confirm By-law No. 43 of 1911 of the City of Kingston.
 106. An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay.
 107. An Act respecting the City of London.
 108. An Act to confirm an Agreement between one Joseph W. Williams and the Town of Milton and By-law No. 441 of the Town of Milton.
 109. An Act to confirm By-law No. 317 of the Town of North Bay.
 110. An Act respecting the Town of North Toronto.
 111. An Act respecting the Town of Oakville.
 112. An Act respecting the Township of Oliver.
 113. An Act respecting the Town of Orillia.

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114. An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.
 115. An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound.
 116. An Act to confirm By-law No. 388 of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound and an Agreement with the Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited.
 117. An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.
 118. An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.
 119. An Act respecting the Town of Renfrew.
 120. An Act to confirm By-law No. 775 of the Town of Sarnia.
 121. An Act to incorporate the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and for other purposes.
 122. An Act to confirm a By-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.
 123. An Act respecting the Town of St. Mary's.
 124. An Act respecting the Town of Steelton.
 125. An Act to confirm By-law No. 17 (1910) of the Township of Tilbury East.
 126. An Act respecting the City of Toronto.
 127. An Act respecting the City of Toronto.
 128. An Act to confirm By-law No. 95 of the Town of Webbwood.
 129. An Act to confirm By-law No. 430 of the Town of Welland.
 130. An Act to confirm By-law No. 577 of the County of Wentworth.
 131. An Act respecting the Berlin and Bridgeport Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.
 132. An Act respecting The Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.
 133. An Act respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

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134. An Act to incorporate The Glengarry and Stormont Railway Company.
135. An Act to incorporate The Humber Valley Electric Railway Company.
136. An Act respecting the Iron Range Railway Company.
137. An Act to incorporate the Kawartha Transportation Company.
138. An Act respecting the Lac Seul, Rat Portage and Keewatin Railway Company.
139. An Act to incorporate the Lindsay and Minden Railway Company.
140. An Act respecting the Midland Terminal Railway Company.
141. An Act respecting the Monarch Railway Company.
142. An Act respecting the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway Company.
143. An Act respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.
144. An Act respecting the Niagara Falls, Welland and Dunnville Electric Railway Company.
145. An Act respecting the North Midland Railway Company.
146. An Act respecting the Ottawa, Smith's Falls and Kingston Railway Company.
147. An Act to incorporate the Poreupine Rand Belt Electric Railway Company.
148. An Act respecting Simcoe Railway and Power Company.
149. An Act to incorporate the Sudbury-Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Railway Company.
150. An Act respecting the Toronto Suburban Railway Company.
151. An Act respecting the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

152. An Act respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, Limited.

153. An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

154. An Act respecting the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital.

155. An Act to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Fort William.

156. An Act respecting the Young Woman's Christian Association of the City of Stratford.

157. An Act respecting the Upper Canada Bible Society.

158. An Act respecting St. John's Church, Cornwall.

159. An Act to authorize the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and Rector of St. Thomas Church, Belleville, to sell and convey certain Lands.

160. An Act to change the names of Alexander John Bertram and Catharine Wilhemina Geddes.

161. An Act respecting the Estate of John Doran.

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 a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending on the 31st day of October, 1912, and for the public service of the

financial year ending the 31st day of October, 1913," 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 bringing to a conclusion the Session of the Legislative Assembly in which you have just been engaged, it is my agreeable duty to express to you my thanks for the diligence and carefulness you have displayed; and also for the many measures of an important and public nature which you have enacted to promote the welfare and prosperity of this Province.

Several of these measures give promise of a new era in the extension and development of Ontario. The first of these, assenting to an extension of our territory, as provided by the recent legislation of the Parliament of Canada, will add more than one hundred and forty-six thousand square miles to the area of this Province. At the same time an arrangement has been made whereby we acquire access to and an important portion of an ocean port on Hudson Bay. I observe that provision has been made without any loss of time for the exploration of this new territory, the preliminary steps to be taken by a Commissioner to be sent out by my Government during the coming summer.

Another feature of your legislation pointing to the development of the Province is the Act authorizing a loan of five millions of dollars to be expended in the opening up of what is known as New or Northern Ontario, which contains the great clay belt, the construction of roads and bridges and the advancement of colonization and settlement.

An important step has been taken by the measure providing for the co-operation of the Federal and Provincial Governments for the encouragement and improvement of agriculture. From this we may confidently expect most desirable results.

The action of the Senate of Canada in refusing the grant of a subsidy to the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, as well as the appropriation in aid of Provincial Highways, are matters of regret.

By repeating the grant of one million of dollars for good roads you have ensured the continuation and extension of this highly necessary undertaking, which is being more and more appreciated in the older parts of the Province.

Great progress has been made in the revision of the Statutes, and the completion of this important work is confidently expected during the present year.

Further educational progress may be anticipated from the measure permitting the extension of the age of compulsory attendance at schools under certain conditions. In this connection it is satisfactory to notice the Act providing for the establishment of a Provincial College of Art, which will give purpose and efficiency to this useful branch of study. I desire also to draw attention to the provision you have made for the establishment of a Provincial Museum.

A decided advance has been made in regard to the protection of the public health by the Act establishing District Medical Health Officers, who will exercise thorough supervision over the public health in their respective districts.

In view of the dangers arising from careless and inefficient electrical installations, it has been deemed advisable to empower the Hydro-electric Commission to control such matters in the interest of public safety. Provision has been made for the extension of the work of the Commission and for the proper recognition in a financial way of the services of the Chairman, which step has met with unqualified approval.

Amendments have been made to the Liquor License Act to render more effective the administration of the law, and also to prevent evasions by the storage of intoxicating liquor in districts under Local Option.

Legislative provision has been made for the establishment by Municipalities of Industrial Farms for the treatment of certain classes of criminals, notably inebriates, now confined in the gaols and lock-ups throughout the Province.

A number of other useful measures have been adopted, and I congratulate you on the continued prosperity and increase of the financial resources of the Province.

I desire to thank you for the adequate appropriations you have made for the public service, which will be expended with a due regard for efficiency and economy.

In dismissing you, I desire to repeat to you my thanks for the services you have rendered to the public, and join with you in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God will continue to rest upon our country and upon our people.

The Provincial Secretary 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.

Appendix.

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Public
Accounts, 1912.

APPENDIX.

REPORT

OF THE

Standing Committee on Public
Accounts, 1912.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to present the following as its

REPORT.

Your Committee has had produced before it the following accounts, vouchers, correspondence and particulars in connection with the Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year 1911, which it has carefully examined and considered:

1. All papers, correspondence and documents, relating to the payment of \$290,000.00 to the Munn Lumber Co., page 523 of the Public Accounts.
2. All accounts, vouchers, and correspondence connected with expenditure on Gowganda Road for 1909-1910, pages 451-452 of the Public Accounts.
3. All letters, papers and documents relating to grants to Public Schools in the Township of Springer in the District of Sturgeon Falls, items 1, 2, 3 and 5. Springer, page 74, of the Public Accounts.
4. All correspondence and particulars of the items, \$1,750.00 and \$1,012.36 on page 85 of the Public Accounts.
5. All correspondence and particulars relating to item \$1,458.33 on page 125 of the Public Accounts.

6. All accounts and vouchers relating to the item \$166,227.27, New Government House, page 326 of the Public Accounts.

7. All particulars and vouchers relating to the following Accounts:

McGibbon's Drug Store.

Brockville Asylum, \$149.56; page 146 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Cobourg, \$21.00; page 153 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Hamilton, \$308.80; page 161 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Kingston, \$61.00; page 171 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, London, \$674.53; page 182 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Mimico, \$245.28; page 191 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Idiots, Orillia, \$80.28; page 198 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, \$39.97; page 204 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Toronto, \$333.52; page 211 of the Public Accounts.

Hospital for Insane, Woodstock, \$19.50; page 216 of the Public Accounts.

Central Prison, Toronto, \$81.47; page 221 of the Public Accounts.

Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, \$130.13; page 231 of the Public Accounts.

New Provincial Prison, Guelph, \$22.80; page 350 of the Public Accounts.

8. Particulars of expenses of F. W. Merchant, incurred by him in connection with his visits to individual Schools and all correspondence connected therewith.

9. All vouchers for the item \$3,500.00 appearing on page 7 of the Public Accounts.

10. And all other vouchers which make up the sum of \$25,481 on page 7 of the Public Accounts.

11. All vouchers and correspondence relating to the item \$104,714.17 on page 465 of the Public Accounts.

12. All particulars relating to item \$2,705.82 on page 312 of the Public Accounts.

Messrs. Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education; A. White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests; A. E. Munn, E. C. Whitney, Doctor Merchant, Doctor Bruce Smith, P. D. McGibbon, Doctor Forrester, Doctor Clair, W. B. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; I. D. Hennessey, Doctor R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education; James Clancy, Provincial Auditor; A. C. Garden and W. I. Ingram, were examined.

Your Committee has held Twelve meetings during the present Session, and submits herewith the Minutes of the proceedings and the evidence given as taken by Stenographers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. HOWARD FERGUSON,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

April 13th, 1912.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Legislative Assembly,

Toronto, March 13, 1912.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province for the year ending 31st of October, 1911, and composed of the following members; Sir James Whitney and Messieurs Bowman, Beck, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis, Ferguson (Grenville), Fraser, Gamey, Hanna, Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, Johnson, MacArthur, MacKay (Grey), Mageau, Mahaffy, Matheson, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pattinson, Peck, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Reaume, Rowell, Scholfield, Shillington, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook, met this day for organization, at 10.30 A.M.

Present—Messieurs. Bowman, Dargavel, Eilber, Ellis, Ferguson (Grenville), Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, Johnson, MacArthur, Musgrove, Pattinson, Peck, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Rowell, Shillington, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

On motion of Mr. Reaume,

Resolved, That Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), be elected Chairman for the Session.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Crown Lands be requested to attend the next meeting of this Committee and produce all papers, correspondence and documents relating to the payment of \$290,000 to the Munn Lumber Co., page 523 of the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Public Works be requested to attend at the next meeting of this Committee and produce all vouchers, accounts and correspondence connected with expenditures on Gowganda Road for 1909-1910, pages 451-452 of the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Education be requested to attend at the next meeting of this Committee and bring with him all letters, papers or other documents relating to grants to Public or Separate Schools in the Township of Springer, in the District of Sturgeon Falls, for the last fiscal year, 1, 2, 3 and 5 Springer, page 74 of the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That F. W. Merchant be summoned to attend before this Committee at its next meeting and produce all correspondence and give all par-

ticulars of the items \$1,750.00 and \$1,012.36, on page 85 of the Public Accounts, and also of the item \$1,458.33, on page 125 of the Public Accounts.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 15th, at 10.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Friday, March 15, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis, Hartt, Hendrie, Johnson, MacArthur, Mageau, Mahaffy, Munro, Musgrove, McElroy, McKeown, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Rowell, Reaume, Scholfield, Shillington, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

Mr. Lucas, acting Provincial Treasurer, whose name was added to the Committee on March 14th, appeared also.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, attended and was examined.

Doctor Colquhoun explained that owing to absence of F. W. Merchant from town he could not attend.

Mr. Ferguson, Chairman, explained that owing to absence of the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests from town, papers relating to the purchase of limits from the Munn Lumber Co. could not be produced at this meeting of the Committee.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, ordered to attend at next meeting of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That the accounts and vouchers relating to the item \$166,227.27, appearing on page 326 of the Public Accounts be produced before this Committee at its next meeting.

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

Ordered, That particulars and vouchers relating to the following items be produced before this Committee at its next meeting:—

McGibbon's Drug Store.

Brockville Asylum	\$149 56, page 146 of the Public Accounts.
Cobourg Asylum	21 00, page 153 of the Public Accounts.
Hamilton Asylum	308 80, page 161 of the Public Accounts.
Kingston Asylum	61 00, page 171 of the Public Accounts.
London Asylum	674 53, page 182 of the Public Accounts.
Mimico Asylum	245 28, page 191 of the Public Accounts.
Orillia Asylum	80 28, page 198 of the Public Accounts.
Penetanguishene Asylum	39 97, page 204 of the Public Accounts.
Toronto Asylum	333 52, page 211 of the Public Accounts.
Woodstock Asylum	19 50, page 216 of the Public Accounts.
Central Prison	81 47, page 221 of the Public Accounts.
Mercer Reformatory	130 13, page 231 of the Public Accounts.
New Provincial Prison	22 80, page 350 of the Public Accounts.

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The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 20th, at 10.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Wednesday, March 20, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis, Hartt, Hendrie, Johnson, Lucas, MacArthur, Mageau, Mahaffy, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Reaume, Shillington.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, attended and was re-examined.

Doctor Colquhoun explained that F. W. Merchant was still absent and was asked to get into communication with him and see that he attended before this Committee at the earliest possible date.

Doctor Colquhoun was ordered to attend at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Aubrey White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests attended and was examined.

On motion of Mr. Eilber, seconded by Mr. Hartt,

Ordered, That Mr. James B. Tudhope, of Orillia, be summoned to appear before this Committee and give evidence as to the transfer of the Munn Timber limit to this Government.

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

Ordered, That Mr. A. E. Munn, of Orillia, be summoned to appear before this Committee at its next meeting and produce all correspondence relating to the limit purchased from the St. Anthony Lumber Co. and sold to the Traders Bank.

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

Ordered, That vouchers for the item \$3,500.00 appearing on page 7 of the Public Accounts be furnished to this Committee, and that Doctor Colquhoun be asked to attend before this Committee at its next meeting and explain that item as well as the duties of the other officials of the Department and the other items which make up the sum of \$25,481.00 appearing on page 7 of the Public Accounts.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 22nd, at 11.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Friday, March 22, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Dargavel, Elliott, Ellis, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, MacArthur, Mageau, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McKeown, Peck, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Reaume, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, attended and was re-examined.

Doctor Colquhoun stated that F. W. Merchant would be present at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. A. E. Munn attended and was examined.

Objected to answering certain questions put by Mr. Elliott, and was sustained by the Chair.

Yeas and Nays asked for.

Ruling of the Chair sustained by Yeas, 10; Nays, 6.

Mr. James B. Tudhope attended, but was not examined.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That Mr. E. C. Whitney and Mr. Briggs, formerly of the St. Anthony Lumber Co., be summoned to appear before the Committee at its next meeting and produce all books and papers relating to the limits transferred to the Munn Lumber Co.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 27th, at 10.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Wednesday, March 27, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Eilber, Elliott, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, MacArthur, Mageau, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McGarry, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Scholfield, Shillington, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

Mr. Aubrey White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, attended and was examined.

Mr. E. C. Whitney attended and was examined.

Mr. F. W. Merchant attended and was examined.

Mr. Briggs, for whose appearance a motion was made at previous meeting of the Committee, was reported as out of the country and whereabouts unknown.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests be asked to appear before the Committee at its next meeting, and produce all the vouchers and correspondence relating to the item \$104,714.17 appearing on page 465 of the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Education be asked to attend at the next meeting of the Committee and produce the memoranda of the Individual Schools visited by the Inspector, F. W. Merchant, and his statement of expenses submitted to the Department, and any other memoranda received from F. W. Merchant, or sent to him in the Department, including all correspondence.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 29th, at 10.30 A.M.

Subsequently altered, Friday, March 29th, at 11.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Friday, March 29, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Dargavel, Ellis, Elliott, Hartt, Mageau, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, Peck, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

Mr. Aubrey White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, attended and was examined.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, attended, but was not examined; asked to re-attend at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Deputy Provincial Secretary be asked to appear before this Committee at its next meeting in connection with purchase of supplies covered in motion summoning Mr. McGibbon, of McGibbon's Drug Store, Sarnia, and give full particulars of system adopted in the Department in purchase of all supplies for all Public Institutions.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That Mr. P. T. McGibbon, proprietor of McGibbon's Drug Store, Sarnia, be summoned to appear before this Committee at its next meeting, in connection with items mentioned in papers asked for by motion *re* McGibbon's Drug Store, on March 15th, totalling \$2,167.84.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 10.30 A.M.

Subsequently altered to Thursday, April 4th, at 10.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Thursday, April 4, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Elliott, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, MacArthur, Mageau, Musgrove, McCrear, McElroy, McGarry, Preston (Lanark), Shillington, Sinclair, Westbrook.

Mr. Armstrong, Deputy Provincial Secretary, being ill and unable to attend, Doctor R. W. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Hospitals and Charities, was sent for and examined in his stead.

Mr. P. T. McGibbon attended and was examined.

Doctor Forrester, of Toronto Insane Asylum, was sent for and examined.

Doctor Clair, of Toronto Insane Asylum, was sent for and examined.

Doctor Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, attended and was examined.

The Chairman objected to witness answering a certain question put by Mr. Elliott, and ruled it out of order.

Yeas and Nays asked for, and ruling of the Chair sustained by Yeas, 6; Nays, 3.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That Mr. T. D. Hennessey, of Hennessey's Drug Store, Ltd., 107 Yonge Street, be summoned to appear before this Committee at its next meeting, to give evidence in connection with McGibbon's Drug Store Co.'y's account.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mr. J. G. Bottomley be summoned to appear before this Committee at its next meeting in connection with last item of first column on page 312 of the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That the Minister of Education be asked to appear before this Committee at its next meeting to explain certain clauses in the correspondence re No. 4 Springer.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, April 10th, at 10.30 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Wednesday, April 10th, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ellis, Gamey, Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, Johnson, MacArthur, Mageau, Mahaffy, Matheson, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Reaume, Shillington, Sinclair, Thompson (Simeoe), Westbrook.

Mr. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, attended and was examined.

Mr. Roadhouse explained that Mr. J. G. Bottomley was absent in Europe.

Mr. T. D. Hennessey attended and was examined.

R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education, attended but was not examined.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That the Deputy Minister of Agriculture be instructed to obtain and produce before this Committee, as soon as possible, the vouchers for and particulars of the item, \$2,705.82, appearing on page 312 of the Public Accounts as having been paid to J. G. Bottomley.

On motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Hartt,

Ordered, That Mr. J. C. Garden, of the National Drug Company, Hamilton, and Mr. W. I. Ingram, of Ingram & Bell, Toronto, be summoned to appear before this Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, April 11th, at 10 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Thursday, April 11th, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Gamey, Hartt, Hendrie, Lucas, MacArthur, Mageau, Matheson, Munro, Musgrove, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pattinson, Peek, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Scholfield, Shillington, Westbrook.

Mr. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, attended and was re-examined.

Mr. J. T. Hennessey, attended and was re-examined.

R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education, attended and was examined.

Mr. J. C. Garden attended and was examined.

Mr. W. I. Ingram attended and was examined.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor, be asked to appear before the Committee to explain the vouchers in connection with the amount \$2,705.82, appearing on page 312 of the Public Accounts.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, April 12th at 10 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Friday, April 12th, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Fraser, Hanna, Hartt, Hendrie, Johnson, Lucas, MacArthur, Mageau, Matheson, Munro, Musgrove, McCrear, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Reaume, Shillington, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.

Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor, attended and was examined.

R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education, attended and was re-examined.

Objected to answering certain questions put by Mr. Elliott, and the Chair ruled that the objections were well taken.

It was then moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

That the Minister be asked by this Committee to explain the interpretation which the Department has been in the habit of placing upon clause 15 of the School Regulations.

The Minister refused to answer and was sustained by the Chair.

Yeas and Nays asked for, and the Chair was sustained. Nays, 18; Yeas. 6.

Mr. J. Clancy was asked to attend at next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Saturday, April 13th, at 10 A.M.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Saturday, April 13th, 1912.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A.M.

Present:—Messieurs Ferguson (Grenville), Chairman; Bowman, Eilber, Elliott, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, Hogarth, Lucas, MacArthur, Mahaffy, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, Pattinson, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Scholfield, Shillington, Westbrook.

Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor, attended and was examined.

Report of the Committee was presented and read by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Preston (Lanark), That the Report be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

That the draft Report as read, be amended by inserting as part thereof the following clause:

“In investigating the item of \$25,481 appearing on page 7 of the Public Accounts for the services performed by the Deputy Minister and other officers of the Department of Education, this Committee finds that part of the services for which the said item was paid was the writing of the letter dated 29th May, 1911, and other letters relating to School Section No. 4, of the Township of Springer.”

“We have enquired into the conduct of the Department of Education in forcing the closing of the Public School in School Section No. 4, in the Township of Springer. We find, according to the certified statement of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the said School Section, that of the ratepayers in the said Section, 35 are English, and 16 French; that of the children in the said Section, of school age, 72 are English and 33 are French, and that of the Trustees, two are English and one French.”

“We further find that the Minister of Education, by his action, compelled the closing of the said school, under the circumstances and for the reason set forth in the said letter, written by the Deputy Minister of Education on instructions of the Minister of Education.”

“We condemn the action of the Minister of Education in forcing the closing of the said school, on the ground that such action was contrary to the wishes of the majority of the ratepayers of the said section; was against the

protests of the majority of the School Trustees, in the said section, and was in violation of the school law, and regulations of this Province, governing the conduct of the Minister in this matter, and was a most serious attack upon the rights and privileges of the ratepayers and trustees in the Public Schools of this Province.”

In Amendment to the Amendment.

Moved by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That the draft Report be read as amended, by inserting as part thereof the following clause:—

“ Your Committee has enquired into the purchase by the Government of certain timber limits known as the Munn Limits, and find that the Government on the 20th day of December, 1910, purchased from the Munn Lumber Company the said limits for \$290,000.00. It was ascertained from Mr. Munn that the Company had purchased the said limits on the 20th day of January, 1910, and that the said Company purchased on the said date a mill and other considerable property, which was not sold to the Government, nor included in the price of \$290,000, and in addition to that the said Munn Lumber Company had taken off timber to the value of \$45,000, according to the evidence of the said Mr. Munn, and on attempting to ascertain from him the price paid by the Munn Lumber Company for the said limits, the Chairman of the Committee suggested to Mr. Munn that he need not answer that question unless he chose, and he afterwards ruled that the Committee should not insist upon his answering the question, and the Committee upheld the said ruling.

“ Later, when Mr. E. C. Whitney, a former member of the St. Anthony Lumber Company, was called before the Committee and asked the price at which the St. Anthony Lumber Company sold the Limits, Mr. Eilber, a member of the Committee, objected to him answering the question before the witness made any objection, and the Chairman ruled that he need not answer the question.

“ We condemn the action of the Committee in not compelling the fullest disclosure by the said witnesses, and thereby enabling this Committee to ascertain the price paid for the said limits.”

The Amendment to the Amendment was then put and lost on the following division:—

Yeas, 2; Nays, 12.

The Amendment was then put and lost on the same division.

The original motion was then put and carried, and the Report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Reaume, seconded by Mr. Elliott, a motion of thanks was tendered the Chairman for his fair and impartial conduct in the Chair.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ferguson made a suitable reply.

The Committee adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Friday, March 15th, 1912.

The Committee met at 10.30 A.M. The Chairman stated that a Return asked for in connection with the Gowganda Road expenditure, pages 451-2 of the Public Accounts, was before the Committee. Referring to the order for a Return in regard to the payment of \$290,000 to the Munn Lumber Company, page 523 of the Accounts, he stated that Mr. White, Deputy Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines had been away and having only just returned could not have the return ready until Tuesday next. A return had been tabled with reference to certain expenditures on schools in the Township of Springer, he added, but the Deputy Minister of Education had not yet arrived.

MR. ELLIOTT: He will be here this morning.

MR. FERGUSON: I expect he will. Dr. Merchant, who was asked for, is away from the city. He was asked to be here with reference to items on page 85. We have here a return in connection with the Gowganda Road. You can look at these accounts to see if there is anything you want to inquire about.

MR. ELLIOTT: What is the part that is objectionable.

MR. FERGUSON: That is what we were wondering.

The Deputy Minister having arrived, Mr. Ferguson at the request of Mr. Elliott read the motion, asking for a return and the presence of the Deputy in connection with the Springer grants.

Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Dr. Colquhoun, I notice a grant of \$26.50 to School Number 1, in the Township of Springer.

Dr. COLQUHOUN: What particulars do you wish?

MR. ELLIOTT: I want to ascertain how these grants are arrived at.

DR. COLQUHOUN: The inspector recommends the grant on the basis that is set out in the regulations of the Department. Of course the basis varies. It is not the same in the districts as in the counties. The grant is based upon the teacher's salary, on the assessment, on the length of time the school is open, and upon others, all of which are provided in the regulations of the Department.

MR. ELLIOTT: Does the number of pupils enter into the calculation? No, it doesn't.

MR. FERGUSON: But the equipment does? Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: The equipment and various other items?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes, sir, on those the inspector arranges the amount of the grant and recommends it to the Department.

MR. ELLIOTT: In his report? Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: You got from each of these inspectors a report, and it is from these reports that you ascertain what grant to pay? Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Is there any correspondence relating to these grants other than is produced?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Relating to these particular grants? Yes.

DR. COLQUHOUN: There is nothing but those letters.

MR. ELLIOTT: Is there a school section number 4 in Springer? Yes.

Was there any grant to it? Yes, there was a grant to it.

MR. FERGUSON: There is nothing in the Public Accounts about that. We can only make inquiries as to what appears here.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, if you will permit me, I will come to the point. Why is it that in the Public Accounts, nothing appears about section four?

MR. FERGUSON: You should move for a return in the House, that is the way to get at that. You cannot in investigating the Public Accounts deal with anything except what is in the Public Accounts.

MR. ELLIOTT: But just consider this. Here are the Public Accounts, relating to public schools in the Township of Springer, numbers one, two, three and five. Doesn't it properly come in as part of the investigation, the fact that number four is omitted. Perhaps we could get the matter explained more quickly while the Deputy Minister is here, than in any other way.

MR. FERGUSON: You cannot investigate as a Public Account what is not here.

MR. ELLIOTT: It is omitted from the Public Accounts.

MR. EILBER: That may easily be accounted for.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do you know of any grant made to school section number four?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes, it was made after the Public Accounts were printed.

MR. ELLIOTT: That is the reason it does not appear?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes, sir.

MR. ELLIOTT: Can you give me an idea as to when it was paid?

DR. COLQUHOUN: It was after the end of the fiscal year, which ended on October 31st, 1911. It would be some time subsequent to November 1st.

HON. MR. LUCAS: It would appear in the next year's Accounts? Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is one item here of \$26.50 and another of \$186.00. How do you account for the difference between those two schools?

DR. COLQUHOUN: The inspector's report would show in detail why he was not able to recommend as large an amount for one as for the other.

MR. ELLIOTT: The inspector's report is not among the correspondence we have here, produced?

DR. COLQUHOUN: I can get his report.

MR. ELLIOTT: The report referring to all these schools will be the one report? Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: When would it be convenient for you to let us have that?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Well, it may take me half a day to find it.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then, perhaps, it would be just as well to let it go until the Committee meets again on Tuesday.

DR. COLQUHOUN: You want the inspector's details for these three schools?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, containing the recommendations with regard to which these grants were made. Then, I suppose, Mr. Chairman, there is no objection to him submitting to me the correspondence relating to number four also?

MR. FERGUSON: I don't know about that. You had better get it through the proper channels in the House, on a motion.

MR. ELLIOTT: While we are considering this item in regard to the other school sections, I cannot see what objection there can be.

MR. FERGUSON: We have got to draw the line somewhere, or some other gentleman will ask to take up some item to which there is no reference in the Accounts. We have got to lay down some rule.

MR. ELLIOTT: I think that where four out of five sections appear to have received grants we can very properly consider the section which appears to be omitted. It seems to me that it is a proper subject for consideration.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Elliott has not stated to the Committee what he alleges. There must be some reason for this. Tell us what you think is wrong?

MR. ELLIOTT: Surely the honourable gentleman does not wish to be taken seriously?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, you have created suspicion.

MR. FERGUSON: I feel like giving the widest scope to these investigations. Those are my instructions, and I always do it. But I cannot go outside the four corners of this book of Public Accounts. You can take whatever items appear in the Public Accounts, beyond that I cannot go.

HON. MR. LUCAS: We must observe some rules. If you want that correspondence, if there is any, you can obtain it in the ordinary way in the House. It can be brought down there as a matter of course, instead of loading up the records of the Public Accounts.

MR. ELLIOTT: Along about five weeks ago I wanted a return, and asked for it. That was weeks ago, and it is not forthcoming yet. It is not relating

to the Department over which the Minister is interested. There is sometimes a good deal of work about preparing these returns. This is an easier way to get at it.

MR. FERGUSON: We would be creating a precedent that would get us into endless trouble.

MR. ELLIOTT: But are you? Isn't this what occurred? The allowance was paid as a grant for last year, the Accounts of which we are now investigating.

MR. FERGUSON: Suppose you ask the Committee to investigate a payment made two weeks ago or a month ago. Would you deem that proper to bring up here?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, if it was a payment that should have been made during the fiscal year, the accounts of which we were investigating, but was not paid during that year. There must be some reason for that money not being paid during that year. It seems to me quite proper.

MR. FERGUSON: I am sorry I cannot see it that way. You must pursue the ordinary course and get a return through the House.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps the inspector's report will refer to number four as well?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, perhaps, that will let some light upon the subject. We will have that on Tuesday, and as we cannot proceed this morning, perhaps it would be as well to let the matter stand until then.

DR. COLQUHOUN: If you will permit me, I would like to refer to Dr. Merchant. Immediately after he had presented his report to the Government on the English-French Schools he was despatched by the Minister to visit certain industrial schools in New York State, and Massachusetts. He has been away four or five days, and therefore the notice to attend this morning was not delivered to him. I understand by the newspapers that he was summoned. The reason he is not here is because he is somewhere in the State of New York, and I was not able to get a notice to him this morning.

MR. FERGUSON: He will not be away indefinitely?

DR. COLQUHOUN: He will probably be away for two or three weeks.

MR. FERGUSON: Oh, well, we'll be here for five or six weeks.

DR. COLQUHOUN: If the questions have to do with matters of expenditure I can produce the items, if the committee desires me to do so.

MR. ELLIOTT: When do you expect to have Dr. Merchant back—without interfering unduly with the work he is doing there?

DR. COLQUHOUN: He told me three weeks, that was from last Thursday.

MR. ELLIOTT: That will throw us pretty late.

DR. COLQUHOUN: I can find out what his itinerary is and bring it to the Committee.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps, by the next meeting you may possibly be in a position to tell about the prospect of him appearing, say, in a week?

DR. COLQUHOUN: I should think so.

MR. ELLIOTT: Regarding this \$290,000 item, what is that, some lumber Company?

MR. FERGUSON: Yes, the Munn Lumber Company. Mr. White, the Deputy Minister only returned this morning and it will take some time for him to get the papers. He can be ready by Wednesday. You, Mr. Elliott, were speaking of Tuesday; the other committees are meeting on Tuesday.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps the Committee will make an order that I may look at the correspondence he has, in the meantime, so as to facilitate the work of the Committee.

HON. MR. LUCAS: There is no objection to that. As soon as he has it ready.

The Committee adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

March 20th, 1912.

The Committee met at 10.30. The Chairman stated that returns with reference to schools in the Township of Springer, to the payment of \$290,000 to the Munn Lumber Company, to items of \$166,227 on Government House account, and to an item of \$21.00, and other items asked for *re* the McGibbon Drug Store account on page 153 and other pages of the Public Accounts, are here produced. In answer to Mr. Elliott, the Chairman stated that the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests was available if needed, and upon Mr. Elliott signifying his desire to examine the Deputy he was sent for.

Mr. Aubrey White, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. White, you are Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you are familiar with the transaction relating to the Munn Lumber Company purchase?

A.—More or less.

MR. ELLIOTT (handing return to witness): Perhaps by taking this it will assist you. Now, can you give us what is the first correspondence relating to that transaction?

A.—The first correspondence we are called upon to produce are the instructions to our forest ranger to make an inspection and estimate on these limits.

Q.—What date is that?

A.—July 8, 1910.

Q.—And these are the instructions; in short, they were that your forest ranger should go over the Munn Lumber Company limit and make an estimate of the timber?

A.—Perhaps I had better qualify that. He was in charge of the estimators—that particular man.

Q.—He was in charge of the men; he was not to make the estimate himself; he was to direct it?

A.—Yes; he was in charge of the men who were to make the estimates.

Q.—What were these estimates to include?

A.—I think the instructions say that, sir.

Q.—The instructions explain what they were to include?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Tell us how these estimators were selected.

A.—They were selected by the Minister after consultation with people who knew the character of the men.

Q.—Do you know the names of the men who were actually engaged as estimators on this particular limit?

A.—Yes (takes up report). This is Henderson's report. Here they are—Robinson of the Township of Cammishay, Fitzgerald and Gibson of Lawrence and Nightingale, Lumsden of Sproule Township, and Graham of McLaughlin.

Q.—Do you, personally, know anything about these men's qualifications?

A.—Yes; I know some of them well. I know Robinson well.

Q.—What qualifications has he?

A.—He is an expert estimator. He has been in the employ of the Department for the past twenty-five or thirty years.

Q.—What is his occupation?

A.—He estimates timber.

Q.—He doesn't deal in it himself?

A.—No; he is just an estimator.

Q.—And the other men?

A.—Fitzgerald, I know, is an expert estimator. He has been in the employ of the Department for some time. Gibson I don't know; Lumsden I don't know; Graham I do know.

Q.—How were these men selected?

A.—They were selected by the Minister. He gave instructions to the man in charge of the work, to Henderson, to have these men make the estimates. My recollection is this: that we tried to get the best men we could, and asked Henderson, and asked other people to see if they could get us the names of any expert men.

MR. FERGUSON: The instructions are there in writing; why not put that in?

MR. ELLIOTT: What I am trying to get at is, How were these men selected in the first place. Mr. White, what were these men paid?

A.—Five dollars a day.

Q.—Is that usual?

A.—Yes; that is the usual thing.

MR. ELLIOTT: Just look at the lower part of that page.

MR. WHITE: Yes; these men were paid \$7 a day. The usual rate is \$5 a day for estimators, but where we get expert men we sometimes pay \$7 a day.

Q.—And expenses?

A.—Yes; and expenses.

Q.—What is it they were to do?

A.—They were to make estimates, as these instructions state, on all varieties of pine, hemlock, spruce and birch.

Q.—They were to make estimates covering all trees of eight inches in width up? They were to take no notice of any trees smaller than that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The estimates were to be made in feet, board measure?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, this says you are at liberty to engage Lumsden, Gibson, Graham, Fitzgerald and Mumms. Who is Mumms?

A.—He is a man who lives in Sudbury.

Q.—No relation of a man named Munn, of the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—No. One is Mumms and the other is Munn. There is no connection between them. Mumms was not employed. We couldn't get him.

Q.—What was the estimate you received on the timber there?

A.—231,000,000 feet of all varieties, board measure. To be exact, 231,218,000.

Q.—How was that divided among the different varieties?

A.—Now, I am not able to give you those figures because they were contained in a memorandum attached to Henderson's report and I am unable to put my hand on that report at the present moment.

Q.—You will be able to do so later?

A.—I expect I will find it.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps you will be good enough to get that if you can?

A.—Yes. Although I have made a diligent search already and have not been able to find it.

Q.—Was the agreement signed before the estimates were made, or afterwards?

A.—I think it was afterwards. There were two agreements, one a provisional agreement.

Q.—Your estimators were sent out, when?

A.—Henderson was instructed on the 8th of July, 1910. Henderson reported on the 1st of September, 1910. The provisional agreement—or option, if you like to put it that way—was signed on the 27th of October, 1910.

Q.—That was a provisional agreement?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In a general way, what are the terms of that agreement?

A.—The Province was to take over the limits for \$290,000, to be paid on or before the 20th of December, 1910, and they, the Company, "are to retain the right to cut pine timber up to the 1st of January, 1911."

Q.—And to remove what other timber has already been cut, such as spruce, hemlock and birch?

A.—Yes; they are permitted to retain the rails and log runway leading up to Opeongo. They also agree to transfer the real estate but reserve the use of the buildings until the end of 1912.

Q.—Was any timber cut between the time the estimators went over the ground—other than the timber then cut and on the ground which they had the right to take—between the time the estimators went over the ground and the option was given to the Government?

A.—Not as far as I know; because he asked them to cease and they did cease.

Q.—It was pine timber they were to be permitted to cut until the 1st of January, 1911?

A.—Yes. All they could cut.

Q.—Was there no limit as to the size of the timber they could take out of it?

A.—No; no limit.

Q.—You cannot give any estimate of how much pine timber the estimates reported?

A.—Yes; 10,000,000 feet.

Q.—10,000,000 feet, did you say?

A.—Yes, I think so. Henderson, in his report, says: "Of the quantity of timber estimated, 10,000,000 feet is pine."

Q.—Do you know how much was actually cut?

A.—They cut 7,640,000 feet of pine and I think about 4,000,000 feet of spruce.

Q.—That is, they cut spruce afterwards?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That would make 11,640,000 feet cut altogether?

A.—They cut altogether a little over 13,000,000 feet.

Q.—How do you ascertain that?

A.—By returns. We received dues on that, and measured it ourselves.

Q.—The total dues you received would be on 13,000,000 feet?

A.—Yes.

Q.—About this 7,640,000 feet of pine and 4,000,000 of spruce—what was the balance?

A.—I have the figures. Pine, 7,240,000; spruce, 1,762,727; birch, 2,182,110; hemlock, 1,845,765; total, 13,414,995 feet. Do not understand that that was cut after the option was given. They were in the process of cutting at the time we took that first option. That total includes their whole season's production.

MR. ELLIOTT: At the time the estimators were sent in they were asked to cease cutting; that meant until the option was given, and then this 13,000,000 feet was cut between the time the option was given and the time—

MR. WHITE: Oh, no; I do not say that. They had already cut some timber when we asked them to stop.

Q.—That included then what was cut at the time you asked them to cease cutting, and after the option was given?

A.—Yes; that is their whole season's operations.

Q.—Can you give us the value of that 13,000,000 feet?

A.—I cannot speak as to that.

Q.—The title was in the Traders Bank. When was it transferred from the Traders Bank to the Government? You have that there.

A.—On the 20th of December, 1910.

Q.—When was the money paid over? I suppose about the same time as the title was transferred?

A.—There is the receipt for the money dated the 21st of December, 1910.

Q.—Mr. Strathy is general manager of the Traders Bank. The money was paid directly to the bank?

A.—Yes; I handed it to Mr. Strathy myself.

Q.—Can you tell us—have you papers to show whose hands this title has been in during the past ten years, previous to the Bank getting it, or the St. Anthony's Lumber Co.?

A.—I couldn't tell you that.

Q.—It was in the St. Anthony's Lumber Company before the bank got it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you anything to show the date of the transfer to the bank?

A.—The transfer was dated 20th of January, 1910.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Elliott, you are getting outside of the scope of the resolution relating to an item of \$290,000 to the Munn Lumber Company.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes; of course if you think it is necessary we will probably have to make another resolution in order to get it. What we want to ascertain is whether the Province got value for this \$290,000 and in order to do that it may be necessary to know something about the previous transfers of this particular property. The former prices are perhaps the best test as to what the actual value was. I do not know that any object could be served by not going on now. If the Committee think so, there is really nothing else to do except ask the Deputy to produce the various other transfers showing what is in the limit and what transfers have taken place.

MR. HARTT: I do not think it will bring us any closer to the question of the value of this property by digging into all these old transfers.

MR. FERGUSON: If the object of this investigation is to find out whether the Province got value or not, I do not see what going into the history of previous transfers has to do with the value. You cannot tell the value of a property by previous transfers.

MR. ELLIOTT: As I understand, Mr. White, the St. Anthony Lumber Company transferred the title to the bank on the 20th of January, 1910?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—They were the owners some time previous to that?

A.—Yes; for about ten or twelve years, perhaps more than that. I am speaking from memory.

Q.—Who signed the transfer from the St. Anthony Lumber Company to the bank?

MR. FERGUSON: The documents will show that?

MR. WHITE: No; that transfer was not called for.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is no objection to producing that transfer, Mr. Chairman?

MR. FERGUSON: I think if you are going to examine the witness as to that document he should have the document before him. It is not fair to ask him to speak from memory as to a matter of this kind.

MR. ELLIOTT: There would be no difficulty, Mr. White, in getting the transfer from the St. Anthony Lumber Company?

A.—Not the slightest. If the Committee wants it, it can be got in five minutes.

MR. ELLIOTT: I would suggest then that, if it would only take five minutes, the Deputy get the document.

MR. WHITE: Perhaps it would save time if I said that it was signed by the president and the secretary of the Company.

Q.—Do you know them?

A.—I think Mr. Whitney was the secretary. I have forgotten the name of the president.

Mr. White leaves to get document asked for.

MR. FERGUSON: If you want to go on with something else, the Deputy Minister of Education is here. You can go on with that Springer matter while we are waiting for Mr. White.

Dr. Colquhoun, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Dr. Colquhoun, there are certain items here showing grants to various school sections—at least that is what I assume they are?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How do you obtain the information on which these grants are based?

A.—The inspector acquires the information in visits to the schools and fills in that form you have there.

Q.—These forms are filled in by the inspector?

A.—Yes. This one on your left is one of the supplementary reports. This shows the basis on which the grant is paid in each case.

Q.—This is a supplementary report then. I notice some items in red ink, some not. What is the difference? Why does that occur?

A.—I do not think that has any significance.

Q.—Do you have any other correspondence with the inspectors as to these grants?

A.—Sometimes, and sometimes not.

Q.—Have you any other correspondence in regard to any schools set forth in this schedule?

A.—There is correspondence referring to Number 4, Springer.

Q.—Have you that with you?

A.—That has been called for in the House and is to be brought down immediately. The correspondence is now being copied.

Q.—How long will that likely be?

A.—At the latest, by Monday.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is Wednesday. Mr. Chairman, when is this Committee likely to meet again?

After some discussion it was decided to meet on Friday at half-past eleven.

MR. ELLIOTT: In view of what Dr. Colquhoun says here regarding this return—if it is likely to be ready by Friday, I have no desire to go into the question of Number 4, Springer, until that return is down. Perhaps we could reasonably expect to have that report if we meet at 11.30 on Friday morning?

MR. FERGUSON: We are here to investigate the Public Accounts as they appear in the Public Accounts report. There is no item here referring to Number 4, Springer. If you want correspondence referring to Number 4, Springer, you can get it in the House. We are going to be here interminably if we go into things that are not in the Public Accounts. This is a mere incident to that report; it does not give you the right to investigate.

MR. ELLIOTT: Here are five sections appearing in Springer—1, 2, 3 and 5. There is not a grant appearing for Number 4. It seems to me a proper subject of investigation is why that does not appear.

MR. FERGUSON: It is a proper subject for debate in the House.

MR. MUSGROVE: Do you know there is a Number 4?

MR. ELLIOTT: The return sent in by Dr. Colquhoun says there is. The Doctor tells us the grant has been made to it. Now, I understand that the desire of the Committee was to throw everything open. I understood that that was the sentiment the Chairman expressed at the opening meeting—though I wasn't there.

MR. FERGUSON: And so it was. We are anxious to facilitate in every way the investigation of the Public Accounts, but the Committee cannot permit you to go far afield and investigate things that do not appear.

MR. EHLER: Dr. Colquhoun, this report here is to the end of June, 1911?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And this other is dated the 25th of November, 1911?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, this one to the end of June; in either of these statements does Number 4 appear at all as receiving any grant?

A.—I think not.

Q.—These are the ones appearing in the Public Accounts, showing the Springer grants?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Here are two subsequent reports. These returns were sent in in November and December, 1911, showing grants to Springer?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I imagine these schools were only open eight months during the year?

A.—Yes.

Q.—This grant to Number 4 Springer does not appear in the Public Accounts at all, because the Public Accounts close on the 31st of October, therefore this document has no business before this Committee of Public Accounts at all. It will appear in next year's accounts?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps the Doctor would explain. Have you made any inspection of these Schools later than June?

A.—Not in that report.

Q.—That report shows that the Schools were inspected in June, 1911, among those Schools inspected then was Number 4 Springer?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you tell us why the grant was not given to that School at the same time that it was to the other section.

MR. EILBER: Perhaps the School was not open.

MR. FERGUSON: He has already told us that the amounts are paid on the report of the inspector, and if the Inspector did not report in favor of a grant there would be no grant.

MR. ELLIOTT: Does not this report? Isn't it on this report that the grant is actually made?

A.—Pardon me, this report deals with the year to come. You would call for this, naturally, next spring. It will be in next year's accounts.

MR. EILBER: This is the basis for the next grant?

A.—That is right.

MR. ELLIOTT: This includes the inspection made in June?

A.—That is correct. It takes some time to make the returns; it also takes some time to make up the returns in the office and the fiscal year is over before these payments can be made, and it has been the custom to make them after the close of the year.

MR. MCCREA: I do not want to restrict anything, but can any good come from investigating any matter that does not appear in the Public Accounts at all. If we are going wide afield I suppose we will be kept here on any subject for any length of time.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to that, I do not intend to press the matter if the Committee take the position that they do not feel it is in the interest of the public—

MR. FERGUSON: That is not the position at all—

MR. ELLIOTT: If you will wait until I state my view then we will see what the ruling is. If they take the position that they do not intend to allow

us to investigate one of the sections of a certain Township which has not received a grant according to the Public Accounts of 1911, where the other sections in the Township have received a grant, if that is their ruling, I suppose we cannot proceed any further with it.

MR. MCGROVE: You don't want to.

MR. FERGUSON: The position is this: I will state it clearly, for I don't want you to put anything in the records that will give any improper impression as to the Committee's action. You elected to ask for a return in the House. That return is being prepared, and will be brought down. We are here to investigate expenditures contained in the Public Accounts. Any expenditure there you have the right to investigate, and the Committee will assist you in every way. Beyond that I cannot permit you to go. If I did the sessions of this Committee would be interminable. We must lay down a rule of some kind. This is the only reasonable and proper rule; that you cannot investigate expenditures unless they appear in the Public Accounts. There is nothing in the Public Accounts relating to Number 4 Springer. It is not the object to prevent investigation because you can get that through the proper course.

MR. EILBER: They have gone further than that. They have brought items that will not be moved until next year.

MR. ELLIOTT: In view of the fact that the Deputy is here, is it not wise at the present time to get his explanation as to why this section does not appear.

MR. FERGUSON: I do not see the object in your persisting, unless it is to put all this on the records. You know perfectly well that it is not a proper procedure that you are endeavoring to take. Not only as a lawyer, but as a man of good judgment you know that you should not persist in attempts to investigate anything that does not appear here as an expenditure. I must rule accordingly. You have access to this information through the proper mode on the floor of the House.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, Mr. Chairman, I know we should not investigate anything which does not appear in the Public Accounts. I am not prepared to go that far. But my opinion does not justify me in going no further if the Public Accounts show that certain sections received grants, and that a certain section does not appear to have received a grant. I submit, with great respect to your opinion, both as a lawyer and as a man of good judgment, that we should know why that did not appear.

MR. MCGROVE: It is in the House you should get that.

MR. ELLIOTT: No, in the Public Accounts.

MR. HARTT: We are here to look over the Public Accounts, the expenditure of certain moneys. Now, this appears to me like going into an investigation of moneys that have not been spent. It is occupying the time of the Committee, the Deputy Minister of Crown Lands is here and it is holding him up.

MR. FERGUSON: That is my ruling, as far as I am concerned. You have recourse to the Committee to see what they say about it. Is there anything else?

MR. ELLIOTT: I want to ask Dr. Colquhoun in reference to these items; the matter is on page seven, regarding the work of the Education Department. It has not been asked for in motion, but if the Chairman says so, we will have to make a separate motion and ask him to come again.

MR. FERGUSON: Better do it regularly and then we will know where we are at.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then, I put in a motion asking Dr. Colquhoun to attend the next meeting to explain items of \$3,500 and \$4,000 and various other items, constituting \$25,481 on page seven of the Public Accounts.

MR. FERGUSON: Do you want to go on with Mr. White, now?

MR. ELLIOTT: I want, first, to ascertain when we can expect to have Dr. Merchant here?

MR. FERGUSON: We cannot tell exactly as to that. If you desire to have him brought here, he can be brought here.

MR. ELLIOTT: We desire him to be brought.

MR. FERGUSON: This will interrupt his work, but if it is the desire of the Committee that he should be brought here, he will be brought. Better put it in the form of a motion.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is a motion to that effect.

MR. FERGUSON: Well, we will see that he is here, we will get him somewhere.

MR. ELLIOTT: When may we expect him?

MR. FERGUSON: Well, he is somewhere in the State of Massachusetts now, investigating industrial schools— I don't know the exact point. We can get him by wire, probably by the first of the week.

DR. COLQUHOUN: We cannot get him by wire or letter before Saturday.

MR. FERGUSON: We will have him some time next week.

MR. ELLIOTT: We will expect him by the first of next week.

MR. FERGUSON: If he can get here.

MR. ELLIOTT: Before the Doctor goes, I would like to ask him another question in regard to the statement of the inspector on which the grants that appear here, were made. Where is the report of the inspector in which the grants in Springer Township, which appear in the Public Accounts, were made?

DR. COLQUHOUN: There they are (indicates reports.)

MR. ELLIOTT: Is there any other correspondence, relating to any of these sections—1, 2, 3, or 5?

MR. FERGUSON: You had a couple of letters there, that were presented last week.

MR. ELLIOTT: (Taking them up). These?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is all you have from the inspector, relating to these sections?

A.—Yes. That is all.

MR. FERGUSON: Do I understand the procedure correctly; you give the inspector regulations, that give him the basis on which he makes his report. He fills that out and sends it to you? You would not have any correspondence.

DR. COLQUHOUN: He makes a supplementary return in order to get further information as to the length of time the school is open. That determines a portion of the grant.

MR. ELLIOTT: Regarding any of these sections, there was no correspondence. You simply made the grant on his statement? That was all?

A.—There are one or two letters there.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, you left one or two letters; there is nothing in them. That is a general rule, you adopt, and are there exceptions to that in some cases. Do you take exception in some cases as to the inspector's recommendation as to the grant?

A.—If a ratepayer writes to the Department and makes any statement, we investigate that statement. We ask the inspector to report on that statement and explain the full facts. Of course, in the end the inspector's knowledge is the one that prevails.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then, that is all? Unless you receive some communication from some ratepayer, you act on the report of the inspector entirely.

MR. MUSGROVE: Has there ever been any objection to the inspector's method of distributing the grant, in his interpretation of the law?

A.—I do not remember a case of that kind.

MR. ELLIOTT: That will do for the present.

Witness discharged.

Mr. White, recalled, produces transfer asked for.

MR. ELLIOTT: Now, this transfer from the St. Anthony Lumber Company to the Traders' Bank is dated 20th of January, 1910, and is signed by E. A. Briggs, as president. Where does he live?

A.—In Chicago, I think, but I am not sure about that.

Q.—And signed by E. C. Whitney as secretary. Where does he live?

A.—In Ottawa.

Q.—From this you are unable to tell us anything about the consideration?

A.—As a matter of fact, no one in selling timber limits puts in the consideration.

Q.—They merely make the transfer and the transfer appears in the papers of the Department?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Have you anything to tell us as to the amount of timber that was cut down between the 20th of January, 1910, the time of this transfer and the time that the Government bought from the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—They had a right to cut 15,000,000, and they cut only 13,000,000.

Q.—Between the time the Munn Lumber Company purchased and the time they sold it, have you anything to show how much was taken out?

A.—That statement of thirteen million, some hundred thousand or so, includes everything they cut. That is their whole season's operations.

Q.—That includes all the timber obtained until they parted with it?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: The only way to get at the price the St. Anthony's Lumber Company obtained would be to have some of the officers of that company and some of the officers of the Munn Lumber Company here. They are the ones who would be able to tell us.

MR. FERGUSON: If they will.

HON. MR. HENDRIE: What would that have to do with the case before the Committee at the present time?

MR. FERGUSON: I do not think it has anything to do with it, but I do not feel like burking the investigation unless the Committee says so.

MR. HARTT: The item before us is the transaction between the Government and the Munn Lumber Company.

MR. ELLIOTT: I suppose the best way to ascertain whether or not the Province has received value for this \$290,000, is to ascertain what the value was at the time the Munn Lumber Company purchased, what they got off it and what they sold for. That is one test.

MR. FERGUSON: That is not an absolute test, surely?

MR. ELLIOTT: It is a test.

MR. MUSGROVE: Cannot you get it by the estimates the inspectors made?

MR. ELLIOTT: You cannot get it so accurately. I would ask that Mr. Munn be asked to appear before the Committee.

MR. HARTT: If the estimators measured 231,000,000 feet at the time the Government purchased for \$290,000 any former transaction that might have taken place would have no connection with this limit. They would not have anything to do with it, with this transaction. The Government purchased from the Munn Lumber Company 231,000,000 feet, board measure; the question is, whether it got value when it bought this 231,000,000 feet of timber.

MR. JOHNSON: The question is whether we got the quantity we arranged to take at so much *per* thousand feet.

MR. EILBER: Supposing we could get Mr. Munn, this Committee would hardly force him to tell what he got.

HON. MR. HENDRIE: Is there any report on the advisability of purchasing this portion of the park? Yes.

Q.—Is there a report from Mr. Henderson in which he recommends the purchase?

A.—Yes. He placed the value between \$275,000 and \$300,000.

Q.—What would the result have been, if that had not been purchased? You may read what Mr. Henderson said.

MR. WHITE: (reading).—The berths are well watered by good drivable streams. Having given the value of the timber careful consideration, I am

of the opinion that it would be worth between \$275,000 and \$300,000, and there is no doubt the Government would in time get their money back in the thinning out of the timber and the removal of that which ought to be cut.

HON. MR. HENDRIE: Is there another portion?

HON. MR. HEARST: It speaks of what would be the effect of allowing cutting to go on.

MR. WHITE: We knew what would happen. I urged with all my ability on the Minister the advisability of purchasing these limits.

HON. MR. HENDRIE: What would the result have been if the Government had not acquired these limits?

A.—We would have had to let the park go. That was the choice; either of abandoning the whole thing or buying out the licenses.

MR. HARTT: This is not an ordinary purchase of a timber limit. It is in connection with the whole Algonquin Park. It has a bearing on the park.

MR. MCGROVE: It might not be worth anything and still the territory would be necessary.

MR. ELLIOTT: If the Province is to ascertain whether or not they got value, one of the best ways to do that is by following the history of this limit, by finding out the previous prices at which it was transferred. We must follow it from the time of the previous transfer up to the time the Government got it, and ascertain, as well as we can, whether the prices correspond to some reasonable extent.

MR. FERGUSON: And you must always keep in view the increased value of timber.

MR. ELLIOTT: I cannot see how there can be the slightest objection to having Mr. Munn here.

MR. FERGUSON: I have no objection to subpoenaing Mr. Munn. We are prepared to bring him here. But it depends upon what you ask him whether I will insist on him answering.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, I would ask that he be brought here.

MR. HARTT: That surely isn't the only test?

MR. ELLIOTT: It is one of the tests.

MR. ELLIS: But it doesn't apply very much to transfers of property these days.

MR. FERGUSON: If you want Mr. Munn, put in a motion.

MR. HARTT: We have here sufficient evidence without asking Mr. Munn to come here. We have the report from Mr. Henderson, whom every lumberman knows to be a competent man. With a staff of five men he spent from the 8th of July to the 2nd of September, making this estimate. He reports 231,000,000 feet in that estimate. Now, I do not think there is a lumberman in Ontario, who would not take that estimate and take that quantity at that price—aside altogether from the advantage the Government has in adding that to their park. Even for ordinary purposes the Government could get out the worth of its money, and there has been a good many hundred thousand dollars worth of timber transactions taken place on the advice of, and estimates of

Mr. Henderson and these men he had there. It looks reasonable to me that these five men, with Henderson, dividing into three gangs for that length of time, would get a good estimate of the timber on that territory.

MR. ELLIOTT: It will not take away from that estimate to have Mr. Munn here.

MR. HARTT: I cannot see the advantage of having Mr. Munn here. Suppose he did tell us?

MR. ELLIOTT: Wouldn't you like to know?

MR. HARTT: Possibly I do know.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then, perhaps you would give us the information.

MR. HARTT: I cannot see the good of this, going into transfers of years and years ago.

MR. ELLIOTT: It was only on the 20th of January, 1910, a very recent transfer.

MR. HARTT: I claim that it has nothing at all to do with this case.

MR. ELLIOTT: I make the motion, that he be brought here and asked to produce all papers that have any connection with the purchase or sale of this limit.

MR. FERGUSON: I thought James Tudhope was president?

MR. HARTT: Tudhope would know more than Munn.

MR. EILBER: Why not get Tudhope here?

MR. HARTT: He would be the man.

MR. ELLIS: Why not get this inspector here, who made the estimate of the quantity, and get someone else to say whether at the price paid it is good value or not?

MR. FERGUSON: I suppose, Mr. Elliott, you will include Mr. Tudhope in that motion?

MR. ELLIOTT: Any gentleman who wishes Mr. Tudhope can make that motion.

MR. HARTT: It will be necessary to have Mr. Tudhope here.

MR. ELLIOTT: If we require any other man we will ask for him.

MR. HARTT: James B. Tudhope—better include his name.

MR. ELLIOTT: If you wish him here, ask for him.

MR. HARTT: We would like to have him here.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then send for him.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Tudhope would not be guilty of treating the Government unfairly.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is just one thing I would like to ask Mr. White. What is the difference between the property sold by the St. Anthony Lumber Company to the Munn Lumber Company, or the Traders Bank, and that purchased by the Government?

A.—No difference at all.

Q.—They are exactly the same?

A.—Yes, the same territory.

Witness was discharged.

The Committee adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

March 22nd, 1912.

The Committee met at 11.30 A.M. The Chairman stated that Dr. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, was present, and desired to be examined, since it was possible that he would not be available next week. Before the Committee settled down to business, Mr. Elliott enquired whether there had been any definite word from Dr. Merchant. The Chairman stated that Dr. Merchant would be in Boston on Saturday, and would be heard from then. He assured Mr. Elliott that Dr. Merchant had received instructions to attend, and would be present next week.

Dr. Colquhoun called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Look at page 7 of the Public Accounts, have you that before you?

A.—I have it before me.

Q.—It shows \$25,481 in salaries; now would you give the Committee, as nearly as possible, just the duties—I don't mean of those drawing the smaller amounts—but how the work is divided among those receiving the larger amounts of salary there. What are their duties. I suppose you have supervision over the various officials?

A.—My duties are defined in the Public Service Act.

Q.—Yes, and your duties do not require your attendance outside of the city?

A.—Of course, I am subject as you will see in the Act to the commands of the Minister at all points. All my duties are performed under his authority, and if he instructs me to go anywhere outside, of course, I go.

Q.—But as a general rule your duties are performed in the city?

A.—Yes, they are almost entirely administrative in the office.

Q.—I do not see any amount for expenses outside?

A.—There is a small amount.

MR. BOWMAN: Yes, travelling expenses, \$61.50.

MR. ELLIOTT: So that is the extent to which you were outside the city last year?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What are your office duties?

A.—Well, they are defined perfectly in section 18 of the Public Service Act. Under the Minister the Deputy shall have supervision over the administration of the Department. It says I shall maintain order, see that the officials do their duty; and in the Minister's absence I have power to suspend any, if they do not do their duty. That is it in a general way.

Q.—What officials are under your supervision?

A.—Every person.

Q.—You are accountable for the administration of that Department?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Does that include inspectors outside as well?

A.—That is a large question; my view is offered with becoming modesty, that control of the inspectors is defined in a different act, mainly in the Public Schools Act, and that such authority as the Minister has under that statute he can delegate to his Deputy. The clause I refer to in the Act dealing with my duties does not refer to the inspectors in the outside service.

Q.—Your power over the inspectors is not included in the Act you refer to?

A.—They are included in the regulations the Minister has power to make.

Q.—Yes?

A.—And also in the Public Schools Act.

Q.—The Public Schools Act refers to the regulations of the Department?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In addition to that the Public Schools Act—if I remember correctly—requires them to report on the work within their inspectorate?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then, your regulations, you have them with you, Doctor?

A.—I have not all my regulations.

Q.—I mean the regulations for the guidance of the inspectors?

A.—I think I have—Yes, I have.

Q.—Have they been changed in 1910 or 1911—I mean so far as they relate to the inspectors' duties?

A.—They have been subjected to considerable modification during the last eighteen months. I cannot say exactly, I would have to look it up. I should say about the last eighteen months. Certainly inside two years.

Q.—Could you let us have copies of them as they were before the changes were made, and as they are now?

A.—In point of fact I think that in many cases these are the first regulations that were ever drawn up in detail for the guidance of inspectors.

Q.—And when were they drawn up?

A.—In the last eighteen months.

Q.—That is they have been all right for approximately eighteen months?

A.—Yes. The regulations, previous to that time were few in number.

MR. FERGUSON: They were a kind of unwritten law?

MR. ELLIOTT: Is the Chairman correct in saying they were not written?

A.—Some were and some were not. For instance, take the urban inspectors, who were appointed by the Boards, and not by the Department; the urban inspectors never had detailed regulations.

Q.—You meant the county inspectors?

A.—I meant the urban inspectors and county inspectors also. The cities of the Province appoint their own inspectors. There was a general understanding, as the Chairman says, as to the unwritten rules. There were no rules intended for the county inspectors. Of course, that could not be applied in all cases, so we have drawn up fresh regulations.

MR. ELLIOTT: Could you give us what the main changes were? Is there any change from the principle of the old regulations?

A.—In the main, No.

MR. FERGUSON: They were for the purpose of securing proper inspection and reducing order out of chaos?

A.—Yes. They were to assure inspection, which was frequent, and which was to be of sufficient thoroughness to satisfy the Department.

MR. ELLIOTT: To which inspection are you referring?

A.—I am now referring to the city inspection.

Q.—As to rural inspection, what changes were made?

A.—There were some changes. They prescribed the number of visits to be paid a year to each school and the length of time that was to be spent in each school.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, and requiring reports to be sent in every case to the Department. That is the regulation on page four. "He shall promptly report to the Minister all violations of the School Act or Regulations of the Department of Education in the case of any school of which he is inspector." That applies generally to all inspectors?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It also says, a copy of the report of the inspector should be sent to the secretary within one month. Is a copy of the same report to be sent to the Department?

A.—No.

Q.—A copy in the case of a rural inspector ought to be sent to each county council, but as a general rule the inspector goes before the county council and makes the report annually, do they not?

A.—Yes. The county inspector makes direct to the school board a report of each inspection.

Q.—Yes; that is, he reports on each school he examines?

A.—Yes. He reports to the county council, giving a summary of the year's work.

Q.—Is there any provision for sending a similar report to the Department?

A.—No, that has never been exacted.

Q.—Do you mean that there is a rule to that effect?

A.—No, we never asked them to send copies.

Q.—You mean you never made a regulation to that effect?

MR. MESGROVE: He is an official of the Department, and would have to send a report if asked to?

A.—Yes, under the Public Schools Act.

HON. MR. REAUME: You pay part of his salary?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Department and the county bear the salary between them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Equally?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They report annually to the county council and there is no regulation to require them to make a similar annual report to the Department, which pays the other half of their salary?

A.—They make special reports to us for the purpose, as I pointed out the other day, for the purpose of distributing the grants of the Legislature. They send us statutory reports upon which the grant is paid.

Q.—That is a report for the purpose of ascertaining the grant?

A.—Pure and simple.

Q.—It is not a general report, similar to the report sent annually to the county council?

Q.—You have, then, no regulation requiring them to report to you as they are required by the School Act to report annually to the county council?

MR. FERGUSON: Let me ask a question. The information you get in your report Doctor, is as to the efficiency of the school, the status of the teachers, the standing of the pupils and that sort of thing, practically everything about the school comes to you?

MR. CLARKE: He says not.

DR. COLQUHOUN: It does not do to answer a specific question in loose language. The report gives us the information we require for the purpose of paying the grant, and we now, under these regulations, lay down the conditions under which inspection shall be done, and we call for a statement from each inspector as to whether he has given the time required under these regulations for inspection.

MR. FERGUSON: That is all I wanted to know.

MR. ELLIOTT: You have no regulation—there is no question about that—requiring a general report similar to the one the school act requires to be made to county councils?

A.—No, Mr. Elliott, there is not.

Q.—In making your annual report what information have you before you that enables you to make that report? The annual report we get?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Of the Minister of Education?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

DR. COLQUHOUN: All these statistical returns from the inspectors, to which may be appended brief comments by the inspectors regarding each school if he sees fit—you see the form there—all these are made up into the elaborate statistical tables you see in the Minister's report. It takes eight or ten months to do this, (trained people do it), and as these tables are made and reports of particular conditions summarized, the summarized conclusions are placed before the Minister, and on that he writes his report.

MR. ELLIOTT: That report might be in a great many cases only a recommendation as to the amount of the grant?

A.—In a majority of cases, yes.

Q.—In fact most of the reports before us there simply do that?

A.—Precisely.

Q.—I suppose these are fair examples of the reports you get?

A.—I think these are typical.

Q.—So as a general rule the reports you get from the inspectors simply are sent in for the purpose of enabling you to ascertain the grant to which they are entitled?

A.—That is a fair statement.

Q.—Of course the inspectors are supposed by your regulations to report any irregularity, any violation of the schools act or regulation of the Department of Education?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, then, with regard to the interpretation placed on the school act where there is a difference between trustees or between trustees and ratepayers or between different ratepayers in the same school section; do they frequently communicate with the Department for rulings?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who gives the rulings?

A.—The Minister authorizes his Deputy to deal with such cases.

Q.—You deal with such cases?

A.—Yes. In fact, as a matter of ordinary business every official letter going out from the Department is signed by the Deputy Minister, every one. There is a very voluminous correspondence.

Q.—The Deputy Minister sends practically every official letter?

A.—Yes, he sends every official letter.

Q.—You send all official letters in connection with matters of this kind; do you keep copies of all these?

A.—Yes, of every letter.

Q.—What system of filing do you adopt?

A.—The system that has been in vogue for many years. Of course, any gentleman knows that the system of filing differs according to the point of view of the individual. Some people think they have a better filing system than others. I find ours very satisfactory.

MR. FERGUSON: Perhaps you call yours the Mowat system.

DR. COLQUHOUN: I never gave it a name.

MR. CLARKE: It does its work; it must be a good one.

MR. ELLIOTT: It must be the best you can get.

DR. COLQUHOUN: I think the correspondence dates back to the time of Dr. Ryerson.

MR. ELLIOTT: If you thought there was a better system the Department would not insist on hanging on to it just because it was the old system of the Mowat Administration?

A.—Certainly not. As a matter of fact, we have under consideration a system of filing documents now.

MR. ELLIOTT: What I mean is, when letters are sent out do you keep copies in a letter book?

A.—We have a separate file for each matter.

MR. FERGUSON: Duplex files?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do you use a letter book as well showing the contents of letters in a certain week?

A.—We keep books which index the letters which come in on a certain day and the letters which go out.

Q.—You have a complete daily record of the correspondence of the Department?

A.—Yes.

MR. FERGUSON: Like a postal book.

DR. COLQUHOUN: Precisely.

MR. ELLIOTT: That will show the names of all parties from whom you received letters in a certain week and all whom you sent letters in that particular week. That will refer you to each particular file?

Q.—Do you refer by numbers?

A.—Yes, by numbers.

Q.—If any complaints are made to you as to the manner in which the inspector is performing his duties these records will show all of them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They will likely refer to particular schools, that would be the matter under which heading it would come?

A.—Yes.

MR. FERGUSON: Can you discharge an inspector?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Yes, under the act, for causes specified.

MR. ELLIOTT: Or for incompetence?

A.—Yes.

MR. MUSGROVE: That would be a cause, wouldn't it?

MR. CLARKE: He stated for causes specified.

MR. ELLIOTT: Isn't there something about an age limit, or was that cut out?

A.—It was rendered inoperative.

Q.—It was made harmless?

A.—Yes, the House amended that.

Q.—You have power, for cause, to dismiss an inspector?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What are the causes for which you can dismiss an inspector?

A.—They are perfectly stated in the Public Schools Act.

Q.—Yes, but can you tell me?

A.—Well, there is misconduct, inefficiency—and there is a third, but it just escapes me.

MR. MUSGROVE: If the county council recommended a dismissal would you act?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Since this clause was drafted we have had very few cases to deal with, therefore we have no procedure which would guide me in answering that question.

MR. ELLIOTT: For the year 1910, or for the year for which the Public Accounts go, the fiscal year ending the 31st of October, did you dismiss any inspector?

A.—Not so far as I know.

Q.—How many in the last three years—by the Department I mean?

A.—None.

MR. ELLIOTT: I want to ascertain whether frequent complaints exist upon which action might be taken.

MR. MUSGROVE: They wouldn't dismiss anyway. They would give them a chance to resign.

DR. COLQUHORN: We give them a chance to state their case.

MR. MUSGROVE: How many complaints have been reported during the last three years?

A.—It would be necessary to look up the records. There would be very few, not more than two or three.

MR. CLARKE: The inspector for Duncan County was dismissed.

DR. COLQUHORN: He was dismissed by the county council, and the Minister was asked to confirm that. The Department got the statement of the inspector and the county council and acquiesced in the dismissal.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then there is nobody within the last three years that the Department has dismissed?

A.—No.

Q.—Has the Department considered the necessity or the advisability of insisting on the inspectors sending to them copies of reports sent to the county councils by them?

A.—I do not know that we ever did consider it. Because they are obliged to send us anything we ask for.

MR. ELLIOTT: Doesn't it seem advisable to have before the Department all the information they can in connection with what the various inspectors do in the year? Wouldn't it be of assistance in compiling the report of the Minister?

A.—Well, yes. But the truth is that if you take our statistical returns, and add all that correspondence on the schools which has come in during the year you really have a better knowledge of what has gone on in any given inspectorate than you would get from the report of the inspector to his county council. It would require a general knowledge such as a Deputy Minister is obliged to possess of the correspondence of the Department during the year.

MR. CLARKE: Don't you think it would be an advantage to have copies of these reports sent to the county councils forwarded to the Department?

A.—I am inclined to think it would be.

Q.—Is it usual to get a report from the inspectors in these schools under the Public Schools Act requiring them to report any violation of the rules?

A.—Whenever a complaint of that kind is made the complaint or a copy of it is sent to the inspector.

Q.—No, no. I asked you if it is usual to receive from the inspector,

voluntarily, without any correspondence, reports of what they found to be irregular?

A.—It is not common, no.

Q.—Then you do get complaints?

A.—Usually from taxpayers dissatisfied with some feature of the school regulations.

MR. FERGUSON: The inspector generally fixes it, satisfies the ratepayers?

A.—No doubt there are many cases we never hear about. The inspector answers to the school board.

MR. ELLIOTT: He endeavors to settle it, and if they can't agree the Department settles it?

A.—As you are aware, a great number of school complaints are looked into by their own board, thus we never hear of them.

Q.—Now, then, have your inspectors—have you had much complaint about the way in which the regulations were carried out in the past year? How many were reported?

A.—I cannot express it in figures. I would say, not many.

Q.—Not many reports from inspectors as to any violations?

A.—Not many.

Q.—So that if the regulations have been violated to any extent the inspectors have not been doing their duty?

A.—If they have been they have not been reporting to us.

Q.—They have not reported to you, as it was their duty to report, if there have been violations?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is any complaint made against an inspector—are any complaints pending against any inspector for not having reported violations you have found to have taken place?

A.—Well that would require careful thought. Our letters run from one hundred to two hundred a day, but I know of no complaint now pending against any inspector in this Province.

Q.—Yes, you know no important complaint is pending now?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Has the Department taken any action with reference to violation of duty by the inspectors?

A.—Yes. We have during the past three years established an officer known as the Chief Inspector of Public and Separate Schools, who occupies the time in visiting the inspectorates to see the condition of them and to see how the inspectors are doing their work.

Q.—You have had him for how long?

A.—The present holder is Mr. Cowley. He succeeded Dr. Merchant last summer.

Q.—What is his name?

A.—R. H. Cowley.

Q.—So he is inspector of inspectors?

A.—Yes. Until he occupied that position Dr. Merchant occupied a similar position.

Q.—What salary is paid him?

DR. COLQUHOUN: Who?

MR. ELLIOTT: The inspector of inspectors, three thousand and travelling expenses?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That is the same salary that Dr. Merchant received before?

A.—Yes.

MR. MUSGROVE: Does he inspect the Normal schools?

A.—No; it is the intention at present to leave the inspection of the Normal schools in the hands of Dr. Merchant, now Director of Technical Education.

MR. MUSGROVE: And who inspects the Model Schools?

A.—He also.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then Dr. Merchant, at the time you placed him in his present duties, what time was that?

A.—His present duties?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

DR. COLQUHOUN: I would like to refer to the date of the Order-in-Council. Perhaps late last spring.

Q.—Now will you tell us—did you have correspondence leading up to his appointment?

MR. FERGUSON: Do you mean Cowley or Merchant?

MR. ELLIOTT: I mean Dr. Merchant.

MR. FERGUSON: That is, the inspector of technical schools now.

DR. COLQUHOUN: Director of Technical and Industrial Education; that is the wording of the Order in Council.

MR. ELLIOTT: When he assumed the duties of Inspector of bilingual schools—if there are any such things in the Province—was a new Order in Council passed?

A.—He was directed to—the then chief inspector of Public and Separate Schools was directed by the Minister of Education in November of 1910 to make a special investigation into existing conditions in certain schools of the Province. The terms of the instructions given him were brought down in an answer given in the House a few weeks ago.

Q.—Was that the result of numerous complaints coming in from throughout the Province?

A.—It was the result of public discussion to which the attention of the Government was doubtless drawn.

Q.—Do I understand that there was no correspondence—no considerable correspondence complaining of existing conditions?

A.—You mean official correspondence to the Department?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

A.—No, scarcely any.

Q.—There would be some?

A.—Yes, but so little that I cannot remember it at the moment. The cause of the investigation was no doubt the public discussion and not correspondence.

Q.—Have you any one file relating to certain complaints received by the Department?

A.—There would be if they were not attached to separate files dealing with each case. But there was no general complaint.

Q.—If there is any abuse existing would the Department have known of it if the inspectors had been doing their duty under the Public Schools Act?

A.—For several reasons I do not think that would follow, Mr. Elliott.

Q.—The point I want to get at is this. The Public Schools Act requires any violation to be reported by the inspector.

DR. COLQUHOUN: If he knows of it.

MR. ELLIOTT: He ought to be able to ascertain that as well as Dr. Merchant or any other inspector?

A.—No. The regulations prescribed for the ordinary inspector two visits a year, and in the case of the one teacher schools, which are the bulk of the rural sections, he is to spend not less than a half a day twice a year in each school. It is quite possible for an inspector to go into a school half a day twice a year and not know of certain violations of the regulations.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do I understand by that that your regulations do not provide then for inspection to ascertain violations which may exist?

A.—Yes, if he knows of them beforehand.

Q.—As far as discovering them, the regulations do not enable him, necessarily, to discover that they exist?

A.—They go so far as to provide him with power to find out, and to enforce the law, as has been the practice.

MR. FERGUSON: The violations might be concealed and the inspector would never discover them unless his attention had been drawn to them.

MR. CLARKE: It is his duty to be on the look-out for that.

DR. COLQUHOUN: Clearly.

Q.—There might be serious violations very generally in certain schools, and your inspector by doing his duty could not discover these violations?

A.—I would go as far as that, yes. Under the present regulations it might not be a violation of his duty. I am not very positive.

Q.—Are your regulations at the present time sufficient to enable the inspector to ascertain any violation in existence.

A.—I think so.

Q.—If the violations are in existence and not reported then the inspector has not been performing his duty?

A.—In a general way that is true.

MR. HARTT: Has this anything to do with the salary of the Deputy Minister or are we just listening to this for information?

MR. ELLIOTT: I suppose the honorable gentleman may listen for information if he desires.

MR. HARTT: I thought we were investigating the salary of the Deputy Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am endeavoring to ascertain the salaries of several other individuals as well as learn what they do to earn them.

MR. HARTT: I cannot see any object in it.

MR. ELLIOTT: I have no doubt the honorable gentleman would not be able to see any connection between them.

MR. ELLIOTT: Now with regard to the item of \$4,000 to John Seath. What relation would he have to this; superintend things?

A.—Well, his duties are those of a superintendent of education, to act as adviser to the department and have, under the Minister, general supervision.

Q.—His duties are mainly advisory?

A.—Yes.

Q.—His supervision extends over what schools?

A.—The Minister tacitly assigns to him any part of the system for supervision. He has general supervision over the whole system.

Q.—Has he any executive authority.

A.—No, his duties are advisory.

Q.—The performance of his duties is in the city only?

A.—Yes.

MR. MUSGROVE: Didn't he go to Great Britain on some work?

A.—That was a special mission.

Q.—As a general rule he doesn't go around among the schools?

A.—No.

MR. FERGUSON: He is not of nomadic habits?

A.—No.

Q.—What assistance does he receive in the performance of his duties?

A.—He has his secretary. His duties not being executive do not call for a staff. Amongst other things he may consult with any officials of the service, inside or outside.

MR. FERGUSON: In order to make his advice valuable?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: C. W. James, Minister's secretary and departmental secretary. What are his duties?

A.—His duties, of course, are the usual duties of a private secretary to his Minister. His departmental duties consist of certain secretarial supervision over branches of the service.

MR. ELLIOTT: Just the ordinary duties?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, then, without referring to the other clerks and assistant clerks of the department, and coming back to Dr. Merchant's appointment. That was made on what date?

A.—Late last spring. I would like to look at the exact day.

MR. HARTT: There is nothing in this return about Dr. Merchant. We have been listening to a whole lot of stuff about Dr. Merchant and there is nothing to warrant this examination.

MR. FERGUSON: There is nothing in this return asked for about inspectors.

MR. ELLIOTT: I have asked the Deputy Minister to explain the work of the Department, and the various officials of the Department. There is a certain amount of curiosity to ascertain how the work of the Department is done.

MR. FERGUSON: I have a lot of curiosity to know how far you are going?

MR. HARTT: It is not a discussion of these items on page 7. Dr. Merchant's name is not mentioned. If it is just for pure curiosity we may be able to satisfy our curiosity some other way. I would suggest that he apply himself to the items under consideration.

MR. FERGUSON: You had better narrow it down, or else you will go too far afield. I do not want to appear unfair, but we have two witnesses from Orillia waiting.

MR. ELLIOTT: Dr. Colquhoun, I suppose Dr. Cowley has supervision over the regulations?

A.—Yes, under the Minister.

Q.—What some members of the Committee are curious to know is whether the regulations already provided did not form a means by which the Department would be aware of any violation without appointing an additional inspector to do that.

A.—It was that express difficulty that resulted in exceptional conditions, namely the inspectors would do their duty satisfactorily in all respects under the regulations and yet these conditions would arise. Therefore this officer was appointed, and we find this officer is useful when exceptional conditions arise.

MR. ELLIOTT: What officer?

A.—The Chief Inspector, Dr. Cowley.

MR. FERGUSON: The idea was just to improve the efficiency of the Department, to get under the Chief Inspector any suggestions from any quarter.

MR. ELLIOTT: We have in our hands Dr. Merchant's report on certain schools. Does that disclose any conditions that the Department were not aware of before?

A.—Yes. There must have been irregularities not mentioned before then?

A.—Of course the situation is this: Dr. Merchant inspected at considerable length only a portion of these schools which were complained of. It would have taken him two and a half years to inspect them all. He selected those which in his judgment would give him a general knowledge of the situation. He even spent more than one day in a school. You could not

provide in ordinary cases for so much inspection as that. You would fill the Province with inspectors. He selected his schools and gave each school an examination which no ordinary inspector could give.

MR. ELLIOTT: It was a little more thorough examination?

A.—Yes, much more thorough.

Q.—Would you give the Committee the benefit of your opinion as to whether that old machinery, if additional inspectors—

MR. FERGUSON: I do not know why you ask him that sort of thing.

MR. ELLIOTT: Is it the intention of the Department to make some new regulations?

MR. FERGUSON: I do not think you can ask him that.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, I will put it this way. Do you think the old machinery will be improved.

MR. FERGUSON: That matter is being considered by the Government.

DR. PRESTON: A matter of policy.

MR. ELLIOTT: If it is a matter of policy the Deputy will be entitled to tell us.

MR. FERGUSON: You may examine him only as to the facts.

MR. ELLIOTT: Have you considered the advisability of amending these regulations in view of recent developments?

A.—No.

MR. FERGUSON: I think the Premier stated in the House that the matter is under consideration. I do not think it is fair to ask him to declare what the Department are doing until they announce it.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Chairman tells us these other gentlemen are here. Perhaps you can get us any correspondence relating to the appointment and any correspondence leading up to the appointment of Dr. Merchant.

A.—I can state that without looking up the records, there is no correspondence. There were no complaints about any of these schools he was asked to inspect.

MR. MUSGROVE: Was there not a complaint a few years ago about schools in the Eastern Counties where the Department withheld the grant?

MR. FERGUSON: That was not by correspondence; that was by deputation.

DR. COLQUHOUN: You mean in Eastern Ontario?

MR. MUSGROVE: Yes.

DR. COLQUHOUN: Complaints were laid before the Government by persons who had investigated conditions for themselves. There was no correspondence about it, except subsequent to that complaint being made when the Inspector was at once given the information and told to investigate.

MR. MUSGROVE: And you withheld the grant until they rectified it?

A.—Yes.

MR. MUSGROVE: Don't you think the inspector of the schools would be able in a half-day's inspection to know how the school was being opened in the morning?

A.—He might if he arrived at an hour when religious exercises were being given.

MR. MUSGROVE: Our inspector always did. When you went there at a quarter to nine he was sitting in the school, generally. He considered it a great deal of his duty to see how the teacher attends in the morning.

DR. COLQUHOUN: We do not prescribe the inspector's duties so much in detail. I think it is a wise policy for them to go early and see the opening of the school, but they are not required to do so. If he has to drive some distance from the nearest town or village he has to get time to do that. If he puts in half a day that is all the regulations require him to do.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then there is some correspondence with regard to some of these matters, correspondence regarding the grants.

DR. COLQUHOUN: The correspondence to which Mr. Musgrove refers is to be found summarized in last year's report of the Minister of Education.

MR. ELLIOTT: Will you ascertain the exact date of Dr. Merchant's appointment, and any correspondence you may have?

MR. MUSGROVE: I suppose it is a matter of policy, but I think it would be well to consider whether the county should have full control of the inspector. I suppose they both have control, the county council appoints him and pays one-half and the Department pays the other half.

DR. COLQUHOUN: He is generally answerable to the county council.

MR. MUSGROVE: Have you ever heard of the inspector failing to report to the county council certain things? I have an instance of that in my mind. It is well to look into that. The inspector may fall under the control of certain Reeves and Deputies in the council.

MR. ELLIOTT: I think that would be well.

MR. MUSGROVE: There is strong lobbying for these appointments and the inspector is put under obligation to certain men in these councils.

MR. ELLIS: And they might be appointed with a certain understanding.

Witness discharged.

MR. T. E. MUNN, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Munn, you are a member of the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When was that company formed?

A.—In 1910, I think.

Q.—Did you make a purchase of certain limits from the St. Anthony Lumber Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—About what date?

A.—In December, 1910.

Q.—That transfer was in the name of the Traders' Bank from the St. Anthony Lumber Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the price at which that limit was sold?

MR. MUNN: The price we paid?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

MR. MUNN: Why do you ask me that?

MR. ELLIOTT: We want to get at the value of that limit.

MR. FERGUSON: You need not answer that unless you choose.

MR. MUNN: As a matter of principle I do not think I should answer it.

We paid for the limits, and we did not make any overtures to the Government to buy them from us.

MR. ELLIOTT: The point is this; unless there is some reason why the Committee object to you telling us, I think perhaps there is no objection to you letting us know.

MR. FERGUSON: That cannot go on the record that way. The Committee do not object if Mr. Munn chooses to say. I think his view was, "Why do you ask me about my private affairs. I do not see why you should." Mr. Munn objects to answering.

MR. ELLIOTT: Here is the position; this limit was sold by the St. Anthony Lumber Company to the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It was bought by the Munn Lumber Company—when?

A.—In December, 1910.

Q.—And sold?

A.—In December, 1911, I guess.

Q.—About a year later?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The St. Anthony Lumber Company gave it to the bank on the 20th of January, 1910?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The date of the conveyance to the Government is the 27th of October, 1910?

Witness explained that he had been confused in the dates and that the limit was bought in 1909 and sold in 1910.

Q.—You sold to the Government for \$290,000; you were allowed to cut off thirteen million feet of timber?

A.—Yes.

Q.—This amount here is what you took off the whole time you had it?

A.—We cut two seasons. The last season we cut between thirteen and fourteen million feet, the season before a few millions, about fifteen million feet in all.

Q.—You cut fifteen million feet altogether?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What would the value of that be, to the Munn Lumber Company?

MR. MUNN: To cut?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, to cut.

A.—About \$3.00 *per* thousand, or \$3.25.

MR. CLARKE: Is that stumpage?

MR. MUNN: Possibly \$3.00 a thousand stumpage.

MR. ELLIOTT: That is what you would clear?

MR. HARTT: No; he is telling you the value of the stumpage.

MR. ELLIOTT: What was the clear value, the net profit?

A.—Approximately \$3.00 a thousand.

Q.—The Committee are desirous of knowing what that limit was bought for in January—what it could be bought for in the January before the Government bought it. That is all there is to it.

A.—It couldn't have been bought from us at the price the Government bought at. No private concern could have bought at the price the Government paid.

MR. ELLIOTT: The point we want to ascertain is, what was this limit worth some time before the Government bought it?

MR. FERGUSON: Let him answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: He is not answering my question.

MR. FERGUSON: He is answering it. You asked him what it could have been bought for and he is telling you.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am asking what it could have been bought for in the January before the Government bought it.

MR. FERGUSON: The Government did not buy it from him in the previous January. He says it could not have been bought for \$290,000. That is his answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am asking about the price it could have been bought for at the time the Munn Lumber Company bought it, which was in the January before the Government bought it.

MR. HARTT: That is the same question.

MR. ELLIOTT: I think that is a matter for this Committee to know.

MR. FERGUSON: In face of what he says, that he does not choose to answer—he says, “We bought it and paid the price. It is our business and I am not going to tell you.” I do not think the Committee should insist upon it.

MR. ELLIOTT: It is a matter for the Committee to know what was paid for this limit in the January previous to the time the Government bought it.

MR. McELROY: You cannot compel him to tell.

MR. ELLIOTT: If the Committee wishes to it can.

MR. FERGUSON: You are wrong, Mr. Elliott. Look up the Journals of the House in 1903 and see what they say on that point. In the Shannon lumber deal, Patrick McDermott was being examined; he was asked what he had paid for a limit which Shannon had secured from the Department. Mr. Graham, then Chairman of the Committee, ruled that the Committee should

not insist upon McDermott disclosing the fact, as that was a matter of private concern and could not possibly affect the item under consideration. This case is exactly the same.

MR. ELLIOTT: I remember a more recent ruling where the Committee decided a question should be answered, and it was asked and was answered.

MR. MUSGROVE: The Committee decided that the man should answer it if he liked; that was the Smith case. When he was asked Smith said that it was a matter of private concern of the manager, and that he would not answer without consulting him. If he saw fit to allow him to he would answer it. The Committee held that he would not have to answer unless the manager permitted him to. He went away and came back and told the Committee that the Manager said he was willing, and he did answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Committee received the information as having a bearing on the price.

MR. FERGUSON: It was voluntary, though.

MR. HARTT: What we are trying to ascertain as to the value of this limit is whether the Government got the worth of its money or not. I would like to ask one question that will probably settle the whole thing without wasting any further time. The estimates made by these rangers show 231,000,000 feet of timber on the limit. Now Mr. Tudhope is here. He is in the lumber business. He is a responsible man, and I would ask Mr. Tudhope if he would give to-day the amount of money the Munn company received for this limit. Surely it would show that the Government got the worth of its money if Mr. Tudhope would say that he would give that amount of money for it now.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a witness before the Committee now, unfortunately.

MR. ELLIOTT: The information I am endeavoring to get at has an important bearing on the value for which this limit could have been purchased in January when it was purchased by the Munn Lumber Company.

MR. HARTT: What we are trying to get at is the value of the timber to-day.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, if the Committee rules against me I will have to be satisfied.

MR. McKEOWN: The better way would be to ask Mr. Munn whether he cares to tell us.

MR. FERGUSON: He already says he does not.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Chairman told him he did not need to answer before he objected.

MR. THOMPSON: I do not think that is what occurred. He started first to take exception himself.

MR. ELLIOTT: Excuse me—

THE CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Elliott, you are entirely wrong. Ask Mr. Mann himself. He started to protest, and I told him he did not need to answer unless he saw fit.

MR. ELLIOTT: The position I take is this—and I may say I have discussed it with a portion of the Committee—that in view of the fact that early in the summer of 1910 the Government sent out timber estimators to

ascertain the amount of timber on the limit, showing that some time previous to that they had practically decided to obtain the limit,—now I want to ascertain what they could have obtained it for a few months previous to that. No doubt they could have obtained it at the same price that the Munn Lumber Company obtained it for.

MR. MUNN: It is just a question whether they could have or not.

MR. ELLIOTT: In all probability they would have sold it to this Government just as cheaply as to the Munn Lumber Company.

MR. McKEOWN: Not necessarily.

MR. ELLIOTT: I quite agree. The Government might not have made as good a deal as the Munn Lumber Company, but I say they should have.

MR. McCREA: I have personal knowledge of a case in the lumber business in a township in the north which was purchased for \$2,000 and sold for \$10,000.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is the point; whether or not we are entitled to this information.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Munn says, "I do not choose to answer, to disclose my private business," and I rule that in my opinion he is not required to do it. You can appeal from that ruling to the Committee if you wish.

MR. ELLIOTT: Very well then.

THE CHAIRMAN: My ruling is that as the witness objects to answering and telling the price at which he purchased, on the ground that it is a matter of private concern, he is not bound to answer.

MR. CLARKE: Just a minute. I cannot see any reason—this property has already been sold.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is not the time to discuss that; Mr. Elliott appeals from the ruling of the Chair. The question is, shall the Chair be sustained?

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to state the grounds for my appeal.

THE CHAIRMAN: You made objection to the Chairman's procedure. I propose to put it to a vote without further discussion.

The matter was then put to a vote and the Chairman's ruling was sustained. Mr. Elliott asked for a division, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Dargavel, Ellis, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, McCreA, McElroy, McKeown Peck, Thompson (Simeoe.)

Nays—Messrs. Bowman, Clarke, Elliott, Mageau, Munro, Sinclair.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is carried and the ruling of the Chair is sustained.

MR. ELLIOTT: Just another question or two, Mr. Munn. Can you give us the different kinds of timber which constituted that fifteen million feet? That is, that you cut?

A.—Pine, spruce, hemlock, birch.

Q.—How much of it was pine?

A.—Fifty *per cent.* of it was pine, the others were equally divided—a little more spruce possibly.

Q.—About \$3.00 a thousand was what you netted on that?

A.—Approximately that.

Q.—Part of that fifteen million feet was cut at the time the property was purchased by the Government?

A.—Yes.

Q.—About what portion?

A.—Most of it was cut before the agreement was made.

Q.—What limit was placed on you in cutting?

A.—We could cut up to January 1, 1911.

Q.—Didn't you cut in 1911 too? I thought you cut two seasons?

A.—We cut in 1909 and 1910. We quit cutting at the beginning of 1911.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, that is what your agreement would give.

MR. CLARKE: Did you transfer to the Government everything you bought from the St. Anthony Lumber Company?

A.—Not everything. We have the mill. We kept some railway iron and camp equipment. That is all.

Q.—Outside of that everything was transferred to the Government?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They get all the timber less the fifteen million feet you cut?

A.—They get everything except the mill. That is all specified in the agreement.

MR. CLARKE: Has this limit ever been cut over before?

A.—Oh, yes. We bought it as a hardwood proposition. The pine was supposed to have been taken out.

Q.—Who were the officers of the St. Anthony Lumber Company?

A.—E. C. Whitney was manager.

Q.—They had this limit some time?

A.—Fifteen or sixteen years, I think. These were old licenses in existence for thirty or forty years.

Q.—What do you estimate the cost of cutting, from the tree to the mill—how far is this limit from your mills?

A.—We have a run of about ten or fifteen miles; about ten miles.

Q.—And what does it cost you—I mean about, give us an idea?

A.—About ten dollars a thousand.

Q.—Is it all floated down?

A.—Yes, the limit is well watered.

MR. CLARKE: That is pretty high.

A.—It may be a little high.

Q.—What would that lumber sell for f.o.b. cars?

A.—I cannot give you that.

MR. ELLIOTT: In view of the attitude Mr. Munn has taken and in view of the ruling of the Chairman and the Committee, I would like to give Mr. Munn some information we have on the subject and he can contradict it or not

as he sees fit. My information, Mr. Munn, is that this limit was bought at \$160,000.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is something he does not need to answer. I do not propose to let you escape from the ruling of the Committee, Mr. Elliott. You heard that ruling, and I do not propose to let you escape from it by any subterfuge.

MR. ELLIOTT: The ruling given is that he does not need to answer unless he desires to. You have objected to that before he has——

THE CHAIRMAN: You know well enough that in court if a judge refuses to allow a question you would not be allowed to put it in half a dozen different ways.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is my information——

THE CHAIRMAN: There is no use your discussing it.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps you will wait until I put the proposition before you rule me out. This is my information. I propose, Mr. Chairman, to tell him what my information is and to ask him if he has any comment to make, denying it or affirming it.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is not a fair question, and you have no right to put it.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am not asking a question——

MR. HARTT: Are we investigating what Mr. Munn paid or what the Government paid?

THE CHAIRMAN: What the Government paid. I rule that you have no right to ask that question, in view of the ruling of the Committee.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am not trying to ask him a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, you have got all that on the record; that ought to be satisfactory to you.

MR. ELLIOTT: It is satisfactory, if you take it that way.

MR. HARTT: We are trying to ascertain the value of this limit now, but he does not want to come to that point at all, that is the point we are discussing here, not a former transaction. Ancient history has nothing to do with the item under discussion. We have before us an estimate by men perfectly reliable, showing some 231,000,000 feet. Mr. Munn has told us he made a margin of \$3.00 per thousand on what they cut. It has been proved that if the Government wanted to turn this limit over—which they, of course, don't want to do—but if they ever do they will have a nice margin of profit. If they wanted to part with it the limit would be worth \$690,000.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to the argument made by the honourable member, the position is simply this, what that property is worth now may not be of so much value, but what the limit was worth and could have been bought for some time ago is a most important thing for this Committee to consider, in order to ascertain whether the Government used good judgment in buying it at the time they did, at the price they did, when it could have been bought a few months before possibly for a much cheaper price.

MR. CLARKE: Let me ask something. How much higher is the value of

pine, birch and spruce—is timber higher or lower now, two years from the time you bought it? What advance in the value of timber has there been—is it higher or lower? How much, in your judgment?

MR. MUNN: Hardwood stumpage is going up.

MR. CLARKE: But this was not hardwood. You don't call spruce hardwood?

MR. MUNN: Speaking of hardwood, I meant timber other than pine. Timber other than pine is gradually getting a little higher every year.

MR. CLARKE: What advance in the value of pine is there in 1911 compared with 1909?

A.—Not much advance.

Q.—How about spruce?

A.—A little higher.

Q.—And birch?

A.—A little higher.

MR. CLARKE: So there has been very little advance in the price of timber.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you buy this as a pine proposition?

MR. MUNN: No; as a hardwood limit. The St. Anthony Company were pine people.

MR. CLARKE: Maple and birch. Now, what percentage would that run?

A.—Taking in the hardwood and spruce about 80 *per cent.*

MR. CLARKE: Spruce is not counted as hardwood.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is a sort of trade name, is it not—includes everything but pine?

MR. HARTT: He said everything other than pine. The St. Anthony people only cut pine. They were big people, and wouldn't go after the scattered stuff. These people were to have what was left.

MR. CLARKE: What I am trying to get at is, there has not been a jump of \$2 a thousand in two years. I do not think it has amounted to much in that time—it has been practically stationary.

MR. CLARKE: What was the percentage of hardwood?

A.—Eighty million feet was the estimate of birch.

Q.—Which would be the greater, pine or hardwood?

A.—Hardwood.

Q.—The most of it was pine and spruce with balsam and tamarack. Would you have on the whole limit 30 *per cent.* of hardwood—stuff fit to make lumber?

A.—Oh, yes, possibly one-half of it. I think the estimate was 245 million.

Q.—From the time you bought until the time you sold there appeared to be practically no increase in the value of timber—that is what I understand you to say?

A.—Yes.

MR. FRASER: How long a lease did you have? How long did the licenses run?

MR. MUNN: There were licenses in three townships in the Park. The order-in-council covering these licenses was for thirty years.

Q.—They have run twenty years now?

MR. MUNN: In 1902 an arrangement was made whereby the licensees had thirty years in which to take out the timber other than pine. They had a right to cut until thirty years. That was fixed by statute.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are speaking of the statute passed in 1900?

MR. ELLIOTT: The president of the St. Anthony Lumber Company was Mr. Whitney?

MR. MUNN: He was the manager.

Q.—Do you know any of the others?

A.—Not personally. I know their names. I think Mr. Briggs was president.

Q.—Do you know any of the others who live in this vicinity?

A.—No, I don't.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, Mr. Chairman, I suppose there is no objection to subpoenaing the members of the St. Anthony Lumber Company to come here—and in case they do not object, having parted with their interest in this limit some time ago—to state what the value of this property was when they sold it. I think we should get them here to see if they are willing to tell what they sold this limit for.

MR. HARTT: Is the St. Anthony Lumber Company in existence?

MR. ELLIOTT: I hope the men who formed the company, the men who sold this limit, are still in existence. The question is to get the information from some of the men, not from the company. I would like to know if they take the same position, and if they do not, I know a portion of the Committee are anxious to get this information.

MR. McELROY: I would like to have the Deputy Minister present at the next session of the Committee. I think he ought to be here.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, I was going to suggest that.

MR. CLARKE: Mr. Munn, you made a statement that no private party could have bought this at a price as low as the Government bought it. You weren't compelled to sell to the Government; why did you?

A.—As a matter of sentiment; we knew what the Government wanted it for.

Q.—It was not altogether a matter of sentiment?

A.—No, not altogether. But no private concern could have got that limit from us at the price the Government did. We didn't want to sell it.

MR. ELLIOTT: These companies are generally run on sentiment.

MR. CLARKE: Why were you compelled to sell; they did not expropriate? If your property was worth more money you would have persisted in getting all it was worth. I do not see why, as a shrewd business concern—and Mr. Munn is reputed to be very careful—you should take less than it was worth?

MR. MUNN: If there is ever a call to take this limit back, we would take

it and give the Government interest on the investment from the time we got the money.

MR. HARTT: Mr. Munn has made a statement, as a perfectly reliable man. He may not have an opportunity to have such an offer considered now, but he may at some future date.

MR. CLARKE: Mr. Munn has not answered my question. Why couldn't any private individual buy this property at the same price? Why favour the Government?

MR. McELROY: He told you.

MR. MUNN: The Government approached us. We were not looking for a customer. Our price was almost double. We wanted \$600,000, and thought it was worth it. I think yet we were right, but the Minister drove us a pretty hard bargain.

MR. CLARKE: Now take this thing seriously. I did not think there was such benevolence between here and the North Pole. You asked \$600,000, and believed it was worth it, and then the Minister approaches you and drives a hard bargain. You come down fifty cents on the dollar—you sold for \$290,000—less than fifty cents. If your statement is absolutely correct I have not a great deal of faith in the business sagacity that would take fifty cents on the dollar.

MR. MUNN: The other man must have been better than us. He got the best of the deal.

MR. THOMPSON: It was so unusual for the Government they were connected with to drive such a bargain that they want it explained.

MR. CLARKE: It is so unusual to strike such benevolence.

MR. ELLIOTT: What strikes me as so remarkable in view of the fact that he only got one-half of what it is worth, is why Mr. Munn does not tell us what he paid for it just to show what a snap this Government got.

THE CHAIRMAN: He has told you that it was partly a matter of sentiment. I do not think you have a right to ask him further.

MR. ELLIOTT: These gentlemen are so anxious to find out what a snap the Government got on this proposition.

MR. HARTT: There are your estimates.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is a better test than that.

MR. CLARKE: Your answer is simply this: your company asked \$600,000 for that limit and sold for \$290,000. Owing to the fact that the Minister drove a hard bargain you accepted fifty cents on the dollar.

MR. MUNN: I did not say we gave it at fifty cents on the dollar.

MR. CLARKE: Well, that is what it amounts to.

The witness was discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that Mr. E. C. Whitney and Mr. A. E. Briggs, formerly of the St. Anthony Lumber Company,

be summoned to appear before the Public Accounts Committee at the next session, and to produce all books and papers relating to the limits transferred to the Munn Lumber Company.

MR. HARTT: It may be impossible to get those books.

THE CHAIRMAN: They may be all destroyed.

MR. ELLIOTT: They won't have to produce them then.

The Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee.

March, 27, 1912.

The Committee met at 10.30 A.M.

MR. WHITE, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests was called and examined.

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. White, you have already been before this Committee giving testimony with regard to Algonquin Park?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I understand that the acquiring of Algonquin Park—that there was some investigation by the Government of that day with regard to these limits in Algonquin Park.

MR. WHITE: At what time are you speaking of?

MR. MCGARRY: At the time the Park was established.

MR. WHITE: At first a Royal Commission was issued on which were four or five members. Mr. Alex. Kirkwood, chairman, James Dixon, R. W. Phipps, Archibald Blue and myself with Mr. Gibson as secretary. After they had investigated they reported and recommended that the park should be set aside. (Puts in map of park.) They recommended the Department to set it aside by legislation.

Q.—When was that done?

A.—In 1903. The Algonquin Park Act was passed then.

Q.—Had these licenses been there then?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They recognized the right to cut all kinds of timber?

A.—Yes, all kinds. Certain licenses carried all kinds and certain licenses were to cut pine only.

Q.—And these licenses covering the territory sold by the Munn Lumber Company to the Government?

A.—They covered all kinds of timber.

Q.—They had the right to cut within what period of years?

A.—They were the ordinary kind of licenses renewable every year.

Q.—That has been recognized by the Government of that day?

A.—Perhaps I had better explain. The legislation establishing the park struck out all kinds of timber except pine.

Q.—Was there after that—after the Park was established were there any applications made by lumbermen who were interested, asking to have this restored?

A.—Yes, they asked to have the timber, other than pine, put back.

Q.—And was this considered by the Government?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And was the Prime Minister, Mr. Hardy—what position did he take with reference to the application of these lumbermen?

A.—In the first place he took the ground that if we did not keep the cutting of timber other than pine out, the park would not be of any value. We might as well give it up.

Q.—I see?

A.—I took the position that the park would be practically useless for the purpose for which it was established unless we kept from the licensees the authority to cut timber other than pine.

Q.—Subsequent to that, what action was taken?

A.—The legislature in 1900 allowed them to cut certain varieties of timber.

Q.—They gave back to the lumbermen the right to cut other kinds than pine?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Everything?

A.—Spruce, hemlock, black and yellow birch, black ash and tamarack.

Q.—That was in the year 1900?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Among those to whom the right was legislated back, was the license sold to the Government by the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—Exactly.

Q.—Were there others beside?

A.—Oh, yes, a number of others.

Q.—A number of others got the same right at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So that when the present Government came to the conclusion that it was necessary to have included in Algonquin Park all the territory covered by the Munn Lumber Company License, they were following out the views of Hon. A. S. Hardy?

A.—The original idea, yes.

Q.—The idea that Hon. Mr. Hardy had was that the park was practically useless if the lumbermen were allowed to cut all kinds of timber?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: Maple and basswood were not included?

A.—There was no maple stated in that.

Q.—Nor basswood?

A.—No, nor basswood.

MR. MCGARRY: What would have been the effect, Mr. White, if the Mum Lumber Company had put in a chemical plant to use the hardwood?

MR. CLARKE: Of course they couldn't use the maple. How much of it was there?

MR. WHITE: In some places a lot of it, in other places not much. (To Mr. McGarry). I made up my mind and said to the Minister that if they were going to be allowed to cut all varieties as they proposed to, and cut down to four or five inches, we might as well abandon the Park.

MR. MCGARRY: It would have created an oasis in the Park.

A.—It would have destroyed the Park, to have allowed the licensees to go on cutting. I might say, that the Park now covers 2,062 1-2 square miles and of that only 307 square miles are licensed for pine only, so that 1,623 square miles of the 2,062 miles covers pine and all these varieties I have named.

THE CHAIRMAN: How many of these licenses have you bought out?

A.—So far only this company.

MR. CLARKE: Of the total what percentage of the park is not licensed?

A.—The whole park is under license.

MR. MCGARRY: 2,062 square miles of it is under license?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The licenses do not carry the right to cut all kinds of timber?

A.—No; 307 miles are pine only, and 1,623 miles carry all varieties of timber—spruce, hemlock, black and yellow birch, black ash and tamarack.

MR. FERGUSON: Has a proposition been made to buy back the rights of these other companies?

A.—I think the matter has been under discussion.

MR. ELLIOTT: Have any steps been taken yet?

A.—Not that I am particularly seized of.

Q.—The other day you were to obtain for us the estimates of the various kinds of timber in the limit. Have you got them?

A.—I have not been able to find that.

Q.—The detailed estimates?

A.—I haven't placed them yet.

Q.—Isn't that statement among the records?

A.—It is in the Department somewhere. At the time Mr. Cochrane went away his secretary gathered up all papers belonging to him and all belonging to us. He gave us all the papers belonging to us, and that was among them. I saw it and know it was there.

Q.—But you have not yet been able to obtain it?

A.—No.

Q.—That which is the only reliable estimate?

A.—Oh, no, I would not say that. We have the report of the ranger who superintended the investigation.

Q.—But you have no other from the men who made the estimates?

A.—He was there from time to time with the men and he made the report.

MR. ELLIOTT: The report of the men who actually made the estimate is what we wanted to get.

A.—I do not think we have anything from them except what was given here.

Q.—By whom was the report made?

A.—By Henderson.

Q.—And you have no record or anything to show what that contains.

A.—I cannot find it at the present moment. I have no doubt I shall find it.

Q.—Perhaps you will be good enough to take another look.

A.—I have already made a diligent search, but there is such a multiplicity of papers it is hard to find.

Q.—There are some members of the Committee anxious to see that and we would like, if possible, to obtain that by the next meeting.

A.—If I can I will. I have made a close search, a dozen times.

Q.—Have you a record of when it was first decided to purchase this limit from the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—I gave the dates there. I think it was early in 1910.

MR. MCGARRY: The record of the last meeting says July 8, 1910.

MR. ELLIOTT: What was the month, Mr. White?

MR. FERGUSON: They sent the estimate out in July.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is not a question of the date the estimators were sent out. I asked when the Government decided to obtain this limit.

MR. WHITE: I cannot answer that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not likely they would call him in.

MR. ELLIOTT: They would tell him when they had made a decision.

MR. WHITE: The basis of the action was the order-in-council produced the other day. It speaks for itself.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do you remember what induced the Government to take the steps they did?

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot ask that question, that is a question of policy.

MR. ELLIOTT: What the steps leading up to this action were? Surely that is a proper question.

MR. MCGARRY: By no means.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What was the idea in getting this limit, Mr. White?

A.—The Munn Lumber Company were cutting all kinds of timber down to the very small timber. Our ranger reported it, and we inquired and found what they were doing. We made up our minds that if this was to go on we might as well abandon the park, and so we asked them to stop cutting until we saw what we could do, until we could make arrangements to buy the timber back.

MR. ELLIOTT: On account of the reports your ranger gave that the timber was being cut down to the small timber you became convinced that the park was likely to be destroyed?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That was early in 1910?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Could you give us an estimate of the cost incurred in making your estimates.

A.—I could get that from the Department. I did not bring it with me.

Q.—Perhaps you will give us the total cost, a statement showing the total cost of this limit, with all the expenditures incurred in connection with the investigation?

A.—I will have that prepared.

Q.—Could you give an estimate of the pine that was reported to you to be left on the limit at the time the St. Anthony Lumber Company sold?

A.—At the time of the examination for the purpose of acquiring it there was ten million feet, partly lying and partly standing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That was the estimate put in the other day?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The St. Anthony Company were practically pine people, they cut nothing but pine?

A.—Yes. I would not like to say they never cut anything else, but their business was practically that of pine people.

MR. CLARKE: That limit was fairly well cut over. The St. Anthony people had cut out all the good pine, that was the reason they turned it over.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It might have been scattered.

MR. CLARKE: I think the reason was that the timber was scattered.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It wouldn't pay to cut it.

MR. CLARKE: Well, I don't know; ten million feet is a lot of pine.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But it was scattered over three hundred square miles. They would pick up about a tree a day.

MR. MCGARRY: These estimators you employed were old estimators, capable men?

MR. WHITE: Oh, yes, They were experienced men. I knew some of them personally.

Q.—Some of them were in the employ of the old Government?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: It would take the estimators quite a while to get over that number of miles?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long were they in that district?

A.—They were instructed in July and reported in September—the 21st of September.

MR. CLARKE: It would be good work to make a proper estimate over that ground in that time. There must have been a lot of guessing.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps Mr. White will furnish us with the exact number of days for which they were paid.

MR. CHAIRMAN: About this property, these buildings that were thrown in, have you any idea of what the buildings were worth?

A.—They were insured for \$14,000.

MR. CLARKE: Are they still insured?

A.—Oh, yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Is the mill in operation yet?

A.—No, I think not. I am not sure about that.

Q.—Didn't you get the mill?

A.—No. We got the church and other things.

Q.—The tenement?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: They are not much value without the mill?

A.—Not unless some business comes in.

MR. CLARKE: And that isn't likely now, so practically the buildings are not of much value.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, we could set fire to them and collect the \$14,000 insurance.

MR. CLARKE: You would not like to buy it at \$14,000.

MR. WHITE: I am not open to investments of that kind.

Q.—So they are not of much value?

A.—Except for the lumber in them.

MR. ELLIOTT: I thought the property transferred by the St. Anthony Lumber Company to the Munn Lumber Company was the same as that transferred by the Munn Lumber Company to the Government? Or did I misunderstand you. I understand they got the mill from the St. Anthony Lumber Company.

A.—The Government did not get the mill.

Q.—I understood you to say the property transferred to the Government was the same as when the Munn Company got it?

A.—I was speaking of the limits. I thought I stated that the mill was excepted.

Q.—There was nothing else that the Munn Lumber Company obtained that the Government did not obtain from the Munn Lumber Company?

A.—The iron on the railway.

Q.—That covers all.

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you estimated the value of that, of the iron on the railway?

A.—No.

Witness was discharged.

MR. E. C. WHITNEY, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Whitney, you were a member of the St. Anthony Lumber Company.

A.—Yes, sir.

MR. ELLIOTT: I think it is only fair, Mr. Chairman, for me to state that there is no suggestion of anything inadequate in the transfer—anything improper in the transfer with which Mr. Whitney is connected. As he is connected with a certain member of the Government it is only fair to make that statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That never entered our minds at all.

MR. ELLIOTT: No, I suppose not. The object of asking you here, Mr. Whitney, was to obtain, if possible the price at which the Munn Lumber Company purchased from the St. Anthony Lumber Company this limit.

MR. EILBER: We might as well stop now. This committee has nothing to do with that.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, just a moment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do not get into an argument. I am going to make a ruling about that.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is clearly the same position now as we had before. Mr. Whitney made no objection. The objection came from a member of the committee. I submit that the objection ought not to have come from a member of the Committee, and should have come, if it is to come, from the man who has a right to claim that privilege.—

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no——

MR. ELLIOTT: Just a moment, I am not through,—— if you will be good enough to permit me.——

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have—I am going to rule that if he chooses to answer he may answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: Very well, then, but I submit the Committee had no right to object.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It would have saved you if you had waited until I had made my objection.

MR. WHITNEY: I am sure I would have had no objection to telling anything, except that I believe Mr. Munn has declined to. In transactions of that kind it is not customary to put in the consideration, but if Mr. Munn had answered the question I would have been perfectly willing. I have no objection other than that Mr. Munn as purchaser has the prior right. He said when he made the purchase, "this is a private matter. I do not care to have this go out." Mr. Munn has objected, therefore, I object.

MR. ELLIOTT: Therefore, under the ruling of the Chair the other day there is no use in pressing the question. If Mr. Munn had answered the question we would not have troubled you.

MR. WHITNEY: He has claimed it is a private matter, and I do not care I have a right to give it away. As far as I am concerned I do not care two snaps.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do you feel like telling us the expanse cut over?

A.—We cut what we calculated to be all the pine timber. The few million feet of timber left after operations of that kind—it would not be good business to try and get it, to keep the organization in the field for a

little bit of timber. The figures showed somewhere in the neighborhood of seven or eight million feet.

MR. ELLIOTT: You cut what you considered was substantially all the pine timber you could cut to advantage?

MR. WHITNEY: Exactly.

MR. CLARKE: The timber was so scattered you could not cut it to advantage?

A.—If it had all been in one bunch we could not have done it. We could not maintain operations there, and run a mill of thirty or forty million capacity to cut ten million feet of timber. We cut as far as we could, and when we came to the end of the season we had to quit. It would not have paid us to go back for it.

MR. CLARKE: Supposing a small proposition cutting six or eight million feet a year—was the timber so scattered that it would not have paid them?

MR. WHITNEY: It would not have been a profitable operation. That country is divided into townships. The limit was in three different townships.

MR. ELLIOTT: Really the timber was so scattered that it was not a valuable proposition.

MR. MCGARRY: Yours was a pine working proposition entirely?

A.—Yes. We never considered the value of the hardwood—not in connection with our business.

Q.—What was it you cut there?

A.—If I remember right it averaged something near forty million annually.

Q.—Your operations would necessarily cut over a considerable section each season. In cutting over that section, you would naturally leave a considerable amount of immature timber?

A.—Sometimes corners were left and some timber a little out of the way.

Q.—How many seasons did you cut altogether?

A.—My recollection is that we ran the mill for fifteen years.

Q.—The hardwood then would be scattered throughout the limit?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So the persons following you would of necessity in taking the hardwood be required to cut over every portion?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So in cutting over the limit there would be no extra expense in cutting the scattered pine?

A.—No.

Q.—So that the pine would be more valuable to them than even a smaller pine limit?

A.—Of course they would take it as they go.

MR. CLARKE: So that the hardwood is generally scattered?

A.—Yes—if you speak generally, yes. In some sections there is hardly any hardwood. Speaking generally of the limit, it was scattered through it.

Q.—Did you cut any hardwood?

A.—No, not fifty thousand feet. That was not cut out of the park limit. We cut a little for our own purposes, at the mill.

Q.—Did you get any estimate of it?

A.—We never had an estimate of the whole of it.

Q.—Did you get a general estimate?

A.—No general estimate of the hardwood. We had an estimate of a small section for a party who thought of buying a lot of it for making wood alcohol and charcoal. We had a part of the territory examined then.

MR. CLARKE: You didn't cut any maple?

A.—Not in the park, but our limit was not all in the park. There was some of it outside the park, about two townships.

Q.—I see, and it was in these two townships outside the park that they proposed to buy?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: You cut fifteen seasons?

A.—That is my recollection.

Q.—And you cut all the pine that was any value?

A.—Yes. There was one season we did not cut much—the year we started.

MR. THOMPSON: How many townships did your limit comprise?

A.—Three, and parts of two others.

Q.—There were two townships outside the park?

A.—Show me the map and I'll tell you in a moment. There was very near two full townships outside the park, besides that there was one, two, three, four, five; part of five townships.

Q.—Besides the two outside the park?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In the townships outside did you own the maple?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Those licenses covered maple too?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The Munn Lumber Company got them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—These two townships were subsequently added to the Park?

A.—Yes, so I understand.

Witness discharged.

DR. F. W. MERCHANT called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: You have been for some time chief inspector of public and separate schools for the Province?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Since when?

A.—Since September 1st, 1908.

Q.—So that in the year 1911, you occupied that position?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Until about the 31st of October, or the first of November of that year—early in November, 1911?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So that for the year from the 31st of October, 1910, to the 31st of October, 1911, what were you doing?

A.—I was engaged mainly on this investigation; not altogether. I was carrying on the regular inside work in connection with my regular office as chief inspector of public and separate schools and as inspector of Normal schools. I came in quite frequently, every two weeks or so, and spent Saturday catching up with the correspondence and carrying on the regular work of the office in addition to the investigation.

Q.—You were doing that without any change in your appointment, substantially?

A.—Without any change—yes.

Q.—Your remuneration was about \$3,000 a year?

A.—Three thousand for regular work.

Q.—Yes, and when did you start on the inspection of the bilingual schools?

A.—I went to Windsor on the 2nd of November.

Q.—Yes, and have you any correspondence leading up to your appointment?

A.—Yes, I have the letter of appointment, requesting me to investigate the French-English schools of the Province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That letter is printed in your report?

A.—No. I did not think it had any relation to the financial side or I would have brought it. It can be got readily.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Isn't that the letter of instructions appearing in the front of the report?

DR. MERCHANT: A copy of the letter was printed in a return, furnished to the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Perhaps that is where I saw it.

DR. MERCHANT: It is not in the report.

MR. ELLIOTT: Previous to receiving that letter was there any other communication, or was that the first communication you had from the Government with regard to these schools?

A.—That was the first written communication.

I was asked to go to Windsor to look over the situation; it was there I received the official notification. I was at Windsor when the letter dated November 4 was sent to me.

Q.—Before the official notification had been sent to you you had been asked to look into the matter?

A.—Yes, I had been asked.

Q.—Tell us what form you adopted to ascertain——

Mr. McGARRY: I object to that. We are here for the purpose of investigating certain items of expenditure. If he wants to ask any question relating to any item of expenditure he may do it, but he may not go into the whole question of bilingual schools this morning.

Mr. ELLIOTT: As far as that is concerned I think the honorable gentleman is unnecessarily alarmed as to entering into the question of bilingual schools. Of course, I submit, we have a right to know what was done by Dr. Merchant, for which these payments have been made.

Mr. McGARRY: That was not the question you asked. All you are entitled to ask is whether he has done the work for which he is paid and has made his report.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Surely a question as to how he inspected these schools is quite proper?

Mr. MUSGROVE: What he did each day—that is ridiculous.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, if we are to obtain any value from the Public Accounts Committee I submit we are entitled to ascertain what was done for these various amounts of money which appear in the Public Accounts.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I think you have a right to ask him how much time he spent in inspection, where he was on a certain day. I do not think you should ask him what was the method he adopted—what was the procedure.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Surely I can ask him what he did?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Ask him what he did, not the way he did it. You have no right to ask that.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Well then, if this Committee is going to rule that we cannot ascertain what he has done to obtain this money, there is nothing to do but accept that ruling and quit right here.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Committee has not ruled anything of the sort. It has simply ruled that you can examine the witness as to expenditures, whether the services were rendered, not the method he adopted in going about his work.

Mr. ELLIOTT: We have a right to know what the services were.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: That is different. What the services were and the method he pursued are two different things entirely.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Surely the method adopted is part of the services.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I submit that you can ask him whether or not he has been in a certain number of schools, the particular days when he was at certain schools; that would be quite proper. What he was doing in those schools is none of your business.

Mr. ELLIOTT: What he was doing was part of the services for which he obtained this money. I want the Committee's ruling.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You may ask what he did to obtain this money; you have a perfect right to ask him the time he spent in this investigation, you cannot ask him what method he pursued in examining this school, or that school or the other school. You cannot ask whether they had the catechism at this school or the catechism at the other school. That is not investigation

of the Public Accounts. There are the expenditures and you have a right to ask him how he earned that money.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, the services performed are the services for which these payments appear. Now what we want to get at is, what these services were, if we have a right to get it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And I submit that you can ask 'did you spend such a day inspecting such a school?' or 'did you spend the number of days for which you charged the Government as inspector of these schools?' Further than that I see no necessity of going. You have no right to ask what form that inspection took.

MR. MCGARRY: None whatever.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then we are simply limited to a general statement, whether he inspected a certain school on a certain day. What that inspection consisted of we have no right to ask?

MR. MCGARRY: None whatever.

MR. CLARKE: That means we cannot ask what he did that day inspecting the school?

MR. MCGARRY: If he inspected the school according to his ideas then he earned the money.

MR. ELLIOTT: I just want to show you how ridiculous that proposition is. Suppose we are investigating the accounts of a forest ranger. We would have absolutely no right to know any more than whether he ranged a certain forest on a certain day. As to what he did to earn his pay we would have absolutely no right to ask him. This Committee would be absolutely useless.

MR. MCGARRY: If you asked a forest ranger what he did on a certain day he would turn to his book, and find that he travelled over a certain portion of the limit on that day. The same rule applies here. We have Dr. Merchant here to ask him to explain certain expenditures, why he charges some item, and he answers, because he was inspecting a certain school on that day. That is all the answer you are entitled to get.

MR. ELLIOTT: If that is the ruling of the Chair it will answer the purpose. I want your ruling, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already ruled. I do not like repeating it.

MR. ELLIOTT: Dr. Merchant, did you keep a memorandum of what you did day by day, and of the expenses incurred?

A.—I wrote each individual report on the schools visited during the day.

Q.—Have you a diary or something of that kind which you can produce to the Committee?

A.—I could produce the individual reports of these schools. I cannot now, because I handed them over to the Education Department. They can be furnished by the Education Department.

Q.—You made a summary of what you did each day?

A.—These reports were dated each day. For instance, I inspect Sandwich No. 2; the detailed work of inspection of that school is in one report, and that report is dated. They are not now arranged in order, they are arranged

in townships. They could, if necessary, be arranged in a way so that my whole work could be traced day by day.

Q.—When did you first report your findings to the Department? I understand you sent in an interim report?

A.—No reports were made before the 8th of February.

Q.—Not to anyone?

A.—No. None whatever.

Q.—Was there any communication as to whether or not you had completed your report previous to that time?

A.—No.

MR. MCGARRY: This is all quite irregular.

MR. ELLIOTT: Was there any communication?

MR. MCGARRY: Wait a moment. Do not answer that. It should not be allowed. You are endeavoring to get from this witness information for which you have asked the Government on several occasions. If the Government does not choose to give any answer, surely Dr. Merchant is not obliged to.

MR. ELLIOTT: But the fact is they have answered it, and stated that he asked for further time for his report. I just want to ascertain when that was.

DR. MERCHANT: I asked for further time, as needed to make my report.

Q.—Will you tell us the circumstances?

A.—I shall be very glad to tell you the situation exactly. I worked constantly at this work of bilingual schools inspection right up to the summer holidays. I was at work right until the last day of school. I had my notes completed on the work up to that time. I had finished the work in Essex County, practically as it appears in the report. I took all my notes and spent the summer holidays trying to put my notes in shape. I was feeling my way when I began the work first. It was almost impossible to see at first the best way of doing the work. In the first few weeks it was more or less impossible, and I went over a number of these sections again. These notes I took up in the summer holidays and compiled. I had then, as I said, inspected the schools in Essex and one-quarter or one-third of the schools in the east and north. My instructions were to take all the schools of Essex and representative schools in the other sections. In a sense when the summer holidays came I had completed the work, in this, that literally I had done all I was asked to do in the letter of instructions. I was able to put in a report at that time on my letter of instructions. I spent most of the summer holidays making these summaries you find in the report, and corresponding summaries for the east and north. And as I began to compile these summaries I began to see that in the east and in the north conditions were more serious than in the west, that there was more need of full inspection in the east than in the west. I felt that if I had to make my report at that time I did not have sufficient data to make a report that would be complete, that would cover the whole field. I came to Toronto and personally asked first the Deputy Minister to ascertain if I could have more time. I said, "I can complete my report on the work I have done. I can complete my work on that basis in two or three weeks." I pointed out,

though, that I was not satisfied, that I felt that conditions were such in the east and north—I did not go into details—that if I did not inspect them more thoroughly my report would not be a full report. It would be assailed from all sides. He said nothing.”

MR. ELLIOTT: When was that?

A.—I will give you the date of that interview as nearly as I can. I think it would be in September, toward the end of September. The Deputy Minister said he would consult the Minister, and asked me to see the Minister. I went again and saw the Minister. I told him what I had said to the Deputy Minister. I told him I wished to continue my work. He agreed, and confirmed what I had told him. He said there had reached him certain rumors that the inspection had not been thorough enough in the east. I told him I felt personally responsible, and that if he could arrange matters I wished to inspect every school in the east, and if possible also in the north. Then I began work again, and continued until Christmas holidays. I asked—I am not certain as to the exact date—but I sent the Minister a letter asking what was the latest date possible my report could be in. I had almost completed the work in the east and also in the north. I asked him to give me the latest date possible the report could be in to be before the Legislature. A date was given me—about the middle of February. I went to work, finished in the east, continued the work in the north, finished the inspection on the 5th of February and sent in the report on the 24th of February.

MR. ELLIOTT: So that the report now in is a more extensive report than the Department or yourself contemplated?

A.—At first.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, what you contemplated at first was substantially completed along about the latter part of June?

A.—I cannot say as to that. I was left free. I was given perfect freedom. I had examined most of the urban schools and partly in regard to the rural schools, but I was not then in a position to report. I felt personally responsible and went on with the work.

MR. ELLIOTT: You felt that what was originally contemplated was not adequate?

A.—I cannot say what was originally contemplated. The letter of instruction was very general. That is why I felt I was responsible. Suppose, for instance, that that report had been criticized from the standpoint of inadequacy, that only one-quarter of the rural schools in the east and north had been visited I would have been held responsible under that letter for not taking more time.

MR. ELLIOTT: You had contemplated the examination of the schools you had intended to along about the end of June?

A.—I had not made out my list. I simply felt my way as I went from school to school. I wanted to make the schools visited as representative as possible. I did not make any list. I kept up that inspection to the very last day of school.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You could not anticipate the extent of the work?

A.—I had no notion of what it was like.

MR. ELLIOTT: What started it was practically the inspection of the schools in Essex?

A.—Yes. I thought taking average schools in the east would do. But I found the situation in the east such that I realized that every school there should be inspected.

MR. ELLIOTT: Up to the latter part of June you had done what you thought at first would have been sufficient?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you were ready to report on that?

A.—I hadn't finished the report. I had finished most of the statistics.

Q.—Not the entire work on the report; you did not complete the report then?

A.—The general statement in the report, the whole section toward the end was not completed. The statistics were completed. All these figures and the rest were made up.

MR. ELLIOTT: Some report was handed in at that time?

A.—None whatever.

Q.—No report on the progress you had made?

A.—None, verbally or written.

Q.—Not in your interview with the Deputy Minister?

A.—I made no report at all. The situation was such in the east that I found it advisable to continue. From the beginning until the end of the investigation I made no statement in regard to the situation.

Q.—Did you send any correspondence to the Department in regard to continuing the examination further?

A.—No, I think not—possibly there was a letter. No, I sent no correspondence.

Q.—Did you receive any?

A.—No.

Q.—Then what was the extent of the further investigation you made?

A.—When I began in the east I made up my mind that the only way was to take every school. I spent as much time as I possibly could to complete the whole thing and visit every school before the Legislature met. That is the idea I had in mind.

Q.—Latterly?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That was what was decided after the consultation with the Deputy in September?

A.—With the Deputy first and the Minister afterward.

Q.—That was the result of that interview?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What they said in effect was, make this thing exhaustive and complete.

A.—Yes. The way I felt was: you are the man responsible for this. You will have to take the responsibility. That is the way it appeared to me.

The more that attitude appeared to me the more I felt personally responsible for doing the whole thing.

HON. MR. REAUME: Whatever had to be done, you were given a free hand?

A.—Perfectly free. I got no instructions other than those in the letter. I was given a perfectly free hand.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to what you found, spoken of in your report, you had found in a number of cases—

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot go into that. You have gone a long way already without any objection.

MR. ELLIOTT: Excuse me. I have not asked a single question in this investigation that we might have learned something from that has not been objected to.

MR. MCGARRY: I, for one, don't propose to allow it.

MR. ELLIOTT: The honourable gentleman forgets that he is only one member of the Committee.

MR. MCGARRY: Certainly, I was only speaking as one.

MR. ELLIOTT: We are only anxious to get as much information as possible.

MR. MCGARRY: Go ahead, get all you want about these items here, but not about the conduct of this investigation, or we will be here all week.

MR. ELLIOTT: We are likely to get a lot of information.

HON. MR. REAUME: Have you read the report?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, I have read the report.

HON. MR. REAUME: Are you stuck; is there something you don't understand?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, there are some things that I would like the Doctor to give us just a little further explanation of.

MR. MUSGROVE: Move for a Committee of the House.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is supposed to be a Committee of the House.

MR. MUSGROVE: This is the Public Accounts Committee.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am satisfied to leave it with the rest of the Committee; if we are not entitled to go into any of these matters; if you so rule.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What matters?

MR. ELLIOTT: As to the conditions he found.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have no hesitation in saying that this condition is shown in Dr. Merchant's report. I do not think we can go into that here. The conditions he found have nothing to do with the Public Accounts.

MR. ELLIOTT: I think they have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, you have no right to get that here. You can get it another way.

MR. ELLIOTT: If the Committee says we cannot, I am perfectly satisfied, if the Committee takes that attitude.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Committee cannot take any other attitude regarding any item not in the Public Accounts. The condition in the Schools, Mr. Elliott, has nothing to do with the item of expenditure before the Committee.

MR. ELLIOTT: The expenditure was incurred in ascertaining the conditions in these Schools.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I rule that you cannot ask the question.

MR. ELLIOTT: All right, we might as well stop right here. There is absolutely no use continuing.

MR. MCGARRY: Do so then.

MR. ELLIOTT: I would like the memorandum he took, or whatever diary was kept during the inspection.

MR. PRESTON: Perhaps you want to know whether he spoke French to the children or whether he spoke English. It is absolute nonsense.

MR. ELLIOTT: You kept a memorandum showing what you did day by day?

A.—I have the reports. I cannot say that I have a memorandum day by day.

Q.—Have you no memorandum that gives an account of all the things you have done?

A.—I have nothing except these; I have two things, a report on my work day by day as submitted in connection with this report, the individual reports on the Schools, and I have my travelling expenses from day to day. Apart from that I have nothing at all.

Q.—Could you give us these reports from day to day, and the travelling expenses? They would show the dates on which you visited this or that section, your whole itinerary can be traced through these reports?

A.—I have no written report on my work from day to day. I have my expense accounts.

Q.—You had no diary from day to day?

A.—No.

Q.—You can furnish these reports?

A.—The Department can. Also my expense account is in the hands of the Department.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then I would ask the Deputy to produce them.

Witness was discharged and the Committee adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee.

March 29, 1912.

The Committee met at 11.30 A.M. The Chairman stated that the return asked for in connection with Dr. Merchant's inspection of the English-French Schools, including reports on individual Schools, and a statement of expenses, was upon the table. Mr. J. C. Elliott stated that owing to the voluminous nature of the return, it would be necessary to have time to go through it, and it was agreed to have the Deputy Minister, Dr. Colquhoun, and Dr. Merchant attend the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday next.

Mr. White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, called and examined.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Have you since been able to get the statement we asked for?

Mr. WHITE: That is the detailed statement?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

Mr. WHITE: No. I have not been able to lay my hands on that. I have asked the agent to see if he cannot give me the details furnished to him.

Q.—You have not been able to get it yet? You will continue the search and see if you can get it by the next time the Committee meets?

A.—Yes, I prepared a statement for you about the expense of examining this limit.

Q.—And will you give me that?

A.—I find I didn't bring it with me. I can send for it.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Perhaps you will then.

(Statement sent for and produced.)

Q.—This is the total expense incurred by the Government in connection with that purchase?

A.—Yes. It is what we paid the estimators. Perhaps it is not the total, because we used our rangers who are permanently in the Park for the purpose of moving the estimators about.

Q.—You can give approximately the amount of expenses incurred with that purchase?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you say you will be ready with that this morning?

A.—Yes. I am ready with these. I was asked to produce these accounts.*

Q.—What are those?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You find them on page 465, items of \$104,000 odd.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes, now where are the particulars of this item of \$104,714.17?

A.—In those five baskets.

Q.—You will leave them here so that we can look over them. Now, can you tell us who is in charge of the forest ranging for which this amount was expended. Who has general charge and oversight of the whole forest ranging of the Province?

A.—I have. That is, of course, subject to the Minister.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Providing the Committee will allow me to, I want to go into the method adopted in regard to Forest Ranging in the Province for which this \$104,714 was expended. I assume there is no objection to that?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: As you go along we will say whether we have any objections.

Mr. ELLIOTT: As soon as I have begun to ask anything you object to, you will let us know.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: If you ask nothing but what is fair and proper there will be no objection.

* See page 149 *Et seq.* at end of evidence for copies of papers produced.

MR. ELLIOTT: Will you tell the Committee what system is adopted in forest ranging over which you have supervision?

MR. WHITE: The Province is divided into agencies, and a Crown Timber agent is placed in charge of each division. He is given a staff of rangers under him and supervises the lumbering operations in his division.

Q.—How many divisions have you?

A.—Seven or eight, I think. I can tell you them. There is Margach of Rat Portage—I beg pardon, Kenora; Watts, of Fort Frances—

Q.—What district is covered by him?

A.—The Rainy River District, Margach takes the District of Kenora.

Q.—The whole district.

A.—Practically. Then there is Oliver, at Port Arthur, covering that district; Maughan, at Sault Ste. Marie, he doesn't cover the whole district, but a section of it; Henderson, at Sudbury; Christie, at Parry Sound; McDougall, at North Bay; Macdonald, in Temiskaming; Johnson, at Arnprior; and Stevenson, at Peterboro'.

Q.—What are the duties of each of these men? Those of supervision generally?

A.—Yes.

Q.—His duty is to see that the men under him properly perform their work?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And does he have the engaging of them?

A.—No.

Q.—Who does that?

A.—The Minister of Crown Lands.

Q.—On whose recommendation does he appoint them?

A.—Sometimes without any recommendations. The Minister may happen to know that a man is a properly qualified man and so appoints him. Sometimes they are appointed on my recommendation, or on other recommendations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He takes the recommendation of somebody whom he has confidence in?

A.—Yes. You understand, Mr. Elliott, that these rangers have to be qualified cullers. They have to pass an examination under the Cullers' Act and be able to show a certificate of competency.

MR. ELLIOTT: If the Department has previous knowledge of the men and knows them to be satisfactory it appoints them on that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—If you do not know the man, you ask for recommendations and if he gives them you ask those people about him?

A.—Yes.

Q.—These agents, they are to devote all their time to the business of forest ranging?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then the men under them; how many rangers does each man have under him?

A.—That depends upon the extent of the work, upon the lumbering operations in the district.

MR. ELLIOTT: There are seven or eight of these divisions, you said?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ten, you have given.

MR. ELLIOTT: Ten, yes, and how are they paid?

A.—By the year, salaries.

Q.—All the same?

A.—No, some more than others.

Q.—What is the highest salary?

A.—\$1,600, I think.

Q.—And the lowest?

A.—The lowest is about \$1,200.

Q.—Are they supposed to take all their time; they are paid for all their time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So they are to devote all their time to the business of forest ranging?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then the men under them; how many rangers does each man have under him?

A.—That depends upon the extent of the work, upon the lumbering operations in the district.

Q.—What is the largest number you have?

A.—Some have from twelve to fifteen. They run down to five or six.

Q.—They are paid a uniform wage?

A.—Yes. They are paid five dollars a day, their assistants three dollars a day.

Q.—And expenses?

A.—No, they pay their own expenses.

Q.—Do you engage them for the whole year as a general rule?

A.—No.

Q.—What parts of the year?

A.—Only during the lumbering season.

Q.—What parts of the year does that cover?

A.—Commencing usually about the fifteenth of September and running up to the first of May perhaps. Some a little later.

Q.—Then, do they draw any pay from May until September?

A.—No. They are not in our service.

Q.—Do you re-appoint them again in the fall?

A.—Sometimes we do. Sometimes we appoint the same men and sometimes others.

Q.—They are through then, so far as you are concerned, in May?

A.—Yes, we have finished with them then.

Q.—You have here the vouchers, you will leave them with us so that we can look them over?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They will be with the secretary of the Committee. You can see them there.

Q.—Now, during the time from September to May, are these men engaged steadily? I understood you to say they were.

A.—Yes.

Q.—They are not supposed to take part in any other work? Neither they nor the superintendents over them?

A.—No.

Q.—Do the vouchers show the dates these men were employed?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: We can go over these later.

MR. WHITE: You will hardly be able to understand them unless you have someone who is familiar with the accounts, and understands them.

Q.—Well, perhaps you will have someone there at the time we are looking them over?

A.—My accountant will be there to explain them.

Q.—How are these men paid?

A.—Our men are paid on the pay lists you see there.

Q.—Are they paid at the end of the season?

A.—No. The agent keeps their time and services in accordance with instructions and pays them from month to month.

(Pay list produced.)

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps you will give me one filled up.

(Filled-in list produced.)

MR. WHITE: That is certified by the Crown Timber agent recommended by the Chief Clerk of the Woods and Forests Branch and approved by me as Deputy Minister.

Q.—It is on that they are paid?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That shows the dates they work, the route, and everything?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Coming back to the Munn Lumber Company, these are all the accounts of the timber estimators?

A.—Yes. That is, of the men engaged in estimating in addition to them the permanent staff in the park would be assisting, moving them about, making camps, etc.

MR. CLARKE: Moving them around from place to place?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: This statement covers 124 days?

A.—Yes. That covers the time they were estimating. Mr. Henderson was there from time to time also.

Q.—\$1,034.73, that practically covers the total expense incurred in estimating that limit?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: Mr. White, I understand that this was the total amount paid?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They were supposed to go all over the limit?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And that is about one hundred square miles?

A.—More than that, the limits cover over three hundred square miles.

Q.—I see, three hundred square miles, and how do they go at the appraising of this timber? They probably have some system. Do they go into a block of timber and just look at it? How do they go about it?

MR. MCGARRY: I do not think Mr. White should be asked to answer that. These rangers cannot all tell just how they estimate. Different men have different styles of estimating.

MR. CLARKE: Could you tell us in a general way?

MR. WHITE: No, I can't.

MR. ELLIOTT: It seems to me there should be some instructions.

MR. MCGARRY: All he can say is what is the general idea with respect to ranging.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you give these men any special instructions?

A.—I produced those instructions the other day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The instructions as to how to go about it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You cannot tell how each individual goes at it to measure logs?

A.—No.

MR. CLARKE: They have some instructions?

A.—They were produced the other day.

Q.—The idea we want to get at is this, how do these men go about taking an estimate of the timber?

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. White cannot speak as to how these rangers do their work.

MR. CLARKE: I assume their instructions were as to how they were to go at it.

MR. WHITE: These were not printed instructions, they were special instructions given for this particular work. I produced these instructions here the other day. I can produce them again.

MR. CLARKE: What we want to get at—it seems to me that it looks regular enough—how when they take a mile of timber, how they estimate that mile. What method has the ranger in estimating that quantity of timber?

MR. CHAIRMAN: How can Mr. White tell what a man does, whether he walks a mile or two miles or four miles, or climbs a tree or sits on the ground?

MR. WHITE: We placed in charge of these men one of the most experienced Crown timber agents in the country. We gave him his instructions, and put those men in to estimate that territory. I cannot say what each man did.

MR. CLARKE: We ought to have here the man who was supervising the work.

MR. WHITE: I do not suppose he could tell what each man did. He could only tell what he was instructed to do.

MR. CLARKE: I suppose they kept a diary each day.

A.—I do not think these men kept a diary.

Q.—Well, then, what was the report based on?

A.—Henderson made a report on the information of the estimators. He had the details and sent them in. Those details were attached to his report, and it is this report that is mislaid. I cannot find it.

MR. CLARKE: I see, that is the miscarriage. That breaks the connection, that is, the connection we were trying to form. Say a man goes out to-day and comes in at the end of the day, will he have no record of how much timber he has estimated and how much territory he has covered during the day?

MR. WHITE: He would not necessarily give that information. When he gets through he would tell how much timber he had seen, he would not tell how much he estimated every day.

MR. CLARKE: He would not tell you, but if a man goes out day after day he would have to have a record of some kind to know how many thousands or millions he had estimated on this or that day.

MR. WHITE: One of the best timber estimators I know can neither read nor write. He is not one of our own men, and he is not the best one I know, but he is one of the best timber estimators in this country, and he can neither read nor write.

MR. HARTT: He would work entirely on experience; he would have to depend on that. It is possible for a man not to be able to read or write, and yet be a good estimator.

MR. CLARKE: He may be a capable man as an estimator, I understand that, but I know that a man going over a block of three hundred square miles of timber must have memorandum to keep track of what he is doing. My impression is that this has been probably a general estimate, that it is not supposed to be a thorough estimate. That is what we want to get at.

MR. WHITE: They were asked to estimate how much timber they found there. They found 231,000,000 feet.

MR. ELLIOTT: Just a question, Mr. White, were all the estimators given the same instructions?

A.—I cannot answer that question, because I do not know. The instructions were given to the man in charge. I do not know what instructions he gave them.

Q.—What were the instructions to the man in charge?

A.—They were produced here the other day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will get the instructions. They were produced here the other day.

MR. ELLIOTT: Can you tell whether any definite instructions were given to each of the men?

A.—I cannot tell you that.

MR. CLARKE: This 124 days covered an examination of something over three hundred square miles?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: It looks like very expeditious work for a thorough estimate. That is what I want to get at. What was the method of doing it, whether they took fifty miles a day or ten miles or three miles a day; how much was estimated as a definite day's work?

MR. ELLIOTT: Ordinarily, have you any idea of the number of feet of timber an estimator will estimate in a day?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That would depend on the nature of the ground, on the country, it would depend on whether the timber was scattered, upon its size and thickness, and other things.

MR. WHITE: Where the timber is thick upon the ground they can estimate it more rapidly than if it was scattered.

MR. ELLIOTT: This was scattered?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They would not be able to estimate as they would if it were thicker?

A.—No.

Q.—In ordinary timber, have you any idea how much a qualified estimator could go over in a day?

A.—No.

Q.—No idea?

A.—No.

MR. CLARKE: I suppose he goes and looks as far as he can see and estimates how much timber there is in that bunch?

MR. WHITE: He can go into any territory and give an estimate on what he saw on it. I estimated timber for ten years and know exactly what I did. I suppose I could do the same to-day.

MR. THOMPSON: What was the estimate?

A.—231,000,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Munn says their estimate was higher than that.

MR. CLARKE: Mr. Whitney did not estimate that much.

MR. ELLIOTT: Did the estimators go separately or in groups?

A.—I believe they go two together.

Q.—With instructions to cover certain territory?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And they report on that particular district?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How far would a crew go; what territory would they cover in a day?

A.—That would depend on how much timber was on the ground.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And on what was the nature of the ground—the kind of country?

A.—Yes.

MR. MAGEAU: In a general way, how far can a man travel in a day?

MR. WHITE: You cannot lay down any particular mileage a man can travel in estimating timber.

MR. MAGEAU: Yes, it would depend on the nature of the ground.

MR. WHITE: On the quantity of timber, the nature of the ground and all that sort of thing.

MR. MAGEAU: Couldn't you give an average?

A.—No. Some days a man could cover a lot of ground, another day it might rain and he couldn't do anything. You cannot make an average very well.

MR. HARTT: You cannot figure it that way. There would be some parts where the trees would be too small to estimate, where there are practically no trees at all. He wouldn't need to cover that ground. Parts of it would be marsh. He wouldn't go there at all.

A.—I can readily understand that, but all this territory wasn't marsh. We have this 231,000,000 feet. Is it possible to make that estimate and go over that territory in the time they had?

A.—It would be possible for that number of men to estimate 231,000,000 feet in a week, if they found it convenient.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, on a train. Now, this is what occurred. These men were going over a district sparsely timbered?

A.—They were going over a district from which the pine had been almost entirely cut, where the timber that remained was other soft woods and hardwood.

Q.—They would not be able to go over that as rapidly as if it had not been cut over before.

A.—I did not say that. They would not be able to go over as many feet in a day.

Q.—They would not be able to get as close an estimate as they would if the timber was solid?

A.—No.

Q.—We have an estimate of 231,000,000 feet, that would amount to about 1,862,900 feet a day—that is a large amount.

A.—I do not know that.

Q.—If you take 231,000,000 feet of an estimate, made in 124 days, that will give you 1,862,900 feet a day, and all this was small timber. Each pair would have to do twice that amount?

A.—I cannot say as to that.

Q.—You didn't make any estimate of that?

A.—No.

Q.—Each pair would also have to cover a little over four square miles?

MR. WHITE: A day?

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

A.—They might easily do that.

MR. ELLIOTT: If they kept walking all day.

MR. HARTT: You are not deducting any territory for lakes or anything.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am figuring on the amount of timber found.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Whitney says the hardwood was largely bunched. They would be able to estimate that quicker?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: What Mr. White told us was that the pine was practically cut off.

MR. MAGEAU: Have you any idea what the men could estimate in a day?

MR. WHITE: In miles?

MR. MAGEAU: Yes, in miles.

MR. MAGEAU: Yes, in square miles.

MR. WHITE: It would depend on how the timber was on the ground. If the timber was thick the men might be able to make a quicker estimate than they would if a lot of it was scattered.

MR. MAGEAU: Isn't six miles a day considered fair work for a ranger?

A.—Well, I would not say that.

MR. MAGEAU: I mean travel six miles a day?

A.—I would not undertake to lay down what would be a fair average.

MR. MAGEAU: But that would be a fair day's work?

MR. WHITE: It would depend on circumstances. I have travelled fifteen miles. It is a thing you cannot lay down an average about, as to how much timber a man will estimate in a day. You have got to know the character of the country and the quantity of the timber on the ground.

MR. ELLIOTT: Can you give the Committee an estimate of what distance a man would be able to travel a day over this territory?

A.—That, as I say, will depend on the territory.

Q.—You know something about this territory?

A.—No.

Q.—From the information you have, can you give any estimate of the distance you would expect your estimators to travel in a day?

A.—Not without knowing how densely the timber was on the ground and the character of the country.

Q.—You ought to know how densely the timber was on the ground.

A.—I do not.

MR. HARTT: It is not a matter of distance, is it Mr. White, it is a matter of estimating the quantity of timber?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: The way it appears to me is this: The Government buy this timber, first they get an estimate of the number of thousands or millions of feet there, in order to arrive at the value of the timber. We have 124 days of work. Supposing it was done by one man. He does all the work and estimates the timber of this three hundred square miles. I submit it is impracticable for any one man to make a proper estimate of it in that time. That is the reason why we want to find out the method they had, how much they reported each day—as to the quantity of timber.

MR. FERGUSON: You are making a speech, not asking a question.

MR. CLARKE: I am going to ask Mr. White whether he thinks that is

practicable, in 124 days to cover this three hundred miles and get a proper estimate of the amount of standing timber.

MR. WHITE: It was quite possible for the men who were there to give us an estimate of the quantity of timber they saw in making their examination of that timber.

MR. CLARKE: Yes, they could give an estimate, but could they give a proper estimate?

MR. WHITE: I do not know anything about the honesty of the men, but I am prepared to say that this was the quantity of timber they saw on the ground. I cannot go beyond.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are all good God-fearing Liberals.

MR. HARTT: When they went into that territory they had a staff of rangers, they were supplied with canoes that would be placed at the disposal of these estimators constantly. They would not have to do any other work. With nothing to do of that kind these men would be equal to how many men working under other conditions with no assistance in making camps, etc.?

A.—That is a hypothetical question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If they had to do all their own portaging and canoeing, they would not get on so fast?

MR. WHITE: Of course, it would take longer, how much longer I cannot say.

MR. HARTT: In my candid opinion these 124 days would be equal to twice that amount under other conditions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is to say, if they had to move their own camp and do other work.

MR. WHITE: There is no doubt it would have taken them a longer time.

MR. ELLIOTT: The question I am asking is, if these men could estimate that quantity of timber in that time.

A.—And I say yes, they could estimate the timber they saw.

MR. ELLIOTT: Have you any idea of the extent to which the estimates were assisted by the forest rangers?

A.—They would be assisted to the extent of moving their camps.

Q.—How many forest rangers would be rendering assistance?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Then the amount stated is not the whole cost to the Government of getting this estimate.

MR. HARTT: These men were employed in the park anyway. Their services wouldn't cost any more.

MR. ELLIOTT: They were being paid by the Government during the time they were assisting in getting this estimate.

A.—Yes.

Q.—Of course these other forest rangers were not making estimates?

A.—No.

Q.—The estimators had to go through the woods just the same?

A.—Yes, they would have to do that to make the estimate.

Q.—You have some knowledge of the nature of this timber and of the

country where this timber was? Will you give us any estimate of how far you think each pair could travel a day?

A.—No.

Q.—No estimate whatever?

A.—No. I have never been on the ground, never seen the timber there. And as I stated in the beginning my estimate would be worse than useless.

Q.—Then you won't quarrel with the statement made by Mr. Mageau?

MR. WHITE: What statement?

MR. ELLIOTT: That a man could travel six miles a day?

A.—I don't admit that at all.

Q.—But you will not say it is wrong?

A.—I am not going to be pinned down to any statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Elliott, that is absurd. He says "I don't know anything about it."

MR. ELLIOTT: He says he won't deny it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is ridiculous, he neither denies it nor admits it. He says he doesn't know anything about it.

MR. ELLIOTT: The way this works out each pair must have not only travelled five miles a day, but must have examined over five square miles of timber a day.

MR. McGARRY: Two and a half miles.

MR. ELLIOTT: These two pairs examined over three hundred square miles, each pair must therefore have travelled and actually examined over five square miles a day.

MR. McGARRY: That is your way of figuring it out.

MR. HARTT: Is it customary for these men to go in pairs?

MR. ELLIOTT: He told us so.

MR. HARTT: Isn't it customary for the men to use their own judgment as to whether they go in pairs or each take a section for himself?

MR. WHITE: I did not mean, when I said they went in pairs, that the two men estimated the same territory. They travel in pairs, and one estimates over here and his comrade estimates over there.

MR. HARTT: They do not go over the same ground?

A.—No.

MR. McGARRY: We have under investigation this item of \$104,000—you said that the men were engaged from September until May, and entirely in this occupation?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And they leave then—you have a number of others work the whole year around?

A.—The Crown timber agent is on duty the year around. When we want to make an investigation or an inspection we employ these men.

Q.—A ranger may be employed at other times then?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I see—and when there is expenditure under this item—it naturally

follows that there are a number of items where men have drawn money for time after May—September to May?

A.—Certainly.

Q.—With reference to your estimators; what is necessary before a man can become a ranger?

A.—The first step is to pass an examination under the Cullers' Act.

Q.—Have you a copy of that Act with you?

A.—Yes.

MR. MCGARRY: We will file that Act (Act filed, Exhibit A.)

Q.—In addition to that, how many systems have you in force in Ontario now?

A.—Two.

Q.—What are they?

A.—Where the cutting is done under old licenses, where the territory is sold by the mile, the bonus paid, and the timber subject to \$1.50 a thousand, dues—the lumbermen employ their own cullers and we take measurements with our staff of forest rangers. We measure twenty-five *per cent.* of the culler's measurement, and if that is found to be satisfactory we take that twenty-five *per cent.* as an average of the rest. If anything unsatisfactory is found we go on and measure the whole cut and check the measurement made by the lumbermen. The other system is where the timber has been sold and the bonus and dues are to be paid as it is cut. Now, where we get ten or twelve thousand dollars, we have thought that the Government ought to make the measurements, and not the men cutting timber. So we employ our own cullers. They measure according as the work is done, and in that way check the amount that is cut.

MR. MCGARRY: Have they printed instructions?

A.—Yes, there they are. (Instruction produced. Exhibit B.)

Q.—These are given to the rangers in the first class?

A.—Yes.

MR. HARTT: This is not in connection with the Muun Lumber Company, this refers to the item of \$104,000.

MR. MCGARRY: And the second method. Do these men have special instructions?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How are the wages and expenses of the cullers borne?

A.—One half by the licensees and one half by the Department.

Q.—Do you keep a book of record each day?

A.—Yes. The book of record kept in the shanty shows the cutting, skidding and hauling each day.

MR. MUSGROVE: That book is kept in every shanty for the records of your ranger?

A.—Yes.

MR. MCGARRY: At the end of the season is it sent to you?

A.—Yes, the men sign it and send it to us.

Q.—In addition to the men's affidavit, the man keeping the book—the foreman in charge—makes an affidavit?

A.—Yes. The culler makes an affidavit as to the number of logs he measured in that shanty, he also makes a statement as to the number of pieces he culled in each shanty. Then the owner of the concern makes an affidavit that all the returns made are correct.

Q.—Does the culler keep a specification sheet?

A.—He does.

Q.—How is that kept?

A.—By the culler as he measures the timber.

Q.—In what way?

A.—He enters his logs in a book and then when he goes in he copies it on to a specification sheet. I think there is one attached to what I gave you.

Q.—Now, in this territory where we measure ourselves by our own rangers, do you get reports frequently?

A.—We get what are called sample measurements. (Copy produced.)

MR. MCGARRY: This is the sample measurement you receive?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where you have measurement in new sales, which take place under this Government, have you any book in which this new measurement is kept?

A.—When the timber is measured by our own cullers they keep a book. The culler gives each log a number and enters its contents on the end of the log and puts in the book what he allows for the log.

Q.—On each log he puts a number and also puts the amount of lumber in the log?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And the person receiving that book can check the contents of the log by it?

A.—Yes. When the inspector goes into the shanty he says to the culler, "Give me your report." He goes out into the woods and looks over the logs and checks them. He sees the contents marked on the end of the log and determines whether in his judgment it is a fair measurement or not.

Q.—You have a check on every log of Crown timber cut?

A.—Yes.

Q.—After the season's cut is over one of your rangers could go back and check all the work done on Crown Lands?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that a new system?

A.—That has been adopted since the present Government came into office.

Q.—Are your rangers who measure in new territory given special instructions?

A.—Yes. I have a copy of them.

MR. MCGARRY: We will put that in.

Q.—Tell us briefly what these instructions are?

A.—To measure correctly and carefully, to make proper allowance defects to see that no injustice is done to the licensees.

Q.—Is he specially instructed with regard to boundary lines?

A.—Yes. He fixed the boundary line around the territory on which there is any cutting to be done.

Q.—Those are standing instructions?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Those are all the instructions you have there?

A.—Yes.

Q.—These contain any new regulations as well?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you a sample of a cullers' report?

A.—Yes, these have been used, there is one filled out.

Q.—So that speaking in a general way all the work of the Department in connection with the measuring of timber can be checked?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, a good deal has been said about estimating timber. In your experience—and it has been a long experience—it is not customary, is it, for an estimator to count the trees or take measurements? He can without traveling all over get a fair knowledge of the timber?

A.—He would have a fair knowledge. He would have to travel the territory to know what is in it.

Q.—But as a matter of fact a good bushman by looking at a bunch of timber can tell within a few thousand feet how many thousand feet there are in it?

A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—It is not necessary for a bushman or an expert culler to make a measurement of a tree in order to estimate its contents?

A.—He would be able to tell if he was a man of sound judgment.

Q.—There is no possibility, is there, of getting at the fact as to whether these men did their work well or not?

A.—No.

Q.—By taking the number of square miles or the number of thousand feet on that territory it is not possible to tell how these men did their work?

A.—No.

Q.—The only judge as to whether they did their work correctly will be what is cut on that limit?

A.—That is it.

MR. MAGEAU: To have a close estimate of the amount of timber is it not necessary that the land covered should be crossed about every two miles?

A.—I should think so. The estimator couldn't estimate it if he is very far away.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He couldn't estimate something he didn't see?

A.—No.

MR. MAGEAU: If he was two miles away he couldn't tell?

A.—No.

MR. MAGEAU: So he would have to cross back and forward at, say, every mile and a half or two miles of the territory travelled to get a reasonably correct estimate?

A.—Yes.

MR. MCCREA: There might have been a large section, that when they looked at it they might have been satisfied that there was no timber to estimate at all?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: They were estimating all the timber.

MR. MCGARRY: It might be small timber. I know no bushman who would estimate timber under a certain size.

MR. HARTT: Isn't it customary for rangers to take a block of say a mile or five miles square, and arrive at an estimate, get at the average acreage, the amount of timber to an acre, get the average and then work out the rest on the basis of the quantity on that five miles?

A.—I believe that is done. That is, they take what they consider an average acre, count the trees upon it, produce a total quantity and apply that to the whole territory.

MR. CLARKE: That would be all right, if the timber ran equally.

MR. WHITE: They would get an average acre.

MR. MAGEAU: But in order to get that average acre they would have to cover the whole territory.

MR. WHITE: Certainly.

MR. ELLIOTT: This is the form—these are the instructions to the forest ranger?

A.—That is the notification to a special ranger of his appointment. That is not his instructions as to what he is to do?

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, just read it, please. Exhibit B. read.

MR. ELLIOTT: That will do, Mr. White. It says "You will keep a diary from day to day on which you will enter the date on which you reported for duty, your movements from day to day, and anything of interest occurring on your beat."

MR. MCGARRY: These are the instructions to the men who are ranging the forest, that has nothing to do with the territory you were proposing to buy?

A.—No.

Q.—Have you any such instructions given to the men estimating timber you were going to buy?

MR. WHITE: That is, the Munn Lumber Company limit?

MR. MCGARRY: Yes.

MR. WHITE: No, there were no such instructions.

MR. ELLIOTT: You haven't asked them to keep a diary entering the date on which they reported for duty and their movements from day to day?

MR. WHITE: No. These are the instructions to the men the Government employed in estimating that timber.

Q.—On which the Government received small timber dues?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You haven't taken the same care when the men were going out to estimate timber that the Government intended to buy?

A.—We took exactly the same care; we put the men in charge of an experienced man to see that they did their duty.

Q.—You did not ask the men working there to keep a diary similar to this? That would be valuable information for the Committee.

A.—No.

Q.—Have you any details similar to that, from the men who went out estimating this timber?

A.—What details?

Q.—Details similar to what you ask of the rangers?

A.—No.

Q.—You have no details whatever from these timber rangers, these special estimators?

A.—These details, as I said before, were given to Henderson.

MR. ELLIOTT: That will do—you never had any details from these special estimators?

MR. WHITE: The Government never asked them for such a thing. Now let me put that right. We employ men in the woods as timber cullers, they are obliged to keep a diary, showing their movements each day, but when we sent men specially to estimate the timber on this limit we did not require them to keep a diary.

MR. ELLIOTT: When you were buying it out, you did not require a daily report; if you are only getting timber does you do require it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Government put the estimators in charge of an experienced man who knew how to go about it. They have a similar way in dealing with the cullers. They put a man over them and give him his instructions as they did to Henderson. They are not asking for a report from the cullers.

MR. MCGARRY: You were asked by Mr. Elliott if you requested the men sent out to estimate this limit, if you gave them instructions to furnish you with the same information you give to these rangers by this notice—? This notice gives the instructions given to the men measuring timber cut on Crown Lands, owned by the Government. They would be entirely impossible for a person going out estimating. The two things are entirely distinct?

A.—Certainly.

Q.—Was there any other occasion on which the Crown purchased territory of that kind?

A.—There was one, under the Hardy Government.

Q.—Was this a good practical examination that was made for the Department?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: A beautiful examination.

MR. MCGARRY: There have been rangers sent out from time immemorial—by the old Government for the last thirty-five years; they sent out estimators

to estimate for the Government the amount of timber on a territory they were going to sell. Were these rangers ever given instructions to keep a diary?

A.—In some cases when they were out a long time. In most cases they were not.

MR. ELLIOTT: In some cases they were?

A.—Yes.

MR. MCGARRY: When they were out a long time. In most cases they were not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The old Government was selling licenses for thirty-two years?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And most of that time there were no instructions to these rangers to keep a diary?

MR. ELLIOTT: He said that in some cases when they were out a long time they kept a diary.

MR. ELLIOTT: Have you required any affidavit from the estimators, the special estimators?

A.—If they were not measuring timber—.

MR. ELLIOTT: Cannot you answer that question, yes or no? Have you required from them any affidavit as to what timber they saw?

A.—No.

MR. MCGARRY: Let me ask you this Mr. White, in reference to the affidavit. The Crown Lands Department only asked these men, to the best of their ability, with the experience they have had, to give an estimate of that timber?

A.—Yes, from what they saw.

Q.—There is no reason to believe these men did not see what they reported to have seen in the park?

A.—None, whatever.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to this statement, my honourable friend from South Renfrew has suggested that it would be practically impossible for them to make an affidavit as to what they saw.

MR. MCGARRY: Was there any necessity for an affidavit concerning which Mr. Elliott has been questioning you? These affidavits were required from cullers measuring timber cut under license. You cannot offer such an affidavit to a man going in to estimate standing timber. That is not necessary?

A.—No.

Q.—Let me ask you this, Mr. White, with reference to this affidavit. The Crown Lands Department only asked these men to the best of their ability, with the experience they have had, to give an estimate of that timber?

A.—Yes.

Q.—From what they saw?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is no reason to believe these men did not see what they reported to have seen in the Park?

A.—None whatever.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to the statement of my honourable friend; he has suggested that it would be practically impossible for them to make an affidavit as to what they saw. Do you say that?

A.—I didn't say so.

Q.—But you have not asked the men to make that estimate under oath?

A.—No, we never did. There was no need for it.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am not asking you that.

MR. WHITE: No, but I am volunteering that.

MR. MCGARRY: The old Government did the same for thirty years.

MR. ELLIOTT: He says they did other things during the last thirty years, on many occasions, that the Government have not done in this case.

MR. WHITE, would it not be possible for them to say, "I have made a fair estimate of the timber in such a district, and to the best of my knowledge and belief I make affidavit that there is so much timber"?

A.—He could do that.

MR. ELLIOTT: He could make an estimate on affidavit, just as well as making an estimate any other way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But these men were all honest Liberals.

MR. MCGARRY: Have you any reason to doubt them?

A.—None.

MR. ELLIOTT: You required an affidavit from the cullers, but you did not require one from these estimators?

A.—It has never been required of them.

Q.—You did not require it?

A.—No, we never have.

Q.—In no sense of the question have you required an affidavit from the timber estimators?

A.—Never. It is impossible for the estimator of timber to give the same kind of an affidavit required from the culler.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are like some others who cannot believe the man who asserts "to the best of his knowledge and belief."

MR. CLARKE: This is practically the first purchase by the Government of timber?

A.—Perhaps it would not be exactly correct to say that. There was one when the Hardy Government was in power.

MR. THOMPSON: The Hardy Government, did they purchase after examination?

A.—No, they just took it over.

Q.—Without any estimate?

A.—Yes.

MR. THOMPSON: These special estimators were on duty 124 days, you would not think it reasonable to require men to keep a diary for that time?

A.—No.

Witness discharged. Committee adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

April 4th, 1912.

The Committee met at 11.30. The Chairman stated that the Assistant Provincial Secretary, Mr. Armstrong, who had been notified to attend, was ill, but that Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, was present to give evidence as to the purchasing of supplies.

DR. BRUCE SMITH called and examined.

MR. BOWMAN: Dr. Smith, what is the system adopted by the Department of the Provincial Secretary in purchasing supplies for the various institutions? Is the method of purchasing by tender adopted; or, if not, what supplies are purchased by tender and what not by tender?

A.—All the supplies are purchased by tender where it is possible to do so. I think a large proportion are purchased entirely by tender.

Q.—What supplies are not purchased by tender?

A.—The drugs. We tried it some eighteen years ago, but that was given up before the year. It did not work well.

Q.—Outside of drugs, you purchase everything by tender?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What system is adopted in purchasing drug supplies?

A.—The inspector notifies the superintendent of each institution that they are to purchase without any interference all drug supplies, and before making any purchase inquiry must be made as to prices. No articles are to be purchased without comparing the prices with others. There are certain firms which publish price lists and we take them as the standard as to what is the right price.

Q.—Have you such a thing as a patronage list in your Department?

A.—There has always been a list of persons from whom drug supplies have been purchased.

Q.—Perhaps that accounts then for the fact that Mr. McGibbon sold to practically all the different institutions in the Province?

A.—Yes; he made a specialty of disinfectants, which are used very largely in the institutions, both in the large and small institutions under Government control, and his prices have been such that we have never hesitated to buy them. His account would run about \$600 for the past year.

MR. BOWMAN: Something over \$700, for disinfectants.

A.—Something over \$700; yes.

Q.—I notice in Mr. McGibbon's accounts for disinfectants: Three barrels, disinfectant, 126 gallons. I also notice that all the different institutions purchased disinfectant. Is the one kind of disinfectant furnished to all the institutions?

A.—Yes; we got prices from Mr. McGibbon on this disinfectant. The prices given us were so much lower than we had previously paid that we had

it analyzed at the Laboratory of the Provincial Board of Health, and we found that the disinfectant was equal to that for which we had been paying \$1.25, \$1.45 and \$1.65 a gallon. His price was fifty cents a gallon.

Q.—It was the one kind of disinfectant?

A.—Yes. It took the analysis. What we wanted was a standard disinfectant.

Q.—This was a standard disinfectant manufactured by whom?

A.—Creosote is the product of the Park Davis Company; West's is largely manufactured by a London, England, firm.

Q.—This disinfectant was not McGibbon's own manufacture?

A.—I do not know whether it was his own or not. All we wanted was that it be up to the standard in quality and stand analysis.

Q.—Outside of the drugs, then, everything was purchased by tender?

A.—Everything. For instance, in the northern jails we do not buy anything at all except by tender if we can help. We send out an advertisement to the local newspapers. Everyone gets these slips and puts in them what are their prices, and the instructions of the Minister are that the lowest tender in every case shall be accepted. There, everyone has an equal opportunity, because it is all done by tender.

Q.—Coming back to the purchase of drugs. Has the Department any specifications when they want certain drugs, when certain qualities are to be supplied?

A.—Yes. The instructions of the Department are that the quality must always be of the first class. Then, of course, by the cost system of keeping records of what everything costs us we are able to detect whether there has been any over-expenditure in any article at all. That shows exactly the cost of each day's purchases, the expenditure on every article used in maintenance.

MR. CLARKE: When you buy in this way what price do you pay—the regular retail price?

A.—We buy under retail prices; the best prices we can get.

Q.—You don't ask for tenders—you don't hold down your superintendents—what method do they take in buying these drugs?

A.—The method they take is this: These firms all go to the different superintendents and say to them, "We are here for an order." The superintendent says, "What are you quoting so and so at?" He gets then the lowest price. The different institutions must never buy anything except by comparing prices.

Q.—In that case, supposing he wants five or six dozen of something—or ten dozen if you like—do you mean to say that the superintendent goes around to the different drug stores asking them to quote prices?

A.—No, they don't need to do that. These men that supply the institutions are generally jobbers.

MR. CLARKE: You don't usually find any jobbers in a small town.

A.—We do not confine purchases to any district.

Q.—I understood you to say that outside of the drugs everything was bought—practically everything—by tender?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You think that a pretty safe statement to make, do you?

A.—Yes; a very large proportion of it is bought by tender.

Q.—You say a large proportion of it. Does that mean that any proportion of it is not bought by tender?

A.—Take an item like sugar, beef, everything of that kind, butter and eggs and such things as that; of course you can see there would be times when the superintendent would have to make exceptions. We instruct the superintendent that in case of emergency he has the right to go and buy anything that is really needed quickly. But we have the tendering system for everything.

Q.—Not for everything. There are some things you don't.

A.—Everything except what would be considered an emergency purchase.

Q.—What method do they take in these emergency cases. I think these emergency cases occur quite often. When he is going out buying and there are three or four men in business in the same line, what are the superintendent's instructions in that case? To go out around the three or four places and see what is the best deal he can make?

A.—He is instructed never to make a purchase from one man without finding out what he can get the goods for from another.

MR. CLARKE: It is very peculiar; if he goes around buying where he can make the best deal, how is it that in looking over the Public Accounts we find that four or five men, one in each line, get nearly all the business?

MR. MCGARRY: This is getting too wide altogether. We are dealing with the McGibbon account, with certain items referring to drugs.

MR. CLARKE: The motion goes further than that. It called for Mr. Armstrong to appear with reference to this McGibbon account and to give evidence as to the method in purchasing the supplies of the Department.

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot get as wide as that. You cannot go to work and roam over the whole policy of the Government in respect to public institutions. You are dealing with certain items of the Public Accounts. If you want to go further you should specify the items so we would know what we have to meet.

MR. CLARKE: The motion deals with the method in purchasing supplies generally. He has stated what is the custom with reference to drugs.

MR. MCGARRY: The system with respect to drugs is the only system we can deal with here to-day.

MR. CLARKE—(to Mr. Elliott)—Does your motion only call for drugs?

MR. BOWMAN: What is the motion; there was no objection the other day when that motion was passed.

Motion read by Chairman.

MR. MCGARRY: With reference to that, I say that under that motion you cannot ask Dr. Bruce Smith what the custom is in the Department at all. The motion is too wide.

MR. BOWMAN: The Committee accepted the motion.

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot, under the guise of a number of items, go into the whole question of purchasing supplies.

MR. BOWMAN: There is no guise at all. The Committee accepted that motion without raising any objection.

MR. MCGARRY: Well, I raise the objection now. You cannot go into the system by questioning Dr. Bruce Smith. He is not the Deputy Minister.

MR. MUSGROVE: I think that before Mr. Clarke came in Mr. Bowman had covered part of that ground.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Clarke always goes over the same ground somebody else has taken.

MR. CLARKE: Looking over your list of the different institutions, you will find that two or three firms get about seventy-five *per cent.* of the purchases.

MR. MUSGROVE: You are making that statement.

MR. CLARKE: I say the Public Accounts show that. And I make that statement. I can hardly undersand that, if the superintendent is supposed to go out and get his supplies from different places. Is the superintendent given a list where to buy his drugs?

A.—No; never. He gets a list of people who have come and asked for a share of that business. He is told distinctly that in no case must a purchase be made except of the best quality and at the lowest price.

MR. CLARKE: Supposing this drug store and that had the same quality of goods and the price was the same; he must have some instructions to tell him where to buy.

MR. MUSGROVE: In the old days they used to buy altogether in Peterborough.

MR. CLARKE: Yes; I've heard of that; and now they buy in Sarnia.

DR. BRUCE SMITH: I will say this, that in all cases, so far as I know, quality has always been the first consideration. We have always prided ourselves on the *per capita* rates in our institutions. We have compared the rates with those in New York institutions and our prices compare so favorably with them that we have always felt safe.

MR. CLARKE: Under the old regime they bought in Peterborough. At that time the best drugs were apparently in Peterborough. Now, we have moved to Sarnia and the best drugs are there now?

DR. BRUCE SMITH: Mr. McGibbon's price of fifty cents a gallon for disinfectant was so low that we couldn't buy it as well in any other place. That is what makes this account. That is only a nibble of the whole account of the Province.

MR. BOWMAN: Two-thirds of the account is general drugs, one-third is disinfectant.

MR. CLARKE: So that previously in buying small quantities it cost more money?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you ever ask for tenders for disinfectant in similar quantities to those supplied by this firm in Sarnia?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And the price was not the same?

A.—The price was never the same. We have gone further than that. We have written to England to see if we could bring that in in large quantities, in barrels, laid down here cheaper than we could get it from him.

Q.—Is this his own product?

A.—I think he gets it directly from the manufacturers.

MR. CLARKE: I understood this was a kind of home-made concern.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. McGibbon is here to tell as to that.

DR. BRUCE SMITH: Our standard is "will it stand analysis."

MR. BOWMAN: Is every barrel tested?

A.—No, not every barrel. They send us a sample and we give the order according to that sample.

Q.—What do they call this disinfectant? What is the standard name?

A.—The standard we generally adopt is creosote, prepared by the Park Davis Company of Detroit.

MR. HARTT: I think Mr. Clarke is trying to compare the methods of to-day with the methods of the past, and I think he is likely trying to bring out that there is some political influence used in connection with these dealings.

MR. CLARKE: I couldn't think of such a thing. I never had it in my mind.

MR. HARTT: No; I shouldn't think so. But I just want to draw his attention to one institution Dr. Smith has something to do with—the institution at Orillia—and in order to disabuse Mr. Clarke's mind of any suspicion that there has been political influence I would like to call attention to several items on pages 194 and 195 to show him that there is nothing of the kind going on in that institution. It has a system of tenders.

MR. CLARKE: Does it speak of drugs?

MR. HARTT: Drugs are included in it.

MR. CLARKE: You are not supposed to go outside drugs.

MR. HARTT: I would not like you to get away and give the Committee the impression that political influence is brought to bear on the superintendents of any of these institutions. If you will follow pages 194 and notice these names as I go along you will find that the statement I am about to make is true. We will start with Mr. Ball, then there is N. Beaton, George Bell, A. H. Bowen & Son——

MR. CLARKE: What is there in all this?

MR. HARTT: I want to show you the political complexion of these men. Then there is H. T. Briggs, H. Cooke & Co.—that is a drug store—T. B. Cramp, W. H. Crawford, J. R. Eaton & Sons, W. C. George—that is drugs. These gentlemen are all good Reformers and men who usually vote against us.

MR. CLARKE: Usually or always.

MR. HARTT: Always. Then there is Holmes & Church, E. Long (the man who opposed me at the last election), J. Mahoney, Midland Coal Dock Company, Thomas Mulcahy, T. Mulvahill, T. Murphy, Northway & Company.

MR. CLARKE: What are the amounts?

MR. HARTT: Northway & Company—in all they have \$748; Orillia Hardware Company, \$383.00; Perry & Alport, \$556; Tudhope, potatoes; and another Tudhope, for repairs; George Vick & Sons—all bought by tender and in open competition at that institution, and I daresay that at other institutions it is done the same way. If Mr. Clarke is trying to give the impression that any political influence is brought to bear he is mistaken.

MR. BOWMAN: What is Tudhope's account—\$29.10 and 72 cents for another.

MR. CLARKE: And T. Long got the noble sum of \$10.20.

MR. HARTT: Vick & Sons got \$6,493, that is George Vick & Sons.

MR. MCGARRY: What is the total amount of goods sold by Mr. McGibbon?

DR. BRUCE SMITH: I think it is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

Q.—\$2,167?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And of that disinfectant was \$721.69?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The total amount of medicine purchased for public institutions is \$9,297?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So that you just purchased about sixteen *per cent.* of the total from Mr. McGibbon?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then as I understand it the system was that when drug companies wanted to sell to a public institution they submitted their prices to the superintendent, who had instructions to purchase the best quality at the best price he could get?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you found that in some cases Mr. McGibbon's prices were better than those of other firms?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And was the quality as good, quite as good?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was it the custom for the jobber to go around the institutions himself and getting orders?

A.—Yes. I think he goes right to the superintendent to see if they want anything in their departments.

Q.—You purchased from other drug companies? For instance, for the Hamilton institution, on page 159 of the Public Accounts, you purchased from Ingram & Bell, medical supplies, \$62.39; J. F. Hartz Company, Ltd., \$159.94; National Drug Company, \$480.36?

DR. BRUCE SMITH: One is a Hamilton firm; the others are both Toronto firms.

Q.—But it was for the Hamilton institution?

A.—Yes.

MR. MCGARRY: Then there is the Niagara Brand Spray Company, lime sulphur, \$48.00; and Park & Park, drugs and chemicals—all for the Hamilton institution?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So you were not making a specialty of purchasing from Mr. McGibbon more than any other?

A.—No.

Q.—In reference to disinfectant, tell us what did you pay in buying the same quality prior to that?

A.—We paid \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.65 and some at \$1.68 a gallon.

Q.—You paid McGibbon about 50 cents?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How about the quality compared with the stuff you bought at \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.65?

A.—It was fully equal, by analysis.

Q.—Just as good?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How does the cost of medical supplies in your institutions compare with the cost of medical supplies in other institutions of a similar kind?

A.—It is away below. The annual cost for each patient is only \$1.25.

Q.—How does that compare with the others?

A.—It is away below. In Indiana it is \$1.76.

Q.—Have you looked into the figures of other institutions of a similar kind in addition to that?

A.—Yes; New York with 28,000 patients.

Q.—This is a statement you have prepared?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It shows the average population in Ontario institutions at 6,914?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And an average cost *per* patient of \$1.25?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The average population of New York institutions was 28,841?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And the average cost \$1.22?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And the population of the New York Institutions is more than four times that of those in Ontario, while there is a customs duty on American supplies coming in here of twenty-five *per cent.*?

A.—Yes; and on alcohol fifty *per cent.*

Q.—Alcohol is fifty *per cent.*?

A.—Neat alcohol is 33, 35 and 25 *per cent.*

Q.—Your system of purchasing drugs was introduced, how long ago?

A.—We always had the one system. Eighteen years ago we started buying drugs by tender, but we gave it up in less than a year, because we found

that while the first order or two would be satisfactory, later shipments would fall below.

Q.—So you found that the present system was the best system. The system by which you could buy to the best advantage?

A.—Yes.

Q.—With respect to the disinfectant purchased from Mr. McGibbon, have you given any special instructions to all the institutions to buy this particular disinfectant?

A.—No instructions were sent out at all. As I said before, the jobber waits on the superintendent of the institution and gets the orders. When we got that offer, the fifty cents quoted by Mr. McGibbon was so far below what we had been paying that we had an analysis taken. That sheet there shows that every item has cost *per day per patient*.

Q.—This sheet, this is for the information of the Minister, comes from the superintendent. It shows exactly what the cost is each day *per patient*?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How frequently do you get that?

A.—It is issued every quarter.

Q.—How often do you get the reports from the institutions?

A.—Every month.

Q.—So that you have a statement showing the monthly cost *per patient* during 1911, for each institution separately?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Giving the average population at each institution and the average cost *per patient*?

A.—Yes. It may run over a little in the cost of drug supplies, at the end of the year drug supplies may be small and they order right away, another institution may have a large supply at the end of the year.

Q.—That would make the average cost of supplies higher in some cases?

A.—Yes, at the Woodstock Hospital for Epileptics the average cost is higher, because of the greater cost of medicine.

Q.—This 1906 statement gives the cost of drugs purchased from the different companies at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That was prepared by the Department in 1906?

A.—Yes.

*(Statement put in.) Witness discharged.

Mr McGibbon called and examined:

MR. BOWMAN: Regarding this matter of disinfectant supplied last year to the various institutions. Was it all the same standard? The same disinfectant?

A.—Not necessarily.

* See page 149 *Et seq.* at end of evidence for copies of papers produced.

Q.—What variation was there?

A.—The disinfectant supplied on contract was got from the Old Country. Some of that supplied to the institutions was creosote.

Q.—I notice in going over the accounts that in a number of cases the price was sixty and sixty-five cents. In every case where the price is sixty and sixty-five cents the only variation indicated is in the quantity in the barrels. Several barrels—one of 33 gallons, another of 38 gallons. Whenever a barrel runs less than 40 gallons the price is either 60 or 65 cents. Is there any difference in those barrels? Here is a barrel for the institution at Brockville, 33 gallons at 65 cents, what was that?

A.—That couldn't have been on the contract.

Q.—Here are two barrels of 42 gallons at 50 cents, that is the disinfectant as this here (Brockville item)?

A.—I expect so, yes.

Q.—Here is another, 38 gallons at 60 cents. Is that the same disinfectant as the 50 cent kind?

A.—No, that is creosote. That is not on the contract.

Q.—You claim that that is a different disinfectant?

A.—Yes, but there is not much difference in the price.

Q.—Here is another, 38 gallons for Guelph at 60 cents?

A.—That is creosote, too.

Q.—It seems that whenever a barrel is less than 40 gallons, the price is 60 or 65 cents a gallon, and all the barrels over that amount it is 50 cents; is that just a coincidence?

A.—I do not understand you.

Q.—Wherever the barrels contain over 40 gallons the price is 50 cents, whenever the barrels contain less, the price is 60 to 65 cents.

A.—You will find that the English barrels are a little larger.

MR. CLARKE: I do not see where your point comes in? You charge in one case 50 cents, and in the other case 60 and 65 cents.

MR. MCGIBBON: The 50 cents is on contract. I got an order for ten barrels and got it from the Old Country. I shipped it to the different institutions and charged fifty cents a gallon. What I sold between times I got a little more for, sometimes sixty cents, perhaps sixty-five cents.

MR. MUSGROVE: You knew when you ordered this ten barrels, you knew you were going to sell that?

A.—Yes. I got an order from the Department and then sent for it.

Q.—You sent for it direct?

A.—Yes.

MR. BOWMAN: In some cases you have allowed for freight and in some cases not.

MR. MCGIBBON: I'll tell you something. There wasn't any money in it, you can have that business if you want it.

MR. CLARKE: You must have desired it at the time.

A.—Yes, and I don't care now whether I have anything more to do with it or not. I am sorry I did.

Q.—Therefore when you found out that there was not as much money in it as you expected you raised the price?

A.—No, but I'm sorry I didn't.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The 50 cent disinfectant was on the contract.

MR. CLARKE: What was the contract?

MR. MCGIBBON: The contract was to supply that disinfectant at 50 cents a gallon, and I did it.

MR. CLARKE: Did you supply it all at that price?

A.—I took a contract for ten barrels at 50 cents and I supplied it.

Q.—You mean that the contract just specified ten barrels?

A.—It was for ten barrels.

Q.—You hadn't a general contract for the year or anything of that kind?

MR. MUSGROVE: The contract just specified ten barrels?

MR. MCGARRY: That is what he says.

MR. CLARKE: Was it just for ten barrels?

MR. MCGIBBON: Yes.

MR. CLARKE: After that it was go as you please?

A.—When I had the right price I got the business, if I didn't, I didn't get the business.

MR. MCGARRY: He got the orders at different times.

MR. MCGIBBON: If I had thought it would mean as much bother as this I would never have handled the stuff at all. If you want that business you can have it. When you sell goods to the Ontario Government you have got to produce the price.

MR. CLARKE: There are sales here of 60 and 65 cent lots. How did you obtain those orders?

A.—If I were calling at an institution and they wanted a barrel of disinfectant they would buy.

Q.—Was no price discussed?

A.—Yes, indeed, there was.

MR. CLARKE: They did not drive a very hard bargain. They must have known that some others got it at 50 cents.

MR. MCGIBBON: I cannot sell at that price, unless I get an order for a shipment.

MR. CLARKE: What is the method of buying?

A.—They buy close—that is the method.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can, when you get an order for ten or twenty barrels make the price less?

A.—That is the idea.

MR. BOWMAN: I notice in the general drug account a variation in the price of two articles. There is aromatic cascara, the price is different. I suppose that is because they are not the same quality?

A.—Not necessarily. Perhaps the quantity has something to do with the price.

MR. BOWMAN: I should not judge, looking over the accounts, that they

are governed by quantity. I find that the price of aromatic cascara fluctuated between \$5.50 and \$6.50. Can you give us any information as to whether there was any difference in the quality?

MR. MCGIBBON: Same quantity was it?

MR. BOWMAN: I cannot tell that without reference to the accounts. Now, take the general drug supplies. What quality was supplied?

A.—They always ask for good quality.

MR. BOWMAN: What chloroform is D. and F.?

A.—D. and F. is the best chloroform made, it is considered the best.

Q.—Is there such a thing in D. and F. as “blue label” and “white label”?

A.—I always supplied the best. “White label” is the best, and that is what I supplied.

Q.—Here is asperine, whose make is that?

A.—That is the original asperine I expect.

Q.—Whose make is that?

A.—I just forget, now.

Q.—You cannot tell whether it is Merk's or Bayer's?

A.—Not offhand.

Q.—It is of interest to the Committee to know which you supplied, because of the difference in price.

MR. SHILLINGTON: They are both standard makes.

MR. BOWMAN: They are both standard makes, but the price is quite different, one is \$1.10 and the other 40 cents.

MR. MCGIBBON: What did I charge?

MR. BOWMAN: I see here, you charged one case of 500 asperine at \$5 a hundred.

MR. MCGIBBON: That would be pure asperine.

MR. BOWMAN: In white pine and tar there is a variation in price, one lot sold at \$2.50 and the other at \$3.00. Was there any difference in quality?

A.—Certain white pine and tar has advanced in price.

MR. CLARKE: Has the wholesale price advanced?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The price of the general drugs; is that the regular retail price or are they the wholesale price?

A.—I think they are.

Q.—You claim that these jobbers handle under the retail price?

A.—They are jobber's prices.

MR. BOWMAN: Then you will probably be surprised to find that there are quite a number of cases where your prices to the Department were higher than medical men can buy at in a retail quantity. You would be surprised to know that that was the case?

A.—I don't know that.

MR. SHILLINGTON: As a rule in your drug store the medical man is given things at actual cost?

A.—If he is a prescription druggist he does.

MR. CLARKE: Do you mean to say that there is no profit in doctors' business?

MR. SHILLINGTON: Absolutely none, you get his good will. There is no profit on the drugs.

MR. CLARKE: A lot of people will be surprised to know that.

MR. SHILLINGTON: He hopes to get the prescriptions. That is where he gets at you fellows.

MR. MCGARRY: I do not see any \$5.00 item.

MR. BOWMAN: I said \$5.50.

MR. MCGARRY: I find one purchase of five gallons at \$6.00, one gallon at \$6.50 and two gallons at \$6.50.

MR. BOWMAN: That is casagra. I was speaking of aromatic cascara.

MR. MCGARRY: I do not see any less than \$6.00.

MR. BOWMAN: You will find one account less than \$6.00.

MR. MCGIBBON: You will find that the cheaper one will be at the beginning of the year. I think you will find that the price of cascara was higher at the end of the year.

MR. SHILLINGTON: Cascara bark fluctuates more than any other thing.

MR. BOWMAN: Here is one purchase at \$5.50.

MR. MCGIBBON: The price of cascara was a good deal cheaper then than away on.

MR. MCGARRY: That purchase was back in 1910, Mr. Bowman.

MR. MCGARRY: (To Mr. McGibbon). Here is a price list of Ingram & Bell, you know of them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I see this price list has cascara aromatic at \$7.50 a gallon.

MR. BOWMAN: There is no trade discount there.

MR. MCGARRY: Does the price of aromatic cascara fluctuate?

A.—Yes, with the price of the bark.

Q.—Before you get orders for these different drugs, do you have to submit the price to the superintendents of the different institutions?

A.—I would call on them and they would ask my price on different drugs. If I could give them a price that was satisfactory, and the quality was right I would generally get an order, I would not if I was high. I didn't get the business.

Q.—With reference to the disinfectant, you say that when you got an order for ten barrels, you delivered it at 50 cents?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Owing to the number of barrels, you delivered it at a special figure?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The higher prices were because you got smaller orders. When you got an order for a barrel you couldn't be expected to sell for the same?

A.—Not in a case where I got an order for a single barrel. But the price was not much higher—a little higher.

Q.—It was 60 cents?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That is your explanation?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You did not have a contract to supply disinfectant for the whole year?

A.—No.

Q.—You got the order each time by going to the institution and soliciting it?

A.—Yes. Sometimes, if they were out of disinfectant they might write to me for some.

Q.—On each occasion the order was given by the superintendent?

A.—Yes, outside of the contract.

Q.—You charged an additional price because of the smallness of the order?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Wherever there is a difference in price in the other drugs, does the same thing apply to prices in the wholesale market?

A.—Yes, the price changes every few months, take opium and morphine for example: they are double the price they were a year, or two years, ago.

Q.—Altogether you sold \$2,107?

A.—Some amount near that.

Q.—You are quite willing to give up the supplying of drugs to public institutions?

A.—There is no money in it for me, if I have got to come down and leave my business to answer a lot of questions like these.

MR. CLARKE: These are easy.

MR. MCGIBBON: All right, but I haven't got the time. I have been away 48 hours, two days for this.

MR. MCGARRY: The order for this disinfectant was, I understand, given by tender?

DR. BRUCE SMITH: No, when he got an order for ten or twenty barrels he supplied it much cheaper than when handling a single barrel, that is what I said.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you buy a certain quantity you get a good price and they pay the freight, or something like that. That applies to all kinds of business.

MR. CLARKE: You went to the superintendent who was probably not right on the job. You weren't held down much. If you asked \$6.00 for something and the superintendent didn't kick about it you got the business.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has told you that he was held down in his price.

MR. CLARKE: They didn't hold him down very hard.

MR. MCGIBBON: Well, I'll give you my profit on this business and you can buy yourself two ten cent cigars.

Witness discharged.

DR. J. M. FORSTER, Superintendent of Toronto Asylum for the Insane, called and examined.

MR. MCGARRY: Do you know anything about medical supplies bought for your institution from Mr. McGibbon?

A.—I do.

Q.—Do you know anything about the disinfectant purchased by your institution from Mr. McGibbon?

A.—No, the bursar purchased that.

Q.—With respect to the quality of the drug supplies purchased from Mr. McGibbon; what have you to say?

A.—They have, in my experience been found to be good. I have never heard a complaint about them.

Q.—With respect to the price paid by your institution; what influenced you to select Mr. McGibbon as the person from whom you buy?

A.—Because I have found that these drugs were good quality and were reasonable in price.

Q.—What system was followed respecting the purchasing of drugs from him? Have you any price list in your possession?

A.—The assistant superintendent purchased the drugs.

Q.—But some instructions were given to him. Do you know that he was posted as to the proper price to pay for drugs?

A.—All that is considered in all cases.

Dr. Bruce Smith produced a couple of price lists. Have you got those in your institution?

A.—Yes.

Q.—From drug companies giving the wholesale price for drugs?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What would you say with respect to the prices given you by Mr. McGibbon, which you paid him, as compared with the prices charged by other drug companies for similar drugs?

A.—Well, they have been reported to me as quite as reasonable as others.

Q.—What has been the system respecting the purchasing of drugs. Do you purchase from the men giving the quality and the lowest price?

A.—We have certain dealers, but we are not limited in that respect. We have certain regular dealers and if their price is right—and what is the first consideration is the quality of the drugs—if quality and price are right they get the business.

Q.—Who does the purchasing at your institution?

A.—Dr. Clare.

Q.—He is here?

A.—Yes.

MR. CLARKE: You said something about certain regular dealers. What did you mean by that?

A.—I will tell you; there are Ingram and Bell, Hartz and Co., Elliott and Co., and Mr. McGibbon.

MR. CLARKE: They are the largest and most reliable dealers?

A.—That is what I meant.

Q.—Are they the leaders?

A.—They are recognized dealers.

MR. CLARKE: You mention them as the dealers from whom you buy under ordinary conditions, are they supposed to be the recognized heads of the drug business? Is that the way you work it out?

A.—We are given a certain list.

Q.—The Government furnished you a list?

A.—That is right.

Witness discharged.

DR. H. CLARE, Assistant Superintendent, called and examined.

MR. MCGARRY: You are assistant superintendent?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you purchase drugs from Mr. McGibbon?

A.—An amount of it.

Q.—What would you say with respect to the quality of this disinfectant?

A.—I don't know anything about that. It is a disinfectant for closets, sinks, etc.; just a cheap disinfectant. It is not a drug at all.

Q.—You don't purchase it?

A.—No; just the drugs.

Q.—What system do you follow respecting the purchase of drugs?

A.—About every second day a drug traveller calls. Sometimes I want something and sometimes I don't. They show me some special preparation. You think "there is a good mixture; I would like to try that." And you buy.

Q.—You have a price list?

A.—Lots of them.

Q.—Did Mr. McGibbon follow the same course as the others?

A.—He usually sent word that he was coming on a certain day. That was sent so I would be at home.

Q.—Did he submit prices?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you only bought such drugs as the prices were right?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you buy on favorable terms from him?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What would you say with respect to the prices you paid at your institution to him as compared with the others?

A.—I think they were just as cheap.

Q.—And just as good quality?

A.—And just as good quality.

MR. BOWMAN: There is one account of the Toronto Asylum, \$2.00 for Winchester's antiseptic solution.

DR. CLARE: That is formaldehyde, that is not listerine.

MR. BOWMAN: Formaldehyde is down here for \$1.40.

DR. CLARE: In five gallon lots.

A.—Yes.

Witness discharged.

DR. COLQUHOUN: Deputy Minister of Education, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: There are one or two points we would like to have cleared up with regard to your system of correspondence. I understood you to say that you kept a record of all the letters posted and received? You have them with you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now there are some items, particularly in connection with this return on No. 4, Springer; some members are anxious to have some explanation with regard to one or two matters in connection with that. The first thing is the letter apparently sent to the Minister of Education on April 3, in regard to this Springer school, No. 4. There is correspondence throughout this return referring to whether or not the school is a bilingual school. I am not clear as to what the Department considers a bilingual school?

A.—The Department has no ruling on the subject.

Q.—Not any ruling?

A.—No.

Q.—Are there any regulations that cover that?

A.—No, we do not determine when a school is an English-French school, or when it isn't.

Q.—Who determines that?

MR. MCGARRY: That is going too far. We are on the item of the Doctor's salary. What has that got to do with regulations?

MR. ELLIOTT: That brings up the question of whether or not we have the right under that item to go into the letters written by Dr. Colquhoun, to ask him how they came to be written. They are a part of the services for which that salary was received. I submit that we have the right. I think it is a matter of interest to the whole Committee. I know several members have spoken to me in regard to it.

MR. MCGARRY: You have no right to ask why they were written, you have no right to ask a member of the Department what he considers a bi-lingual school. The only meaning you can take from Dr. Elliott's statement is that because we are investigating the salary of the Deputy Minister he has a right to ask for an explanation of every letter written during the last twelve months. If this committee sat from the time Parliament opens until

it closes they would not get half through. There is no such law governing this Committee. The evidence Mr. Elliott is trying to get out should be excluded.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am sorry to see the attitude of my honorable friend in favor of excluding this evidence. This is the question. Surely we have a right to examine all the letters written which form part of the services for which he drew that salary.

MR. MCGARRY: There is a way you can get at it.

MR. ELLIOTT: These are part of the duties he has been performing, and I submit, with great respect for the opinion of my honorable friend, it is most important that we should have that explanation. I think it most important for the Committee that it should not be excluded.

MR. MUSGROVE: What explanation do you want?

MR. ELLIOTT: If you will permit me I will show you in a moment; (to Dr. Colquhoun). This Letter of the 13th of April; after you had been written to in regard to this school, No. 4 Springer, you enclosed certain regulations. You will see by a reference to the letter that instructions in French were necessary on account of the children speaking the French language. Have you got all those regulations?

A.—No; I have not.

Q.—These will be printed regulations? The ordinary regulations?

A.—Yes. There are no others.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They were put in the other day.

MR. ELLIOTT: Not these.

DR. COLQUHOUN: I could get them, if the Committee desires.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps, then, you will let me have a look at them. That would be regulation Number 15, governing the use of any language other than English in the Public and Separate Schools?

A.—Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Perhaps it would be as well to see those regulations in order to understand the principle that guided the Minister in writing these letters.

MR. MUSGROVE: You do not want to go into the principle.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is where you go beyond your right.

MR. ELLIOTT: This regulation referred to, regulation No. 15, is on the last page of the regulations furnished to all the inspectors.

DR. COLQUHOUN: It is furnished to all persons. Any person has a right to see the regulations of the Department.

MR. ELLIOTT: Just tell the Committee what the regulation is regarding bi-lingual schools?

MR. MCGARRY: That should be produced. It is not fair to question the Deputy, you should not try to get his interpretation of the regulation.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am satisfied to have the regulation produced, we can then ask him—

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot ask him what is his interpretation of the regulation at all.

MR. ELLIOTT: That is my honorable friend's opinion. The Chairman will not rule that way, I am confident.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we had better get the regulation first.

MR. ELLIOTT: On that regulation you determine whether a school is bi-lingual or not?

MR. MCGARRY: I object to you asking any question as to the policy of this Government, as to when or why or how they determine whether a school is bi-lingual or not.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, I will take the responsibility of pushing the question and asking the Committee to rule regarding the question which seeks the reason why a certain letter was written in the terms it was written.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not what you were asking.

MR. ELLIOTT: I was leading up to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, get at it, never mind leading up to it.

MR. ELLIOTT: I must lead up to this question, as to who determines whether schools are bi-lingual or not.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will get the regulation here, the regulations speak for themselves.

MR. ELLIOTT: Will the Deputy come here and tell us this; who determines whether a school is bi-lingual or not?

MR. MCGARRY: He should not tell you that either.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What has this to do with the salary of the Deputy Minister?

MR. MCGARRY: Nothing at all.

MR. ELLIOTT: If he has been making rulings and writing letters not in accordance with the regulations, then I say that it comes properly under the examination of that expenditure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not laid the foundation for any such evidence as that.

MR. ELLIOTT: You object to me laying any foundation.

MR. MCGARRY: That is a question for the Minister of Education.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Minister speaks through his deputy.

MR. MCGARRY: But the Deputy does not give decisions. The Minister gives the decisions.

MR. ELLIOTT: I submit that we have a right as a Committee to know from the Deputy Minister how they decided on what is bi-lingual and what is not bi-lingual.

The Chairman upon request read a motion calling for the attendance of Dr. Colquhoun and the production of individual reports on the schools visited by Dr. Merchant.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It seems to me that you are getting wide afield.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is a previous motion to that asking the Deputy to appear and explain various items, including his salary. That has never been completed.

The Chairman then read the motion referred to.

MR. ELLIOTT: Surely, Mr. Chairman, that brings in the letters written during the time he is paid for by that salary?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no objection to him producing these things here, but you are going beyond that in asking questions that I do not think you are entitled to ask. You have already got all this on the record.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, I am not concerned with getting this on the record, it is a question of getting information. It is not a satisfactory answer to hear you say that I have it on the record, and that I ought to be satisfied.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you will permit me to finish. I say you cannot go as far afield as to ask about the methods of the Department, you are asking about matters of policy. You have a right to ask about the facts.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, then, Dr. Colquhoun, you have before you correspondence relating to No. 4 Springer. That correspondence shows that there were 35 English ratepayers and 16 French?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, there are two English trustees and one French?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I find by the records that on April 13, there was a reference to certain regulations. You gave these regulations as the reason for writing the letter on May 29? Letter read and put in.

MR. ELLIOTT: Now that letter says "I am directed by the Minister" etc., going on to state that "the children of the French ratepayers must be attended to." Is that part of the regulations?

MR. MCGARRY: I object to that. The letter was written at the direction of the Minister. You have no right to ask the Deputy anything about the regulations.

MR. ELLIOTT: The letter was sent by him.

MR. MCGARRY: Look at the start of it "I am directed by the Minister." He was following the directions of the Minister. The instructions given by the Minister led him to write that letter.

MR. ELLIOTT: But he goes on to state for himself.

MR. MCGARRY: The whole letter was written on the direction of the Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: When he goes on to state—

MR. MCGARRY: Wait until I am through. You can go to the House and put a proper question on the order paper and find out from the Minister. Mr. Elliott gets the Deputy Minister here and endeavors to extract from him what the policy of the Government is with regard to bi-lingual schools. This committee will never get through at this rate.

MR. ELLIOTT: If you did not object so much we would not be kept so long, and this record would not be so extensive.

(To Dr. Colquhoun).—The first teacher in that school, Doctor, was a Miss Mahoney; what were her qualifications?

A.—Her qualifications were the best that could be got for that school on the recommendation of the inspector, I presume.

Q.—She was not a qualified teacher?

A.—A permit was granted to her.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Who granted that permit?

A.—The Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: On what information?

A.—On the report of the inspector.

Q.—Miss Brown was also engaged?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What were her qualifications?

A.—They would be the same.

Q.—She was not able to teach French, as I understand?

A.—The correspondence discloses the fact, I think.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not speaking from your own knowledge?

A.—No.

Q.—She was refused a permit?

A.—The inspector did not recommend that procedure in this case.

Q.—The trustees wrote to the Department asking them to recommend her?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And as a result this letter of May 29th was written? That letter contains this statement, “the children of the French ratepayers must be attended to.” Now what was meant by that?

MR. MCGARRY: I object to that. He wrote at the direction of the Minister, and you have no right to ask him what the Minister meant. The Deputy in writing that letter did not mean anything. He wrote entirely at the direction of the Minister. My honourable friend knows that he is putting that question in the Public Accounts report, with the intention of placing before the people the idea that there has been unfair dealing with these people in Springer.

MR. ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that if the Committee overrule me I will have to stop the whole examination. My honourable friend says, “My honourable friend knows that he put that question with the idea of getting on the record something he had no right to get on.” Now, the fact that there is a majority on this Committee prepared to support him in that regard is no justification for him making that statement. I am asking for an explanation of a clause that is part of a letter written by the Deputy Minister, and I want your ruling, Mr. Chairman, whether or not I am entitled to an explanation of that clause.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he says in this letter —

MR. ELLIOTT: Will you let him say it? I would like your ruling whether or not I am entitled to an explanation from the Deputy as to what that clause means.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will work it out in my own way. He says I am directed by the Minister to say certain things, and he says them under the direction of the Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: That refers only to the first couple of sentences. He goes on to give his own explanation. Letter of May 29th read.

MR. MCGARRY: That was written under instructions from the Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: Practically, it was a statement from the Deputy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You do not ask me, seriously, to rule on that?

MR. ELLIOTT: I am asking for your ruling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I rule that this was a direction from the Minister; he was acting under instructions, not speaking his own mind.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then the Chairman takes this position: that the Deputy need not answer, that he does not understand the meaning of that expression, that he cannot explain it?

MR. MCGARRY: That isn't it at all. He said in that letter, "I am directed by the Minister to state."

MR. ELLIOTT: Will the Committee permit this question: Does he know? Did he understand what he was writing when this letter was written?

MR. MCGARRY: The Committee has no right to allow the Deputy to be insulted.

MR. ELLIOTT: I submit that this is what my honourable friend's objection amounts to. Mr. Chairman, I would like your ruling as to whether or not I am entitled to ask for an explanation of the clause, "the children of the French ratepayers must be attended to."

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already ruled that he wrote that under instructions from the Minister; the Minister is the man to say what he means by that.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then you would be quite willing to have the Minister summoned to appear before the Committee?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have no objection.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then that is your ruling. The Deputy cannot, but the Minister can.

MR. MCGARRY: The ruling is that the Deputy cannot be forced to answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: What is your ruling in regard to this clause?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have no objection to the Minister coming here, but I am not the Committee.

MR. ELLIOTT: You are making the ruling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already ruled, Mr. Elliott, two or three times. I do not think you should ask the Deputy Minister to explain what the Minister meant by giving him certain directions about certain things in that letter. The Minister said to him, "You write so and so." It is for the Minister to say what was the method, not for the Deputy.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then your ruling is that the Deputy cannot, but the Minister can, be asked before this Committee to make that explanation?

MR. MCGARRY: He did not rule that.

MR. MCCRAE: Why go beyond the Deputy? Why should the Minister be brought into this ruling?

MR. MCGARRY: They have got to move to have the Minister here. All the Committee does is simply allow Mr. Elliott to move that the Minister be brought here.

MR. ELLIOTT: Does the Chairman rule that the Doctor cannot be asked to make an explanation of that clause?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Certainly I do. He cannot tell what the Minister had in view. Let the Minister speak for himself.

MR. ELLIOTT: This letter was written by the Deputy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Under instructions from the Minister.

MR. ELLIOTT: He can explain what he referred to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are practically asking him what the Minister meant by this.

MR. ELLIOTT: Not at all. I am asking him what he meant by that statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And I say he is not obliged to answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: Is that your ruling?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have given it over half a dozen times.

MR. HARTT: I believe every member of the Committee understands what your ruling was. I am not speaking for Mr. Elliott, but he should know.

MR. ELLIOTT: We cannot all be as bright as my honourable friend. I appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is, shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? Perhaps we had better know what the ruling of the Chair is.

MR. ELLIOTT: The ruling is that the Deputy cannot be asked to explain what was meant by him in this clause in his letter of May 29th, "the children of the French ratepayers must be attended to."

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Elliott, I suggest that you write out your question.

MR. ELLIOTT (reading): I ask the Deputy what was the meaning of the clause appearing in the letter of the 29th of May, "the children of the French ratepayers must be attended to."

MR. CHAIRMAN: And my ruling is that the Deputy has written that letter under instructions from the Minister, that it is not for him to say what was the motive, what was in the mind of the Minister when he gave those instructions.

Mr. Elliott then appealed from the ruling of the Chair, the vote upon the question of sustaining the ruling of the Chair being as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Ferguson, Fraser, Hartt, Musgrove, McCrae, McGarry and Westbrook. Nays—Messrs. Bowman, Clarke and Elliott.

Ruling sustained.

MR. ELLIOTT: Dr. Colquhoun, this letter of May 29th refers to a letter of recent date. I can find in the return no letter to which that would refer. Could that be obtained?

A.—Every letter on that subject would be on that file.

MR. MCGARRY: You have no right to ask that question. He was speaking of what the Minister directed him to do. He said, "I am directed by the Minister to answer your letter of recent date."

DR. COLQUHOUN: I presume it refers to a letter of May 23rd; there is nothing to show exactly, but I presume that is the one.

MR. ELLIOTT: This says that "the inspector was there," and as the trustees have chosen a teacher with English only, he has told us to send the number of children whose mother tongue is English and also of those whose mother tongue is French."

MR. ELLIOTT: As a result of receiving that letter you sent the letter of May 29th?

MR. MCGARRY: He hasn't said that. He presumed that that was the letter.

MR. ELLIOTT: Would you now tell us why the grant was deferred?

MR. MCGARRY: I object to that. It is altogether out of the line of this investigation.

MR. ELLIOTT: Why?

MR. MCGARRY: That is a question for the Department head, not for Dr. Colquhoun. You know perfectly well it isn't.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then we will have the Departmental head before us.' Are the trustees responsible to the school section for any loss or neglect?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What regulation makes them personally responsible?

A.—It is partly under the statute and partly under regulation. The money of the people must be paid out for teachers qualified to teach the course specified.

Q.—Neither of these teachers was qualified?

A.—The inspector says one was and that one was not.

MR. ELLIOTT: The correspondence says neither one was.

A.—I understand a permit was granted.

Q.—He assumes the responsibility that they are capable of teaching the school?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Neither was qualified outside of the permit granted?

A.—Legally qualified, no.

Q.—You would not undertake to say what regulation makes it obligatory?

MR. MCGARRY: He will produce the regulations.

The Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee.

April 10th, 1912.

The Committee met at 10.30. The Chairman stated that Mr. Bottomley, whose attendance had been asked for with reference to an item on page 312 of the Public Accounts, was not available, but that the Deputy Minister of Agriculture was present to speak with regard to the item. Mr. McGarry drew attention to the fact that a person, who was to be called as a witness, was in

possession of some of the documents of the Committee, and registered an objection to them passing out of the hands of a member of the Committee. After some discussion, the documents were handed over to Mr. Bowman.

Mr. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: Can you explain this item of \$2,705.82.

MR. ROADHOUSE: I can explain the nature of the appointment, and probably that will do. Bottomley was employed at that time to look up records generally as to immigration in Great Britain at a salary of \$100 *per* month and \$3.00 *per* day for printing expenses and railway expenses in addition. This item covers a period from August, 1910, to August, 1911.

Q.—Have you the vouchers for that?

A.—The vouchers, I presume, are in the Audit Office.

Q.—They will be available?

A.—Yes, I suppose so.

Q.—You take the responsibility of saying that this item covers from August, 1910, to August, 1911.

A.—Yes, I do.

Q.—How do you explain it covering a part of the year before the 31st October, 1910? The fiscal year of 1910 ended on 31st October. Why is this period from August, 1910, to October, 1910, covered?

A.—I am only saying that is the period covered by this account. Those in charge of the publication of the Public Accounts would be able to explain how it is that certain items of 1910 appear in 1911 accounts.

MR. MCGARRY: You cannot go back of these public accounts here.

MR. ELLIOTT: I am not going back of the Public Accounts here. The amount is here, and surely we can investigate it. I propose to ascertain what this was paid for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, there is no need, Mr. Elliott, to get excited.

MR. ELLIOTT: The Chairman has no right to suggest anything about getting excited. I don't propose to take that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you are going to talk that way, I will draw the line. I have been in the habit of giving you a free hand. If you are going to take that attitude towards the Chair, the Chair will see you live up to the rulings.

MR. ELLIOTT: I do not propose to permit even the Chairman to tell me to not get excited, to speak to me in that manner. I am quite as able to control my excitement as the Chairman.

MR. ELLIOTT (examining): This item of \$2,705.82 covers the time from August, 1910, to August, 1911. Have you got the vouchers for that?

A.—They are in the possession of the Audit Office. I may explain that I did not personally handle these accounts. I was not Deputy Minister at that time. The information which I am giving is merely information which I looked up when I was summoned to appear with reference to that item.

Q.—Have you a memorandum from the Audit Office with reference to that?

A.—I have not any memorandum. I looked up the accounts and asked the period covered by these figures. This is the information I received.

Q.—Can you give any explanation of how part of the previous payments for part of the previous fiscal year came to be in the accounts of this year?

A.—The only explanation I would offer, of course, I was not personally familiar—

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then don't tell it.

MR. ELLIOTT: You can give no testimony?

A.—No personal explanation.

Q.—Then there's very little use asking for an explanation if you don't know?

A.—No.

Q.—Who would know?

A.—Mr. James was Deputy Minister at that time, and he would probably know.

Q.—Nobody in the Audit Office would know?

A.—I cannot speak for the Audit Office.

Q.—Do you know whether they have any vouchers?

A.—All the accounts are accompanied by a certain number of vouchers.

Q.—Haven't you in your Department vouchers for these amounts?

A.—The vouchers go to the Audit Office with the accounts.

Q.—Can you get those vouchers?

A.—They are not in our Department; they are in the Audit Office.

Q.—Hitherto, it has been the custom to have the vouchers for these accounts brought in by a member of the Department with which they deal?

A.—If the Committee passes an Order for the production of the accounts, naturally I would do anything I could to produce them.

Q.—We want to get the vouchers for these accounts. If this witness can't obtain them, we will have to have somebody from the Audit Office. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that you instruct the witness to obtain them and bring them to the Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a proper way to go about it, Mr. Elliott.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then I will make a motion. I move that the witness be instructed to produce to the Committee as soon as possible the vouchers for these payments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you want him to get them now?

MR. ELLIOTT: I will ask him one or two questions first.

Q.—What were the duties he was performing—Mr. Bottomley?

A.—He was emigration agent in Great Britain, and was employed securing booking agents and addressing meetings, canvassing with a view to bringing out emigrants.

Q.—Where were his duties performed?

A.—I cannot tell exactly; he was under the direction of Mr. Colcock, our London agent in Great Britain.

Q.—Was he performing any services in this country?

A.—Not unless he brought out a party, or something like that.

Q.—Except in placing a party?

A.—Yes.

Q.—His duties were all performed outside this country, except in regard to what you explain?

A.—Practically, yes.

MR. MCGARRY: When were you appointed Deputy Minister?

A.—On the 1st March.

Q.—1912?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who was Deputy Minister when this man Bottomley got this appointment?

A.—Mr. C. C. James.

Q.—Have you had any personal knowledge prior to the 1st March respecting his services?

A.—No.

Q.—No personal knowledge about this item?

A.—No.

Q.—You are only speaking from what you have been able to find out from other people?

A.—Exactly.

Q.—You do not pretend to have any personal knowledge of his work at all?

A.—Nothing whatever.

MR. ELLIOTT: That is the best information you are able to obtain after inquiring at the Audit Office and among other offices?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Mr. Bottomley is not an employee of the Government now?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When was he re-appointed?

A.—Well, I cannot give the exact date. I would say he was re-appointed within a month or two.

Q.—Within the last month or two?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Could you tell us the date?

A.—I can find that out.

Q.—Will you obtain that information?

A.—Yes.

Mr. J. T. Hennessey called and examined.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. Chairman, I desire to examine Mr. Hennessey with regard to some of these prices in the McGibbon accounts in order to ascertain the system of purchasing. I notice in the accounts here, Mr. Hennessey, that several of the institutions purchased castile soap by the box, at \$3.60 a box. Is that in your opinion a jobber's price or not?

MR. HENNESSEY: \$3.60?

MR. BOWMAN: Yes.

MR. HENNESSEY: That is a higher price than we are selling for in a retail way, but of course we are selling close. That is more than the jobbers charge us.

MR. SHILLINGTON: Is that cake or bar soap? The weight of the box would have something to do with the price?

MR. HENNESSEY: No, the weight of the box would have nothing to do with it.

Q.—Not the weight of the contents?

A.—The weight of the contents, yes, by all means; there are fifteen bars in a box of two and one-half pounds each.

MR. BOWMAN: There are several purchases of castile soap at \$3.60. I understand that they are put in a standard box of fifteen bars, with two and a half pounds in a bar.

MR. MCGARRY: I do not think this examination can go on. I do not think it is at all the usual thing for the Public Accounts Committee to bring an apparently expert witness to determine whether or not these prices are right. You could bring one hundred persons with a knowledge of these facts, and possibly many of them would have different views. It is not our duty as an investigating committee to determine whether the price of castile soap is right or not.

MR. BOWMAN: That is exactly what we are here for. If Mr. McGarry will look at the evidence given at the last meeting he will find that Mr. McGibbon states he was selling at jobbers' prices. The evidence of Dr. Bruce Smith was that the officers of the various institutions were instructed to purchase from certain firms, such as Elliott & Company, Ingram & Bell. These men are jobbers, and sell only at jobbers' prices. I simply wish to determine whether the officers of the various institutions bought at that price or a higher price. That is within the purview of this committee. If it isn't we might as well get out of business.

MR. SHILLINGTON: You are losing sight of the fact. You are not taking into account the quality of the goods.

MR. JOHNSON: At what institutions are these purchases made?

MR. BOWMAN: If you will just wait a moment, Mr. Johnson,—there are so many items that I will have to look over them. While I am looking over this I will ask Mr. Hennessey with regard to this matter of cascara. I notice, Mr. Hennessey, in these accounts that cascara is sold at various prices, averaging about \$5.50 a Winchester. Is that a jobber's price?

A.—It is pretty hard to tell what a jobber's price is. That article is always bought direct by the druggist from the maker. I can tell you the cost of it. At that price it would give a very fair margin of profit. It costs 90c. a pound. That would be \$4.50 a Winchester, less five *per cent.* If the jobbers were selling it they would sell it for about \$5.

MR. BOWMAN: Aromatic cascara ranges in price in these accounts from \$5.50 to \$6.50 a gallon—I think it's a gallon.

A.—I would consider that a high price. We buy that from the jobbers at \$4.00 a gallon.

Q.—You buy from the jobbers; do you refer to such firms as Elliott & Co., Ingram & Bell?

A.—I don't do business with Elliott & Company. I buy chiefly from Lyman & Company, and the National Drug Company.

Q.—They are jobbers?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Has there been much advance in the price during the past year?

A.—I don't think there has been any advance in the price of cascara. We have been buying at an average price of \$4 a gallon from firms during the last year.

Q.—I find that the price here runs from \$5.50 to \$6.00 a gallon. So that in your opinion—

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him state his opinion.

MR. BOWMAN: Then, what is your opinion as to that price?

A.—I would like to sell a lot of it at that price.

Q.—At what price will it sell in small quantities over the counter?

A.—Aromatic cascara?

Q.—Yes.

A.—It would sell at five cents an ounce. There are sixteen ounces in the pound—we would not charge much more than that in a retail way. We charge about seventy cents a pound; that would be \$7.00 a gallon.

Q.—If you were selling it by the ounce. That is the price you would sell it for, selling it by the ounce over the counter—\$7?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And what is your opinion of a price ranging from \$5.50 to \$6.00, for a large quantity?

A.—It is a very high price.

Q.—Coming back to castile soap, I find that the Hospital for the Insane at London purchased five cases of castile soap at \$3.60 a case—\$18.00. There are no particulars. What would be the jobbers' price?

A.—The jobbers' price for that would be about \$3.15 a case. We sell a two and a half pound bar at nineteen cents. Of course, we sell very closely.

Q.—You sell for a lower price over the counter in a retail way than this price here?

A.—Yes.

MR. GAMEY: Perhaps he is selling below cost.

MR. HENNESSEY: No, but we are not making much money.

MR. McELROY: What is your profit?

A.—We would not make more than seven *per cent*.

MR. BOWMAN: This price of McGibbon's would work out at 24 cents. On a percentage basis the profit would be much higher.

MR. McELROY: There are different kinds of castile soap?

A.—There is more than one kind. The "shell brand" is the one commonly sold.

Q.—The different makes have different strengths of olive oil?

A.—That is a question.

Q.—There are different brands? How many?

A.—I couldn't say how many.

Q.—Do you know that different brands have different strengths of olive oil?

A.—Do I know that they have different strengths? I should judge so. It is a question whether they have any olive oil or not.

MR. McELROY: Can't you say whether there is or not?

MR. HENNESSEY: I don't understand what you want to get at.

Q.—Isn't there a different percentage of olive oil in different brands of castile soap?

A.—I am trying to tell you. We do not consider there is any olive oil in castile soap.

Q.—I am asking you whether you know that there is a different percentage of olive oil in different brands of castile soap or not?

A.—That is not a reasonable question.

Q.—That is not the question I asked you. Do you know whether there is a different percentage?

A.—I do not think I can satisfy you on that.

Q.—Mr. Chairman, I am asking for an answer whether there is or not.

A.—If I could find out what you meant, I could answer you.

MR. FERGUSON: He evidently means this: The difference in the value of the soap is based on the difference in the quantity of olive oil in it.

MR. HENNESSEY: Yes.

MR. McELROY: Do you know whether there is any difference or not?

A.—Do I know what?

Q.—Do you know, as a matter of personal knowledge, that there is any difference or not?

A.—I couldn't say that. That is not in our province at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not an expert on that?

A.—No, we do not make soap.

MR. JOHNSON: Is the castile soap referred to imported, or is it of domestic manufacture?

A.—The castile soap I refer to is imported. It is generally considered to be made of cottonseed oil and not olive oil.

Q.—The price varies according to the quality of the soap?

A.—Yes.

MR. GAMEY: If it was made of olive oil, you could not sell it at that price?

A.—No. There is always that possibility.

MR. MAGEAU: As a matter of fact, there is little of olive oil in any of these?

A.—No. Sixty-five *per cent.* soap supposed to be made of olive oil is made of cottonseed oil.

MR. ELLIOTT: That is the kind referred to here?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that the kind specified in the account?

A.—It does not say so here. This is the kind that is usually supplied. The question asked me was what castile soap was sold for. I do not know anything about the kind that was supplied here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You do not know anything about the quality of the soap here?

A.—No. I do not know anything about that.

MR. JOHNSON: Is the domestic soap of a lower grade?

A.—No. It compares very favourably with the imported.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. Hennessey, to your knowledge, how many makes of castile soap are handled by the jobbers in this Province?

A.—I suppose about four grades.

Q.—What variation is there in the price of these grades?

A.—The Shell Brand, which is commonly sold, as I told you, would be about \$3.15 a case. The next grade costs about ten cents a pound, about \$4.00 a case, and the next grade is (County?) at 17 to 18 cents a pound, or about 60 cents a bar. That would be out of the question as concerning the various institutions. They would not have any use for it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why do you think that?

A.—Because it is a very hard soap and does not lather very freely.

Q.—It has medicinal properties, more for the skin?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They probably would use more of it?

A.—It is not a satisfactory soap to use for general purposes.

Q.—You don't know what the soap is used for? You are giving the idea that this was merely a hand wash soap?

HON. MR. REAUME: You have no idea what kind of soap it was? It might be high or low?

A.—No. I couldn't say what it was.

MR. BOWMAN: Take this expensive castile soap, what size case is that put up in? Is it put up in the same size case as the others?

A.—No. That bar is three pounds. There are about a dozen bars in the case.

Q.—Now, take chloroform, D & F; what is the jobbers' price for that?

A.—D & F costs us about \$1.90 a pound.

HON. MR. REAUME: How much?

A.—\$1.90 a pound. That is white label.

Q.—That is the most expensive kind?

A.—Yes.

MR. BOWMAN: I find here that the Toronto Asylum for the Insane bought D & F at \$2.25 a pound. What do you think about that price?

A.—Well, that is 35 cents higher than the jobbers' price, beside the discount.

Q.—What would you make the discount?

A.—Five *per cent.* for cash.

MR. MAGEAU: That is the usual discount?

A.—Yes.

HON. MR. REAUME: Is there not more than one grade?

A.—Yes. There is blue label; it is cheaper.

Q.—What is the price of that?

A.—\$5 cents a pound.

MR. BOWMAN: According to your statement, then, white label sold at \$2.25 is a high price?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Higher than the jobbers' price?

A.—The jobber's price, as I told you, is \$1.90.

Q.—Now, benzoin eo., what is that worth?

A.—Worth in small quantities 65 cents a pound; by the gallon about \$5.70.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why do you always say "about"? Are you not sure of this? Don't you know what you are talking about?

A.—Perfectly well.

Q.—Then, why don't you say so?

A.—I will say so in the future. I did not want to take you too much by surprise.

MR. BOWMAN: You tell us that the jobber's price is \$5.70 *per* gallon. I find here that the Institution at Mimico purchased at \$8.00 a gallon. What do you say about that price?

A.—It is a high price.

Q.—It is the difference between \$8.00 and \$5.70. That makes it \$2.30 higher than the jobbers' price.

A.—Yes.

MR. HARTT: What would be the retail price of that in small quantities, by the ounce?

A.—It retails at 10 cents an ounce in most stores.

Q.—Does it rise or fall in price?

A.—No, it is generally the one price.

MR. BOWMAN: Now tincture of gentian eo. Can you tell what the jobbers' price is?

A.—No, I haven't bought any for some time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't tell if you don't know.

MR. BOWMAN: What price did you pay when you last bought it?

A.—I couldn't say. We usually make it up ourselves. It is sold at 40 cents a pound to physicians.

Q.—You sell it at 40 cents a pound to physicians.

A.—Yes.

Q.—You know nothing about whether your price is lower or higher than the jobber's price.

A.—No, I don't, not having bought from the jobber for a long time.

MR. MAGEAR: What would you sell at in large quantities?

A.—I could make and sell it at 35 cents a pound, or \$3.50 a gallon.

MR. BOWMAN: I see here that London Asylum bought five gallons at \$5.00 a gallon. What do you think about that price?

A.—That would be a good price, a high price.

Q.—In your opinion, is that higher than the jobber's price?

A.—I should think so.

MR. BOWMAN: I am through with the witness. I brought him here simply for the purpose of establishing that in a great many of the articles which represent the major portion of the various items which make up the drug purchases of the various institutions, as I say, my object was to endeavour to show the difference between the prices paid by these institutions and what in Mr. Hennessey's opinion are the jobber's prices.

MR. HARTT: There are such firms as cut-throat or cut-rate druggists. There are such firms?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you belong to that class of druggists?

A.—We would not be called aggressive cutters, we have to meet competition. We are not in that class.

Q.—But you do cut prices.

A.—We do cut prices, yes.

MR. MCGARRY: Do these prices you refer to come under that heading?

A.—They were the retail prices I gave you.

Q.—That is the business you are in, the cut-rate business?

MR. BOWMAN: You don't advertise cut-rate prices the same as Tambllyn and some others?

A.—No.

MR. MCGARRY: Are you running in your own name?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you always?

A.—Until we formed a company.

Q.—How long ago was that?

A.—Four years ago.

Q.—What name were you running under four years ago?

A.—I was in partnership with my brother.

Q.—Under what name?

A.—J. P. Hennessey and Brother.

Q.—How did you come to be here? To whom did you give information as to the value of these drugs before you came here?

A.—The only person I saw was Mr. Bowman.

Q.—Where did you see Mr. Bowman?

A.—Mr. Bowman came into my store.

Q.—In Hamilton?

A.—No, the store in Toronto?

Q.—Where is that store?

A.—107 Yonge Street.

Q.—Do you advertise as a cut-rate druggist?

A.—No.

Q.—Never?

A.—We don't advertise at all.

Q.—Not in Hamilton.

A.—No.

Q.—Never?

A.—No.

Q.—At no time?

A.—No.

Q.—Not anywhere?

A.—No.

Q.—Not by posters or dodgers?

A.—No.

Q.—Not in any window, even?

A.—I don't know that.

Q.—Have you never advertised in the window that you were running a cut-rate drug business?

A.—I have told this gentleman (Mr. Hartt) that I do cut prices.

Q.—Never mind that. Tell us, did you ever advertise in your window that you were in the cut-rate drug business—in Toronto?

A.—I cannot say.

HON. MR. REAUME: He ought to know.

MR. MCGARRY: He knows all right. (To Mr. Hennessey)—Have you advertised in your window in Toronto that you were running a cut-rate drug store?

A.—I cannot state that. I do not remember having done so.

Q.—Will you say that in the last twelve months you have not advertised cut rates.

MR. RACINE: What difference does that make?

MR. MCGARRY: Answer my question.

MR. HENNESSEY: I don't know.

Q.—You don't know whether you ever advertised cut-rate drug business in Toronto?

A.—I don't know that.

Q.—Have you a drug business on James Street, Hamilton?

A.—I have on corner of James and Barton.

Q.—Have you advertised in the window of the Hamilton store during the last twelve months.

A.—I cannot say.

Q.—You do not know, that is your statement?

A.—That is my statement, yes. I am very seldom in Hamilton.

Q.—Don't you know anything more about the value of drugs than you know about this advertising?

A.—I should hope so.

Q.—I should hope so, too. You say you had a talk with Mr. Bowman with reference to the value of drugs, have you been a friend of Mr. Bowman before?

A.—I have just met him in the store in a business way.

Q.—Did he submit prices to you at your store, the prices given by McGibbon?

A.—I do not think so. He seemed to know two or three of the main prices.

Q.—How many stores have you?

A.—Five.

Q.—Where are they?

A.—Four in Hamilton, one in Toronto.

Q.—Do you make a great many of your preparations?

A.—Quite a few.

Q.—Isn't it on that line of business you make the profit? You sell the others at cost?

A.—That is not so.

Q.—Will you say that this is not the fact, that you do not arrange your business to make a profit out of the preparations you make yourselves and sell prepared goods at cost.

A.—Do you want me to answer "yes" or "no" to that question?

Q.—I would like you to.

A.—Well then, no.

Q.—What proportion of your business is prepared by yourselves.

A.—Not more than five *per cent*.

Q.—The rest consists probably of what?

A.—It is varied. In Hamilton we run a soda fountain, photographic and drug business.

Q.—Do you say that only five *per cent*. of your sales are your own preparations?

A.—I should judge about five *per cent*.

Q.—Do you keep track of it in any books?

A.—No.

Q.—You have no means of getting at what is the proportion?

A.—Not definitely.

Q.—Did you ever sell to any of the public institutions in Hamilton while the other Government was in power?

A.—No.

Q.—How many firms in Hamilton are in the drug business?

A.—In a retail way?

Q.—You know most of the firms there. Tell us some of the principal drug firms. Do you know the National Drug Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that a reputable firm?

A.—I should judge so.

Q.—What other firms do you know in Hamilton?

A.—Retail or wholesale?

Q.—Both?

A.—There is only one wholesale house, The National Drug Company.

Q.—What other companies are there?

A.—Park and Blackwell are the only other druggists handling in jobbers' quantity.

Q.—How much cascara do you use in a year in one Hamilton store?

A.—I should judge about a hundred gallons. But that is not used in one store.

Q.—That would be in your business altogether?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In the five drug stores?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you say it was worth a gallon?

A.—The jobber's price is \$4.00 a gallon.

Q.—Whom do you buy from at that price?

A.—From The National Drug Company.

Q.—From The National Drug Company of Hamilton, at that price?

A.—Yes. But I didn't say Hamilton.

Q.—Where are they, here?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When have you last bought at that price?

A.—That figure was paid within a week.

Q.—Have you had any other quotation from The National Drug Company for cascara, at a higher figure?

A.—No.

Q.—Have you had any quotation at a higher figure by any jobbing company?

A.—I have no knowledge of such.

Q.—Have you any knowledge of any other cascara than the kind you buy yourself.

A.—Yes, there are dozens.

Q.—What is the highest price for standard cascara?

A.—That would be casagra.

Q.—Do you buy that quality of cascara?

A.—We have two grades.

Q.—What is the highest?

A.—Casagra.

Q.—What does that cost you?

A.—90 cents a pound.

Q.—What would that figure out at a gallon?

A.—Nine dollars a gallon.

Q.—So there is a great difference in the prices even to you.

MR. BOWMAN: This is casagra. I find that there is more casagra purchased than aromatic cascara. Casagra is sold here at \$9.50 a Winchester. That is \$11.00 a gallon. It was sold at \$11.00 to all the institutions.

MR. MCGARRY: From how many manufacturers have you bought cascara?

A.—I do not know of having bought from any person except the National Drug Company and the Toronto Pharmaceutical.

Q.—Those are the only two you have had any experience with, the two you mentioned.

A.—Practically.

Q.—Your knowledge as to these prices is limited by your own buying as a retail druggist?

A.—Naturally.

Q.—You do not pretend to give evidence here as to the quality of the drugs sold by Mr. McGibbon, or as to his prices?

A.—I do not know anything about them.

Q.—You are merely speaking from your own experience as a retail druggist?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You do not pretend to give any expert opinion as to the fairness of the prices charged by Mr. McGibbon? You do not pretend to say anything about that?

A.—No. I couldn't, unless the manufacturer was specified.

Q.—The accounts do not specify that.

A.—Then, nobody could.

MR. BOWMAN: It would be impossible for the best expert in the world to express any definite opinion where complete details were not given.

A.—No person can tell what aromatic cascara was supplied.

Q.—D. & F. chloroform, gentian co. are standards. Those are defined.

MR. JOHNSON: Did you ever sell goods to a public institution?

A.—No.

Q.—If you had a chance to sell to public institutions, would you feel bound to sell at jobber's prices?

A.—I do not know, I would need to try it.

Q.—Would you sell at jobber's prices?

A.—Well, if I was selling to the institutions, I would like to get Mr. McGibbon's prices.

Q.—You would want to have a profit on the goods.

A.—I wouldn't sell without profit.

The Committee adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 11, 1912.

The Committee met at 10 A.M.

Mr. J. T. Hennessey recalled and examined:

MR. MCGARRY—I was asking you yesterday with reference to advertisements of cut-rate prices. You could not remember yesterday. What have you got to say this morning?

A.—I do not think it is necessary to say anything. I understood I was to be here to tell the prices we paid the jobbers.

Q.—Never mind that, answer my question. Have you advertised in your business that you sell at cut-rate prices?

A.—Could you make the question more definite?

Q.—That ought to be definite enough. Yesterday you said you had no recollection of ever advertising cut-rate prices.

A.—You asked me if during the last year I had advertised cut-rate prices.

Q.—Yes.

A.—And I said not to my knowledge.

MR. ELLIOTT: Surely, Mr. Chairman, this witness should not be made to answer such questions. This Committee is very strict when we ask witnesses questions regarding their private affairs. I assume the same rule will apply to Mr. Hennessey.

MR. MCGARRY: This witness gave evidence as to these prices. He comes here as an expert druggist, produced by a member of the Committee, to tell us that the prices charged to the various public institutions are too high. He says this on the experience gained in his own business. He must fix his prices on the experience he has had in his own business. If he has been selling below cost or at cost it is most material to find out if that is the basis on which he has given evidence. There could not be a more relative question.

MR. ELLIOTT: This witness came here to give evidence regarding jobbers' prices, whether certain goods shown by certain invoices to be supplied at a certain price were purchased higher or lower than the jobbers' price. He stated what was the jobbers' price in regard to these. It is not a matter for this Committee how he conducted his own business. That is in accord with your ruling that has already been made, and I submit the witness cannot be compelled to answer that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He was not speaking as to jobbers' prices, entirely. It was on the experience gained in his business that he undertakes to give certain information. The question is perfectly proper.

MR. HENNESSEY: I am probably under a misapprehension. I understood I was to tell Mr. Bowman and the members of the Committee some prices that were paid for goods from the jobbers. I did not suppose it had anything to do with our selling price whatever.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They asked you many questions, what you sold over the counter for.

MR. HENNESSEY: Some members did.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And you undertook to tell us.

MR. MCGARRY: I am asking if he ever advertised drugs at cut-rate prices. That is a perfectly proper question.

MR. HENNESSEY: I have no objection to answering the question, but it is a question that cannot be answered yes or no.

MR. MCGARRY: Answer it any way you wish.

A.—We advertise on a sign in front of the store that we sell patent medicines at cut-prices.

Q.—You sell at cut-prices?

A.—Patent medicines, yes.

Q.—Have you advertised in the past year in any store that you sell drugs

at cut prices? Answer me that. You had no recollection of it yesterday. Do you recollect it now that you sell patent medicines at cut prices?

A.—Pardon me, that question was not asked yesterday.

Q.—I asked you a general question.

A.—And I gave you a general answer.

Q.—You said you didn't recollect. Do you think that was all right?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You knew then that you advertised patent medicines at cut-rate prices?

A.—We sell patent medicines at cut-rate prices.

Q.—You knew that yesterday?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You gave us your opinion with reference to cascara. Just look at this item; you knew John Mack, of Hamilton?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He is a reputable druggist?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is a price; one Winchester of aromatic cascara, \$4.50, what would that amount to a gallon? Nine dollars?

A.—Nine dollars. Yes.

Q.—Is that a high or low price for aromatic cascara, if it is the same as that supplied by McGibbon?

A.—At \$4.50?

Q.—Yes. If it is the same as the aromatic cascara purchased from McGibbon. Is it a high price?

A.—Evidently.

Q.—That is the price the old Government paid at Hamilton for aromatic cascara?

A.—I don't know anything about that.

Q.—If the price at which McGibbon sold is a high price, the price which Mack charged the old Government is a much higher one?

A.—That is something for you to point out to the Committee, I don't know anything about that.

Q.—On the next page—bromide potassium, 2 lbs. at \$1.50, is that a high price?

A.—It is impossible to tell what that price meant at that time.

Q.—Does the price vary?

A.—The price varies considerably.

Q.—In giving evidence yesterday, you did not say that.

A.—You didn't mention bromide of potassium yesterday.

Q.—Does that apply to most drugs?

A.—It does not apply to all drugs.

Q.—Does it apply to most drugs?

A.—No.

Q.—Does it apply to soda bromide?

A.—Yes.

Q.—On the 1st November there is a sale of one winchester of aromatic cascara at \$4.50.

A.—The same answer applies to that.

Q.—On the 1st July, 1904, there is a sale of aromatic cascara at the same rate, \$4.50. Their price didn't vary then that summer? Would you say that from what I have read?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What would you say generally as to the price of aromatic cascara charged by John Mack at that time, in 1904? Is it high or low?

Mr. ELLIOTT: He said that he couldn't say.

Mr. McGARRY: What do you say as to that? You knew yesterday. What do you say as to that? Is it a high price or not? If aromatic cascara is the same price as four years ago, is that a high price?

A.—I should say so.

Q.—So that the old Government were being done by John Mack all right?

Mr. ELLIOTT: He says three or four years ago.

Mr. McGARRY: The price charged now is \$5.50 to \$6.50 a gallon. The price charged in 1904 was \$9.00. Yet you say that there has been no variation in price since 1904. No great variation in price since 1904.

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—You are in business since 1904. You ought to know if there is any great variation in price in these years?

A.—I couldn't tell what I paid in 1904.

Q.—You would not venture to give an opinion?

A.—No.

Q.—Perhaps we could bring you back to-morrow, you could look up that information in your accounts?

A.—I could do that.

Mr. McGARRY: I will put in the statements of the accounts of Mr. Mack with reference to these charges. Statements put in—Exhibit "A."

Mr. McGARRY: With reference to castile soap, I understand you to say that the price charged was too high?

A.—I didn't say anything about that.

Q.—What did you say?

A.—I told you our retail price was 19 cents a bar.

Q.—From whom do you buy that?

A.—From the National Drug Company.

Q.—You buy it from the National Drug Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What price do you pay?

A.—To the best of my knowledge I pay \$3.15 a case.

Q.—What is the weight of the case you pay \$3.15 for?

A.—We figure it at 15 bars, about 2 1-2 pounds to the bar.

Q.—Do you know Mr. Garden, of the National Drug Company?

A.—I know a gentleman named Garden.

Q.—He is here?

A.—Yes, I saw him.

Q.—He is manager of the National Drug Company?

A.—He is not manager of the branch I deal with.

Q.—He belongs to the same company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He will know what price he sold to you for?

A.—He won't know at what price I buy. I don't buy from him.

Q.—I thought you said you bought from his Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Well, cannot he find out from his Company what price he sold to you for?

A.—I should judge so.

Q.—With reference to the purchase of casagra from the National Drug Company, what is the price of it?

A.—\$4.00 a gallon was the price quoted me the other day.

Q.—Are you aware there's a special preparation made by the National Drug Company?

A.—Of what?

Q.—Both cascara and casagra.

MR. BOWMAN: The cascara is a standard preparation put up by Frederick Sterner.

MR. MCGARRY: Isn't there a special preparation of casagra made to sell at that price—\$4.00 a gallon?

A.—I have no knowledge of it if that is the case.

Q.—As a druggist, wouldn't you know if there was a special preparation made to sell at \$4.00 a gallon.

A.—I don't know.

Q.—So that as a druggist you would not know that when you are paying \$4.00 a gallon you were buying a special preparation made to sell at that price.

A.—I don't know that it was made to sell at that price.

Q.—You know that it is a special preparation?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Don't you know that there are a number of standard preparations that cost much more? When giving evidence as to the price of the aromatic cascara charged by McGibbon, do you know that there are other products for which a higher price should be charged?

A.—I set forth that fact yesterday.

Witness discharged.

MR. A. C. Garden called and examined:

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. Garden, what business are you in?

A.—The wholesale drug business.

Q.—What company are you connected with?

A.—The National Drug and Chemical Company of Hamilton.

Q.—You have a place of business in Toronto?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You sell in the wholesale way?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Take a look at these accounts. They are the accounts of Mr. McGibbon for supplies sold to the Government. Take a look over them generally. What we want to know is whether or not the prices charged there for the drugs are reasonable.

A.—I notice casagra at \$5.50.

Q.—What would you say with reference to casagra? Is that the jobber's price?

A.—There is no jobber's price at present, but up to a short time ago the jobbers did handle it. Their price was \$5.50. That was universal.

Q.—Does the price depend upon the quantity?

A.—That was the price of the jobber. There was a bonus with large quantities. That bonus is still given to large retailers. The jobber himself is never allowed to sell less than \$5.50 a winchester, which is half a gallon.

Q.—What would you say with reference to cascara?

A.—There is no official preparation. There is no official formula for making. The price varies. The Park-Davis Co.'s list price is \$1.70 a pound, or \$17.50 a gallon, less 25 *per cent.* discount to the retail trade. There is a little better discount to the jobber. The jobber's price is \$1.75, less 25 *per cent.*

Q.—Your company have a preparation they apparently sold Mr. Hennessey at \$4.00 a gallon?

A.—I don't know about that. I have no knowledge—very little knowledge of the selling at Toronto. I always understood their price was the same as the rest, \$4.50 a gallon.

Q.—This is the list price at which you sell?

A.—Yes, that is, for a first-class article.

Q.—Tell me about how many preparations are sold upon the market here in Toronto.

A.—Every drug jobber and pharmaceutical manufacturer has one of his own. Prices vary and the quality varies, because, as I have said, there is no set formula for it.

Q.—Then there is no means of telling whether this is a reasonable price charged by McGibbon, unless you knew exactly what the preparation was, unless you knew the formula?

A.—No. While \$4.50 is considered a low price, I have heard of prices as low as \$4.00, but I would not like to say too much of the quality, if you get it below \$4.50. It might be obtained in large quantities as low as \$4.00; \$4.50 is a good average price.

Q.—In these accounts of McGibbon, he sells at from \$5.50 to \$6.50 for aromatic cascara.

A.—Well, of course, the dealer is supposed to have a margin. If McGibbon had asked me for a quotation for a large quantity, I would not have

quoted him during the last year at less than \$4.50, sometimes \$4.75. Cascara bark is dearer than a year ago.

Q.—If you were selling one gallon, the price would naturally be higher?

A.—Yes.

Q.—McGibbon has charged one gallon of cascara, Nyall's, at \$6.50; is that a reasonable price?

A.—I never looked at Nyall's list, but Nyall's is one of the expensive firms. I imagine that that is a close price for Nyall's. Our own list for regular cascara is \$1.33 a pound or \$13.30 a gallon, less 25 *per cent*.

Q.—I would like you to take a few minutes to run over these accounts and tell whether you think the prices charged there are jobbers' prices.

A.—Do you want me to take it up item by item?

Q.—No, no. Just run over the charges generally.

A.—I notice a large item of disinfectant at 50 cents, that is a very close price, cascara, aromatic, at \$5.50 a gallon, and casagra at \$5.50 a winchester, or a half-gallon, disinfectant again at 50 cents, I notice he makes a freight allowance, which probably amounts to four or five *per cent*. Carbolic acid is 100 *per cent*. higher now than charged here, casagra again, \$5.10 a winchester—the Department was evidently able to get part of the jobber's discount there.

Q.—What would you say generally as to the prices there?

A.—Well, the prices compare very favourably with the jobbers' prices. To get better prices, it would mean that you would have to buy in larger quantities than were bought there.

Q.—We had considerable discussion yesterday in regard to castile soap. On the 10th June, 1911, McGibbon sold the Hospital for the Insane, London, five cases of castile soap at \$3.60 a case. What is the price of soap?

A.—I have not handled castile soap very much. I should think that would be a reasonable price. The castile soap market varies. It runs from \$3.00 a case to \$3.60 a case, sometimes as high as \$3.65, the present price is \$3.25. The price varies with the price of material. Sometimes it sells less than \$3.00. I should say that at the time this was sold, June, 1911, that might have been a fair and reasonable price.

Q.—You say that would have been a reasonable price then?

A.—Yes. I cannot just recall the state of the market at that time, but giving the dealer anything at all for doing business, he could not afford to sell much closer if he paid the freight from the agent or the manufacturer to Sarnia and then to the Institutions. This invoice does not say whether there was a freight allowance or not. Some say a freight allowance was made and others not. If a freight allowance was made, it would be a low price.

Witness discharged.

Mr. W. J. Ingram, called and examined.

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. Ingram, you are in the wholesale drug business?

A.—Yes.

Q.—With Ingram & Bell?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In Toronto?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Will you look over these accounts, look at this charge for cascara and others and tell us if they are reasonable charges?

A.—I have been listening to the evidence, and I think this price \$5.50 to \$6.50 exceptionally close, providing it is a proper official formula.

Q.—Mr. McGibbon charged \$5.50 to \$6.50, is that a fair and reasonable price? A close price?

A.—A close price, yes.

Q.—With reference to castile soap. He charged \$3.60, selling five cases in June, 1911.

A.—We do not buy a lot of castile soap. We buy about five cases monthly, buying wholesale at 9 cents, about 37 pounds to a case, that would make about \$3.33 a case. That is what it would probably cost on the average. I would say that \$3.60 was a fair price.

Q.—For a jobber to make it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Casagra and cascara, there are different grades?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It is quite possible that Mr. Hennessey could buy casagra at \$4.00?

A.—I would not want to use it in any prescription of mine.

Q.—There are different products, and the price depends upon the product?

A.—No, the product depends on the price.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you went in and asked for \$4.00 stuff, they would give it to you?

A.—They would manufacture it.

MR. MCGARRY: If an hospital wanted the best class, they would naturally expect to pay a high price?

A.—A fair price, yes.

Q.—If the institutions Mr. McGibbon supplied wanted the best possible grade of casagra and cascara, \$5.50 to \$6.50 would be an exceptionally low price?

A.—Yes; an exceptionally low price.

Q.—Look over the accounts generally, and tell me generally what you think of the prices charged by McGibbon on these accounts. Just speaking generally of what you have seen, what would you say as to the prices?

A.—I would consider them very fair prices for any jobber to give in those prices. Take iodoform, \$4.00 a pound is exceptionally low. A pound of iodoform costs to manufacture to the wholesaler around \$3.55 to \$3.60. I see disinfectant at 50 cents a gallon. That is exceptionally low, providing it is a proper product. It must be so or they wouldn't be using it.

Q.—Speaking generally, what would you say; you would say that the prices are exceptionally low?

A.—I would not say that all the prices are low. I would say that these are fair prices.

Witness discharged.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, called and examined:

MR. ELLIOTT: Now, Doctor, some questions were asked the Deputy Minister of Education with regard to an explanation of certain services performed by him which form part of the services for which the amount appearing in the Public Accounts is paid to him. The Committee took the position that he was not the proper person to explain certain letters that were written by the direction of the Minister. I refer particularly to the letter of May 29th, 1911. This is the letter. Letter put in—Exhibit "B."

MR. ELLIOTT: What is the meaning of that?

A.—There it is before you. You can read it as well as other people.

Q.—Well, I would hope so, Doctor, but can you give any explanation of the meaning of that?

MR. MCGARRY: I object to any explanation being required as to that letter. It is a matter of Government regulation. We have no right to go into it here at all.

MR. ELLIOTT: It is not a matter of Government regulation, it is a matter of carrying out of administration. It is part of the business of the Department which the Minister is charged with and for which he received a salary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are asking what he means by a letter. The letter speaks for itself.

MR. ELLIOTT: Not very clearly, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Under the ordinary rules of evidence, if you put in a document, the document speaks for itself. You put in a letter, and that is as far as you can go.

MR. ELLIOTT: This sentence: "The children of the French rate-payers must be attended to," refers to a certain regulation. Surely we should have an explanation as to what is meant by that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have the Regulations, you have the letter. It seems to me they are clear enough if you put them together.

MR. ELLIOTT: When I asked the Deputy Minister what was meant by that, the Chairman took the position that the Minister was the proper party to explain that.

MR. MCGARRY: That is not what you asked the Deputy.

MR. ELLIOTT: I asked the Deputy what interpretation of the Regulations he placed on that portion of the letter. (Reads previous day's evidence on the point.)

Q.—I asked the Minister to say what is meant?

MR. CHAIRMAN: And he says there is the letter, and there's my Regulations, that is as far as you can go. Further, as far as my knowledge of procedure goes, the Minister is a member of the Executive, and is here as a mat-

ter of courtesy. I do not want you to ask him to explain questions devolving upon matters of policy. In doing so you are going beyond the limit of your right. In any case, aside from that, the documentary evidence you have put in, under the ordinary rules of evidence, is as far as you can go.

Mr. Elliott asked for a ruling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I make a ruling now that the documents in here speak for themselves, that you cannot ask the Minister what was meant by this.

MR. ELLIOTT: With regard to this Regulation No. 15, Doctor Pyne—
(Reads the Regulation):

Mr. Eilber rose to state that the House was now in Session, and asked the ruling of the Chair as to whether the sitting could continue. Mr. Elliott stated that the Committee did not know whether the House was in Session or not. The Chairman announced that he had just received a message that the House was in Session.

The Committee then adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

April 12th, 1912.

The Committee met at 10 A.M. Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor, called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: There is an item on page 312 of the Public Accounts; J. G. Bottomley, services at \$100 *per* month, \$1,273.30; allowance, \$1,092.81, and travelling expenses \$339.71. Can you let me have the vouchers for those amounts?

A.—They are in the possession of the Committee, I believe. Vouchers produced.

MR. CLANCY: I have not made an examination of these vouchers. It would take some time. I didn't know what I was asked here for. I can answer generally as to the matters connected with them, unless you want particulars.

Q.—I would like to see the vouchers?

A.—The vouchers are all mixed up here. Mr. Jennings of the Department would be able to arrange them. Witness excused to sort out vouchers.

HON. MR. PYNE called and examined:

MR. ELLIOTT: Now, Doctor, it appears from the return made here that there are several letters sent by your Department during the year for which we are investigating the accounts at the present time. This clause appears

in the letter of May 29th, "the trustees are personally responsible for any loss to the school section by reason of their oversight or neglect." What regulation is that that makes them personally responsible?

A.—The letter is there. I cannot answer anything more than that.

Q.—Do I take it that you don't know, or that you decline to answer?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Then it gives a further clause—"the inspector is authorized to withhold an order for payments of the grants of the school when the regulation is not being complied with." Where is the regulation authorizing that?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Have you anybody in your Department who does know?

A.—The regulations there speak for themselves.

Q.—You cannot refer me to the statute of regulation referred to in this letter?

A.—No.

Q.—Who looks after these matters, as a general rule, in the Department?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—So that you really know nothing about this matter?

A.—I know nothing more, the letters are here.

Q.—The Deputy told us the letters were written on your instructions?

A.—All official letters for the Department are written on instructions from the head of the Department.

Q.—General instructions, or particular instructions in regard to each letter?

MR. MCGARRY: You have no right to ask that question. I submit you have no right to ask what the system of Government of this Department is.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, I submit I have a perfect right to know the system under which the Department is being run at the present time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question?

MR. ELLIOTT: I asked whether these letters were written on general instructions or under particular instructions in regard to each matter?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think that is a proper question, Doctor.

HON. DR. PYNE: General instructions.

MR. ELLIOTT: What general instructions were given in regard to this particular matter?

A.—I don't know.

MR. MUSGROVE: There wouldn't be general instructions in a particular case.

HON. DR. PYNE: The letter speaks for itself.

MR. ELLIOTT: You will readily understand that an answer: "the letter speaks for itself," is no answer at all. Did you consult with the Deputy in regard to this matter?

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Would you undertake to say his letters were not written after consultation with you?

A.—There are twenty-five thousand letters written every year.

Q.—I am not asking that question; the time of the Committee is valuable, and if you answer the questions I ask, it will be sufficient. This particular matter is of considerable interest; will you undertake to say that these letters were not written by the Deputy in connection with this matter after consultation with you?

A.—I have no recollection of it whatever.

Q.—The Deputy tells us the only regulation referring to and authorizing the teaching of the French or German in this particular school is regulation Number 15. This is the regulation, do you agree with that?

A.—I see the regulation.

Q.—Do you agree with that statement?

A.—That is the only thing dealing with it.

Q.—That section says: "In a school section where French or German prevail". How do you interpret—what man in your Department interprets the word prevails?

A.—I don't know.

MR. MCGARRY: I object to that question, you are going too far in these questions altogether. There is a rule on this, laid down in Todd, on page 419:

"The intrusion of Parliamentary Committees into matters which appertain to the jurisdiction of the executive Government is equally to be deprecated, as it tends inevitably to the overthrow of all genuine responsibility and the substitution instead of an arbitrary tyrannical power."

Now, we have no right to interfere with the system of administration of the Department. We have no right to ask the Minister what is the system of administration of the Department. Mr. Elliott has no right to insist on an answer to the question which is asked, because otherwise we would be taking away from the Ministers of the Crown the responsibility which they are bound to and do assume, and it would be taking for a Committee of the House rights which the House itself does not possess. If you go to the House and ask a proper question, you might be able to extract the information. I doubt whether you would or not. I doubt whether they could be forced to answer. The Minister is a witness here by courtesy, and he is not obliged to answer the question asked by Mr. Elliott. I submit to the Chairman and the Committee that it would not be right for this Committee to undertake to force the Minister to answer the question asked by Mr. Elliott.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, Mr. Chairman, I submit that we are entitled to inquire into everything that was done by an official of this Government, or in the Department of this Government for which there was paid money during the year, the accounts of which we are now investigating. If nothing had been done in regard to the matter, if action had not been taken and certain letters written and other duties performed by officials in their official capacity, the argument made by my honourable friend might possibly apply, but a number of things have taken place, things we have a right, I believe, to

inquire into. I think we have a right to know why these letters were written and to see a reasonable explanation of these letters and this action.

MR. MCGARRY: I want to remind my honourable friend that this item under discussion is the question of the salary of the Deputy Minister of Education. I would like to learn from him what connection the salary of the Deputy Minister has with the interpretation placed on certain regulations by the Minister of Education. This has nothing to do with the Minister of Education. The Minister of Education is bound to see that the regulation is carried out. The Deputy has no responsibility whatever in that connection. If the Deputy Minister writes a letter on the instructions of the Minister, then I say the Deputy Minister is earning his salary. My honourable friend has no right to ask questions as to the interpretation placed on the regulation by the Minister. In connection with the item of expenditure, under discussion he has no right to ask the Minister what his interpretation is of that letter. He has no right, no matter what items are under consideration.

MR. ELLIOTT: My honourable friend is wrong with regard to what we are investigating here. If he will look at the motion, he will find that the Deputy was asked to appear before the Committee to explain the item, as well as the duties of various other officials of the Department in other items which make up the sum of \$25,481.00 appearing on page 7 of the Public Accounts. We are not limited to the salary of the Deputy Minister. That covers the salaries of the various other officials in the Education Department.

MR. MCGARRY: Even so, what have the salaries of the various officials to do with the Minister's interpretation of the Regulations. If you want to get an answer as to the interpretation of the Regulations, it is your duty to ask the Government. The Government is responsible as a whole for the interpretation of the Regulations. He knows the means of asking this question in the House. He can take it before the House. It is in the House this question should be discussed and not in the Public Accounts Committee. We are turning this Committee into a forum, assuming the duties of Parliament. We have no right to allow that question. There will be no end to it.

MR. ELLIOTT: I don't want to take up the time of the Committee, although my hon. friend is perfectly willing to take it up until the Committee will be dissolved by the House meeting, just as occurred yesterday morning. If this House is to go over on account of arguments of this kind, it is not our fault.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is perfectly willing to stay until you get through. We have every desire to assist you in this investigation.

A discussion ensued as to the time at which members attended the meeting yesterday morning and the delay occasioned by the non-appearance of certain members and witnesses.

MR. ELLIOTT: Do I understand the Chairman to rule that the Minister of Education cannot be asked what the regulation referred to means?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Chairman hasn't ruled anything about it. I don't see how you can understand it.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then, until he does, we might as well proceed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: My view is, that the Minister may answer if he chooses, but I do not see that the Committee has any authority to compel him to.

MR. ELLIOTT: What is the interpretation which the Department places on the clause: "Where the French or German language prevails"?

HON. DR. PYNE: Read it for yourself; it was prepared by your own friends.

Q.—Does the Minister take the position that he declines to make any explanation of it?

A.—I do.

Q.—Then I ask the Committee to ask the Minister to be good enough to explain what interpretation the Department have been putting on that clause?

MR. MCGARRY: It is clear that we have got to quit here. There is a rule that is well known by every school-boy in Ontario—.

MR. ELLIOTT: But not by my hon. friend.

MR. MCGARRY: My hon. friend has made five speeches consecutively in the last ten minutes. The rule is well known that no Minister can be forced to answer a question if he does not wish to. The Minister is here by courtesy, and when he takes the position that he is not going to answer, he cannot be forced to answer.

MR. CLARKE: It seems to me that this is a new departure. I have been in this Committee a great number of years, and it is the first time a Minister before the Committee has refused to answer a question. The Minister of Public Works and different Ministers have always answered these questions. What is there to conceal? Nobody is going to hurt him. This is just a matter of business of his Department.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Pardon me, this is the first experience I have had of a Minister being examined in this Committee.

MR. CLARKE: I remember exactly, Dr. Reaume, a question that was explained by yourself. It was about a fishing boat. You did not try to conceal the hull or the mast of it.

HON. MR. REAUME: I have been a member of this Committee ever since I have been in the House. I have never been in the witness box before, but I do remember when I was in Opposition Mr. Latchford being called here, and he refused to answer. I have never been in the witness box. Nobody should say I was. I know what I am talking about, if you don't.

MR. CLARKE: If you were not in the witness box, you gave valuable testimony. The Doctor's testimony would do as well.

MR. JOHNSON: I thought this Committee proposed to investigate the expenditure of the Government. What has a Regulation of the Department of Education to do with the expenditure of the Government. Give us some work to do, please, Mr. Elliott.

MR. ELLIOTT: I will give you some work to do, but all the questions I ask are objected to.

MR. MUSGROVE: Then ask the proper questions.

MR. ELLIOTT: I asked the Chairman's ruling as to whether or not we are entitled to an explanation of how the Department has been in the habit of construing this, the manner in which the Department has been in the habit of construing this clause, "where the French or German language prevails"?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already ruled that the Doctor may answer if he chooses. I do not think it would be fair to compel him. I do not know that the Committee could force him to answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: What is your ruling as to forcing him to answer?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot make it any clearer than I have already made it. The witness may answer the question if he sees fit.

MR. ELLIOTT: He already says that he doesn't see fit.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not think you can compel him to answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: Then I ask the Committee's ruling. I appeal from the Chairman's ruling and ask the Committee's ruling.

MR. MUSGROVE: Suppose the Committee did order him to. How would you compel him to speak, if he doesn't want to. You cannot compel him to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There was a long discussion in the House on this very point yesterday. I thought the result was definite enough that you cannot enforce an answer from a Minister.

Mr. Elliott puts the motion.

MR. MUSGROVE: Before the motion is put, as a member of the Committee I merely want to make one explanation before I vote. I am quite willing to sustain a motion, no matter who is bringing it up, in investigating the Public Accounts of this Province. This is the fourth time I have been a member of this Committee, and I have always taken that position. But the question under discussion is not a question of expenditure. In my mind it is all a question of policy of the Government interpretation of the Regulations. It makes no difference to me whether he interprets that clause rightly or wrongly, he is discharging his duties as a Minister of the Crown. If he discharges his duties wrongfully, he is responsible to the House and the country. What connection there is between the interpretation of a clause and the salary of the Minister, I cannot say. I make this explanation before I vote upon the Motion. It makes no difference to us whether that regulation was wrongfully or rightfully interpreted. He takes responsibility before the House and not before the Committee.

MR. MCGARRY: Do I understand this question Mr. Elliott puts: he appeals from the ruling of the Chair. The Chair ruled that the Minister could answer if he wished, but that he was not obliged to answer. He then refused to answer. Mr. Elliott appealed again to the ruling of the Chair, and the ruling was this, that the Minister cannot be forced to answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think the motion is regular enough. I will ask the Committee to say as to the necessity of the Doctor answering. The question is: Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

The vote was then taken, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained by a vote of 18 to 6.

YEAS.—Messieurs Dargavel, Eilber, Fraser, Hartt, Hendrie, Johnson, Matheson, Musgrove, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Reaume, Shillington, Thompson (Simcoe), Westbrook.—18.

NAYS.—Messieurs. Bowman, Clarke, Elliott, Mageau, Munro, Racine.—6.

MR. ELLIOTT: Now, then, Doctor, in this same letter; you cannot give any authority for the statement that Trustees are responsible for any loss resulting from oversight or neglect in regard to hiring a teacher.

A.—I answered that.

Q.—You can add nothing to what you already said?

A.—No.

Q.—With regard to the Inspector withholding an order for payment of the grant to the School Section, where the Regulations were not complied with, can you give any further explanation to that?

A.—No.

Q.—Will you tell us what law or regulation you refer to in that letter?

A.—I refuse to answer.

MR. ELLIOTT: I assume that the Chairman and the Committee take the same position as before with reference to his refusal. Does the Chairman make the same ruling, that he has no right to compel the Minister to answer. I ask for a ruling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The only ruling I make is, that the Minister may answer if he chooses. The Committee has already passed a Resolution along the same lines.

MR. ELLIOTT: This Regulation provides that the Trustees may in addition to the course of study prescribed for Public Schools, require instruction in "reading, grammar and composition." Is it usual to write from the Department to the Trustees, telling them that they will be personally responsible where the majority decide against the teaching of that particular language.

A.—I refuse to answer.

Q.—And this further clause, "To such pupils as are directed by their parents or their guardians to study either of these languages." Under that regulation do you consider there is any right to compel any other language to be taught, except to those whose parents ask that it be taught——? Mr. Chairman, I object to the hon. member shaking his head at the witness. I wish to protest against any honourable member of this Committee shaking his head at a witness when I ask a question.

MR. MCGARRY: I wish to tell my nimble little friend that I did not shake my head at all.

MR. ELLIOTT: I wish to tell my large and nimble friend that my eyesight is quite as good as his memory.

Mr. McGARRY: I was not shaking my head at him at that time, you are too previous altogether.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I am not at all too previous.

Mr. McGARRY: You feel as much suspicion as The Toronto Telegram.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Will you tell us that?

HON. DR. PYNE: Tell what?

Q.—If there is any regulation authorizing the teaching of any language other than the English language to pupils, whose parents do not ask for it?

A.—You have the regulation in your own hands.

Q.—I am quite aware of that, but I am asking you.

A.—I am not going to answer that question. It is a silly one.

Q.—I thought then you would have answered it, Doctor. Judging from this correspondence, I would imagine you would have embraced the opportunity to answer. Now, with regard to a further regulation, that “nothing herein contained shall be construed to mean that any of the text-books prescribed for Public Schools shall be set aside, because of the use of the authorized text-books in French or German.” With regard to the permits, does the Department exercise supervision over the granting of permits by the inspector?

A.—You mean permits.

Q.—Permits to teachers not regularly qualified are given by the inspector?

A.—I do not know any Regulation dealing with that.

Mr. ELLIOTT: For instance, suppose the inspector grants a permit to a certain teacher who is not qualified. Does the Department exercise supervision over that inspector in granting a permit?

A.—Do you mean after they have advertised and cannot get a qualified teacher.

Q.—No, no. Supposing a permit is granted. Does the Department exercise supervision over the granting of that permit?

A.—If it is recommended by the Inspector that they cannot get a teacher qualified, is that what you are referring to?

Q.—Supposing that permit is granted to a certain teacher, does the Department exercise supervision; does it inquire to find out if the inspector is right or not in granting a permit to that particular teacher?

A.—I cannot answer that.

Q.—You do not recall any case of that kind?

A.—I do not recall any.

Q.—Then, Doctor, can you recall any other case when a majority of the Trustees who are opposed to, the teaching of a language other than English, where the ratepayers are in a majority in favour of the English language where the pupils in the school are more than two to one in favour of English and the Trustees have been compelled to obtain a teacher to teach French?

A.—I cannot recall any other.

Q.—This is the only instance you know?

A.—I do not know this.

Q.—Have you inquired into it at all? Because if you have read the correspondence, you will be aware of it.

A.—I cannot recall any other.

Witness discharged.

Mr. J. Clancy, called and examined:

MR. ELLIOTT: Here is an item, Mr. Clancy, of \$2,705.82.

MR. CLANCY: Here are the vouchers for the first quarter, we can handle them in consecutive order. Commencing the month of August of the fiscal year, 1910.

MR. ELLIOTT: When were these accounts paid?

A.—The voucher doesn't show when the advances were made to Colcock for Bottomley?

Q.—They were made to Colcock before the 1st August?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How is it they appear in the Public Accounts, which commence after the 31st October?

A.—There was overlapping in the Public Accounts, the returns not having been made within the fiscal year.

Q.—What returns?

A.—The returns of the London Office.

Q.—When did these vouchers reach you?

A.—Not until after 31st October, 1910.

Q.—So that the accounts ending 31st October, 1910, would not include any of these amounts?

A.—No.

Q.—What is the first month you have here?

A.—August. Vouchers produced. *See below.*

Q.—This is the extent of the items advanced by Colcock to Bottomley?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where is the receipt from Bottomley?

A.—Bottomley receipts are in these accounts.

Q.—Can you give me the vouchers for August? What do you say is the amount paid to Bottomley for expenses in August? Three pounds seven shillings?

A.—Yes. That is the *per diem* allowance.

Q.—The total amount for August was £43 11s. 2d.?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you give me the amount for September?

A.—September, £39 11s. 8d.

Q.—And October?

A.—£49 9s. 2d.

The House being then in Session, the Committee adjourned.

RE J. G. BOTTOMLEY.

1910—

	Salary.			Allowance.			Trav. exps.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
August	20	16	8	19	7	6	1	19	2
September	20	16	8	18	15	0			
October	20	16	8	19	7	6	5	5	0
November	20	16	8	18	15	0	9	11	2
December	20	16	8	19	7	6	8	7	6

1911—

January	20	16	8	19	7	6			
February	20	16	8	17	10	0	3	16	0
March	20	16	8	19	7	6	1	16	6
April	20	16	8	18	15	0	1	14	6
May	20	11	0	19	2	2	0	7	6
June	20	11	0	18	9	10	6	2	5
July	20	11	0	19	2	2	2	12	8
August		13	8		12	4	12	4	6

Salary	£249 16s. 8d.		\$1,215 84
Allowance	£227 19s. 0d.		1,109 35
Trav. exps.	£ 53 16s. 11d.		262 05

Paid in Canada:

Services, August, 1911, less 1 day	96 68
Allowance	54 00
Trav. exps.	20 00
	\$2,757 92
Less 17 1-3 days' living allowance at \$3.00 <i>per diem</i> , error put in the aggregate of Mr. Macdonnell's accounts as sent to the printer	51 95
Fractions in computing exchange	15
	\$52 10
	\$2,705 82

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

April 13th, 1912.

The Committee met at 10 A.M. Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor called and examined.

MR. ELLIOTT: This item of \$2,705 is made up in what way?

A.—There is \$52.10 appearing in this statement which should have been charged in the account of Mr. Bottomley. This \$52.10 was in error sent to the printer and appeared in McDonnell's account, rather than Bottomley's. It is accounted for in this way; 17 1-3 days' living expenses at \$3 *per diem*, making \$51.75, and variations in computing exchange, covering 15 cents, making in all \$52.10, that should be added to Bottomley's account.

Q.—Your vouchers really show \$2,757.92 instead of \$2,705.82?

A.—Yes.

Q.—With regard to the rate of exchange, have you had a fairly uniform rate of exchange?

A.—We have been compelled to adopt $9\frac{1}{2}$, as a matter of convenience. It would be impossible to keep any check upon the rates of exchange, as this money was paid out over the year.

Q.—So you have adopted for the purpose of your accounts a uniform rate?

A.—We have found it to be on the whole not only convenient but approximately correct.

MR. MCGARRY: On page 313 there is an item, accountable, \$5,591.72, explain what that means?

A.—Advances are made to Mr. Colcock on what are called accountable warrants. Moneys are sent to Mr. Colcock to be accounted for after. Accountable warrants are put in until we can get the accounts in detail.

HON. MR. REAUME: You get a statement of what will be required for the purposes ahead?

A.—Yes, the Department gets it.

Q.—And you are sent an accountable warrant, the vouchers come in due time?

A.—Yes, they follow.

Q.—When Mr. Colcock disposes of money to Bottomley in the Old Country, that expenditure is checked on the arrival of the vouchers? That is your system?

A.—Yes.

The witness was discharged.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of his report.

Mr. J. C. Elliott moved an Amendment, which was voted down. Yeas, 2; Nays, 12.

Mr. C. M. Bowman moved another Amendment, which was also voted down. Yeas, 2; Nays, 12.

The Report was then adopted and the Committee adjourned.

PAPERS PRODUCED BY MR. WHITE.

See page 76 *et seq.* of evidence.

AN ACT RESPECTING THE CULLING AND MEASUREMENT OF SAW LOGS CUT UPON PUBLIC LANDS.

SHORT TITLE, s. 1.	BOOKS AND RECORDS, s. 13.
INTERPRETATION, s. 2.	RETURNS, s. 14.
BOARD OF EXAMINERS, ss. 3-6.	CANCELLATION OF LICENSE FOR MISCONDUCT, ss. 15, 16.
EXAMINATIONS, s. 7.	ACT NOT TO AFFECT REGULATIONS UNDER CROWN TIMBER ACT, s. 17.
LICENSES, s. 8.	REPEAL, s. 18.
OATH OF CULLERS, s. 9.	
UNLICENSED PERSONS NOT TO ACT, s. 10.	
DUTIES OF CULLERS, ss. 11, 12.	

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Ontario Cullers Act*. R.S.O. Short title. 1897, c. 186, s. 1.

2. In this Act,

Interpreta-
tion.

- (a) "Department" shall mean the Department of Lands, "Department."
Forests and Mines;
- (b) "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Lands, Forests "Minister."
and Mines;
- (c) "Public Lands" shall include Crown lands, school lands "Public
lands,"
and clergy lands;
- (d) "Saw logs" shall include logs of pine of whatever length "Saw-logs."
whether round or flatted. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 2.
Amended.

Examination
of applicants
for licenses
to cull and
measure
saw-logs.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint as many Boards of Examiners as he may deem necessary, each consisting of three skilled persons, any two of whom shall form a quorum, whose duty it shall be to examine, test and report upon the ability and knowledge of all applicants desiring to be licensed to cull and measure saw-logs, cut on Public Lands, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 3.

Oath of
examiner.

4.—(1) Every Examiner, before entering on his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath to the following effect:

That I _____, will act as Examiner of Cullers to the best of my ability and knowledge, and will conduct the examinations without fear, favour or affection, and recommend for licenses only those persons who have satisfactorily proved their fitness to discharge the duties of culling and measuring saw-logs.

(2) The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 4.

Fees of
examiners.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the payment to each member of such Board as remuneration for his services a sum not exceeding \$4 per day, while actually employed as such Examiner. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 5.

Sittings of
boards of
examiners.

6. Every Board shall sit at such places and on such dates as may be fixed by the Minister, and shall examine all candidates who present themselves before them, and at the close of the examination, or as soon after as may be, shall transmit to the Minister the names of such of the candidates as they believe are trustworthy and of good character, and who have passed a satisfactory examination, and whom they recommend as having the requisite skill and knowledge to warrant their being licensed as cullers. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 6.

Candidates
to give
notice and
pay fees.

7. Every person intending to present himself for examination as a culler shall on or before the first day of May in any year give notice in writing to the Minister of such intention, and of his post office address, and shall pay into the Department \$4 as an examination fee. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 7.

License to
cullers.

8. The Minister may issue a license to any person reported as competent to perform the duties of a culler, such license to be in the form following, and to remain in force until cancelled:—

To _____ of the (County or District) of _____

By virtue of authority vested in me by *The Ontario Cullers' Act*, I hereby authorize you to act, during pleasure, as culler of saw-logs cut on Public Lands within Ontario.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ 19____.
Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.

R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 8.

9.—(1) Before such license is issued each successful applicant shall take an oath to the following effect: Oath of applicant for license.

That I, _____, while acting as licensed culler, without fear, favour or affection, and to the best of my judgment and skill, will correctly measure all saw-logs cut on Public Lands which I may be employed to measure, and make true return of the same to the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, or its agents.

(2) The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 9.

10.—(1) No person other than a licensed culler shall make measurement of saw-logs cut upon Public Lands for the purposes of a return to the Department; but where it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Minister that the services of a licensed culler are not procurable, the Minister may issue a special permit to any trustworthy and skilled person to act as culler, upon his taking the prescribed oath, but such permit shall not extend beyond the 1st day of July next following its date. Unlicensed persons not to make measurements. Proviso.

(2) This section shall not apply to the operations of any lumber company, person or firm whose gross annual output is under 250,000 feet board measure. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 10.

11. It shall be the duty of every culler to measure fairly and correctly to the best of his skill, knowledge and ability, all saw-logs which he may be employed to measure, making only such deductions as are necessary to allow for rots or other defects, and to enter in a book of record, for the purpose of return to the Department, what he believes to be the proper contents of the logs, noting also the number of saw-logs rejected as worthless, commonly called culls. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 11. Duties of cullers.

12. Upon all logs culled or rejected as wholly worthless he shall mark the word "cull" in plain letters, but he shall not mark "cull" upon any log which is intended to be hauled to any river, lake or stream for the purpose of being driven to a mill. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 12. Culled logs to be marked.

13. All licensed cullers shall submit their books and records of measurement for the inspection of any Crown timber agent. Inspection of books and records of cullers.

timber ranger, or other officer of the Department when called upon so to do, and shall give all information asked for if in their power, and furnish any statements or copies of statements which the Department or its agents may require. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 13.

Returns to
be made by
cullers.

14. At the end of the season every culler shall make a sworn return upon forms supplied by the Department or its agents, which shall show the number of pieces measured and accepted by him, and their respective lengths and diameters, and also the number of pieces rejected as worthless. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 14.

Cancellation
of license.

15. If a culler neglects or refuses to carry out and obey the provisions of this Act, or any regulations made under it, the Minister may cancel his license, and such culler shall not thereafter be eligible to cull or measure saw-logs cut upon Public Lands, and if he does so he shall incur a penalty of not less than \$10 or more than \$50 recoverable under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 15.

10 Edw. VII.
c. 37.

Penalty for
making
improper
measure-
ments or
false returns.

16. If a culler wilfully undermeasures or mismeasures or improperly culls and rejects any saw-logs, or makes a false return for the purpose of deceiving or defrauding, his license shall be revoked, and he shall not thereafter be permitted to act as culler under this Act; and in addition he shall incur a penalty of not less than \$20 or more than \$100, recoverable under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 16.

10 Edw. VII.
c. 37.

Act not to
affect
regulations
under
Rev. Stat.
c. 32.

17. This Act shall not abrogate any regulations made under *The Crown Timber Act*, except in so far as they may be inconsistent herewith. R.S.O. 1897, c. 186, s. 17.

Repeal.

18. Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, is repealed.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS AND MINES, WOODS AND FORESTS BRANCH.

SIR:

By virtue of your appointment as Forest Ranger for the coming lumbering season, you will act in the division mentioned in your letter of appointment.

You will get into the field as shortly as possible after the date mentioned in your letter of appointment, as it is considered that more satisfactory inspections and more accurate sample measurements can be obtained if the logs are seen by the rangers before they are put up in large skidways or covered with snow. If the logs are in large skidways or covered with snow (or, if

hauled, sunk in the ice), a satisfactory inspection cannot be had of them nor proper allowances made for defects.

As a general rule the cutting of sawlogs is largely completed before the middle of January and after that the work is confined to hauling the logs to the streams, but this may not be true in all localities or of all operations.

You will be careful to see that the books of record furnished by the Department are kept in every shanty, and that the cutting, skidding and hauling of each day is properly and accurately entered by the foreman or clerk of the shanty or person keeping the record; and upon each visit, sum up the work, enter the date of your visit and sign your name. Should it be found that in any shanty the book of record is not kept, investigate the cause of the neglect and require a book to be opened and make close investigation as to what has already been cut. It is not expected that there will be many shanties in which the book is not kept, but wherever a case is found those in charge of the shanty must be given to understand that if the record is not kept the Department will be obliged to make a recount of all the logs cut, which will be done at the expense of the operators, as the regulations require them to keep this record and make sworn return of the number of pieces cut as well as of their measurement.

In connection with these books of record it is occasionally found that the number of logs entered in the book as being cut considerably exceeds the number of pieces returned by the foreman and culler, and where these discrepancies arise the Department has had no other course than to add to the return of the culler and foreman, at the general average of the operation *per* log, the number of pieces which are unaccounted for. This has been objected to by various lumber firms who seem to think that in all cases the returns of the cullers should be accepted as final, but to this the Department cannot assent. It has been represented that the various cutting gangs in the shanties are usually striving against each other and sometimes give in more logs than they actually cut, and that they are illiterate men, and cannot, as a rule, keep proper tallies or counts. These are the two principal reasons assigned for the difficulty of keeping a perfectly accurate record, although there are others. You will impress upon the various managers of operations the necessity for having the records of cutting as accurate as possible, and point out to them the necessity for cautioning their men in connection with the count, giving the men to understand that if they give in more than the actual number of pieces cut dismissal will follow. The foreman should, by visiting the gangs each day and seeing the class of timber they are working in, be able to form a pretty close opinion of the number of logs each gang ought to cut; and if when the men give in their returns at night there should in his opinion be anything wrong, he should then investigate it and clear the matter up. If the course suggested is followed, it is thought that the practice of overcounting and banking might be greatly lessened, if not altogether abolished. At any rate, the operators must clearly understand that the improper action or illiteracy of

their employees cannot be accepted as excusing inaccurate records or returns of their operations.

If the cutting count is accurate there might still be discrepancies between what was actually cut and what the culler accepted as merchantable, but this discrepancy would, or ought to, consist solely of culls or rejected logs. The culling commences when the logs are being skidded or hauled to water from the stump, as the skidding teams or the teams hauling from the stump will not skid or haul to water a log which they know to be absolutely worthless, but they do not keep, it is feared, any record of the logs which they do not skid or haul, and there will be a number of pieces unaccounted for arising in this way. The keeping track of the culls thus made is a matter which is worthy of consideration, and rangers might suggest it to the various managers. There would not seem to be any difficulty in the way of teamsters or one of the gang keeping a record of the number of pieces rejected as well as of those skidded or hauled from the stump to the water.

The next point of discrepancy is with respect to the culls or logs rejected by the culler. You should caution all managers and foremen of the necessity which exists for the culler keeping a correct record, not only of the number of pieces which he accepts and measures as merchantable, but also of those which he rejects as worthless, and he should in his affidavit state the number of pieces rejected as worthless, so that the Department will know the total number of logs accepted and rejected by him; and you will direct the attention of the cullers to section 14 of The Cullers Act which requires them to keep a record of this kind. The Department cannot accept the statement of a lumberman that the discrepancies which sometimes exist between the number of logs entered in the shanty book as cut and the number returned as accepted by the cullers are culls. There must be some proper evidence to establish the number of culls or rejected logs as well as those accepted. If the culls made by the skidders and the teams hauling from the stump and the culls made by the cullers are added to the logs accepted by the cullers, the total ought to approach closely to the record of cutting in the shanty book, if that record is correct. The Department does not assume that the various counts can be made to absolutely agree and it does not, in large operations where the discrepancy is small, take any notice of it; but where the discrepancy is a large one, or is a large proportion of the number of pieces cut, then the Department is bound to charge it up, pending explanation. Therefore, you will strongly impress upon the lumbermen and foremen the necessity of taking every precaution to make their counts and returns reconcilable and accurate, and it is believed they can do a great deal towards this if they will take the steps, or some of them, which have been suggested.

Before leaving the subject of returns, I would call your attention to the necessity for getting all possible explanations and reconciling any discrepancies which may appear on the face of the returns before they are transmitted to the Department. It often occurs that returns are sent in here in which there are serious discrepancies, without any explanation and without any attempt

being made to get an explanation. This is not right. See what calls for explanation before the returns are sent to the Department, and obtain all possible explanations and make your report when transmitting the returns to the Crown Timber Agent before they are forwarded to this Department.

You will be particular to make yourself familiar with the boundary lines of the various limits in the division in which you are superintending and warn operators if found cutting outside their limit lines on lands of the Crown that such cutting is a trespass and will be regarded as such by the Department.

You will take particular care to see that none but duly licensed sealers are employed to cull and measure sawlogs; and that where assistant cullers are engaged they subscribe to the necessary affidavit (which must be filed here), and that they confine their work to measuring one end of the log. In all cases where reductions for defects are required, assistant cullers must call upon the licensed sealer to make them, for by this course only can the Department expect to receive justice and the inexperienced assistant culler acquire that knowledge and training which will fit him to pass the examination and become a duly licensed sealer.

Make full and careful sample measurements in all operations you visit, and see that in such measurements due allowance is made for defects and faults of whatsoever description. Obtain the measurements made by the cullers up to the time of your visit and produce an average therefrom and from your own sample measurement, and by comparing the two see if there is any serious difference, and if there is, fuller sample measurements should be made, even to the extent of the whole operation, should that appear to be called for in the public interest. Where a case of this kind arises, if it is likely to affect the supervision of the other operations, apprise The Crown Timber Agent and ask for such additional assistance as will enable you to keep close supervision of all the other operations in their divisions. It will not do when a re-measurement becomes necessary in a particular shanty to concentrate just upon that one shanty, neglecting the others, and assuming that what proves to be the case in that one shanty will give a fair indication of the conduct of the measurement in the whole operation. There may be different cullers engaged, the timber may vary in size, and in quality in different sections, and it is only by understanding the quality of the timber measured that a fair opinion of the culler's work can be formed. It is therefore important that every shanty should be visited and full sample measurements made therein.

I would also impress upon you the necessity of reporting any apparent wrongdoing or fraud promptly. When a matter of this kind is left till the logs are afloat and mixed in the drive with the logs of other companies, the measurement is much more expensive and difficult, sometimes even impossible, and at any rate cannot be as satisfactory to all concerned as a measurement made upon land where the logs can be fully seen. Preserve the books in which you enter the sample measurements and return them to the Crown Timber Agent at the end of the season so that they may be sent to the Department

if necessary, in order that it may see the different sample measurements and the number of pieces measured at each visit to each shanty.

Your obedient servant,

AUBREY WHITE,

Deputy Minister Lands and Forests.

Date,19

I hereby certify that I have read carefully the above instructions and understand them.

.....
Signature
of Ranger.

Toronto, 19 .

SIR:—
I beg to inform you that you have been appointed on the Wood Ranging Staff of this Department for the season of 190 -191 . Your remuneration will be \$ per day, while actually on duty, exclusive of Sundays. This remuneration is to cover ALL your expenses, railway fare, board, etc.
You will keep a diary on which you will enter the date on which you reported for duty, your movements from day to day and anything of interest occuring on your beat.
You will report for duty immediately upon receipt of these instructions to Mr. , Crown Timber Agent, who will be in charge of the division in which you are appointed and who will give you your instructions and assign your work. Mr. will supply you with a diary.
Enclosed herewith are two printed copies of Instructions to Forest Rangers, one of which you will return to the Department with a Certificate endorsed thereon that you have carefully read the instructions, understand them and have retained a copy.

Your obedient servant,

AUBREY WHITE,
Deputy Minister.

Name

NOTICE.

The Foreman, Clerk, or person who keeps this book should obtain the reports from the men on their return from work, and enter them immediately.

Where logs are cut and hauled from the stump without skidding, the cutting and hauling only will be entered.

Flatted and all round timber will be treated as boom timber, and entered accordingly.

The object aimed at is to afford the Department a reliable statement of the operations of each shanty; and it is believed the various lumber firms will also be benefited by it, as they will have a reliable record of the progress of the work of each of their operations.

The plan of "banking" which prevails at various stages of the work should be minimized as much as possible, as it tends to make returns imperfect.

When a woodranger for the Crown visits a shanty, this book should be open for his inspection, and he should sum up the work and enter the number of pieces cut, skidded and hauled in the column for "remarks" with the date of the visit, and sign his name.

When the season's work is closed, the person who has kept it should attest to its correctness by affidavit, the form for which will be found at the end of the book, and should then deliver it to the woodranger in whose district the shanty is situated.

When a change is made in the person who keeps the book, then the affidavit should be varied, and instead of "during past winter" should read "from such a date to such a date," covering the period during which it was in his charge.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS AND MINES,

WOODS AND FORESTS BRANCH *Toronto, 1907*

(Page of Book referred to above.)

SEASON 19 -19 .

Record of Work done at Shanty situated on
 Logs, etc., to be hauled out on
 for

DATE	SAW LOGS			BOOM TIMBER		WANEY AND SQUARE TIMBER		REMARKS
	Cut	Skidded	Hauled	Made	Hauled	Made	Hauled	
Br't For'd.								
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Totals..								

AFFIDAVIT.

TO BE TAKEN BY THE PERSON WHO KEPT THIS BOOK.

CANADA, } of _____ make oath and say: _____ of
 PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, } I,
 To Wit: } in the _____

That I was employed last winter as _____ at the shanty of _____
 which _____ was foreman;

That as such _____ it was my duty to keep this book
 and make the entries therein;

That the men engaged in the operation of cutting, skidding and hauling
 saw logs and timber were instructed to report to me on their return from work
 each evening the number of pieces of saw logs and timber which they had cut,
 skidded and hauled during the day;

That they did so report each day's operations, which I carefully and
 correctly entered in this book in the several columns prepared for that purpose;

That from my own observation and from the returns received from the
 men, I verily believe that this book contains a true record of the cutting,
 skidding and hauling done at this shanty during the past winter;

The said logs were measured by _____

Sworn before me at _____

this _____ day

of _____ 19 _____ .

CULLER'S RETURN

[Measurements by "Scribner's Lumber and Log Book," published in 1879 by George W. Fisher, N.Y., and Warwick Bro's. & Rutter, Limited, Toronto.]

Of measurements of Saw Logs made for under
the Superintendence of Foreman or Jobber
..... and
drawn out on during the winter of 191 -191

SAW LOGS 12 FEET				SAW LOGS 14 FEET				SAW LOGS 16 FEET			
Diameter	Contents in each piece	No. of Pieces	Contents in feet Board Measure	Diameter	Contents in each piece	No. of Pieces	Contents in feet Board Measure	Diameter	Contents in each piece	No. of Pieces	Contents in feet Board Measure
6	3			6	4			6	4		
7	7			7	8			7	9		
8	12			8	14			8	16		
9	19			9	22			9	25		
10	27			10	32			10	36		
11	37			11	43			11	49		
12	48			12	56			12	64		
13	61			13	71			13	81		
14	75			14	88			14	100		
15	91			15	106			15	121		
16	108			16	126			16	144		
17	127			17	148			17	169		
18	147			18	171			18	196		
19	169			19	197			19	225		
20	192			20	224			20	256		
21	217			21	253			21	289		
22	243			22	283			22	324		
23	271			23	316			23	361		
24	300			24	350			24	400		
25	331			25	386			25	441		
26	363			26	424			26	484		
27	397			27	463			27	529		
28	432			28	504			28	576		
29	469			29	547			29	625		
30	507			30	591			30	676		
31	547			31	638			31	729		
32	588			32	686			32	784		
33	631			33	736			33	841		
34	675			34	787			34	900		
35	721			35	814			35	961		
36	768			36	896			36	1024		
37	817			37	953			37	1089		
38	867			38	1012			38	1156		
39	919			39	1072			39	1225		
40	972			40	1134			40	1296		

RECAPITULATION

Length	No. of pieces	Feet Bd. Mea.	
12 Feet			
14 Feet			
16 Feet			Culler
	Logs	Feet	

See Back of this Sheet for Instructions.] The following printed on back of this page.
All Round, Flatted or Dimension Timber over 18 feet in length to be measured as Boom Timber, viz.,
at butt and top from bark to bark.
Unmeasured culls to be entered on this side of the return.
Memoranda to be made on this side and immediately below statement of logs, if any.

I

of

for

acting as

do solemnly swear that as such
I have a thorough personal knowledge of the lumbering operations of the said
carried on during last winter (season of), that I
have always had free and unrestricted access to their books of account and
record, that I have examined the same, and also all books, tallies and memoranda
kept by their foreman and cullers employed by them during the past winter,
and that the annexed statement exhibits a correct and true summary of the
total number of pieces of saw logs, boom timber, and other timber got out by
or for the said or otherwise acquired
by them during the past winter, by whom the same was cut or got out, and
that the statement exhibits correctly the several townships, lots and concessions
where the timber was cut, distinguishing what was cut under license, with the
township in which the same was cut; further, that I believe and have every
reason to believe that the measurements, as given in the several cullers' returns,
of which the statement referred to is an aggregate of pieces, are true and
correct; and that in connection with the whole operation of the said

no second or duplicate set of books of accounts, of tallies of logs
or timber, or

measurement of the same has been kept by the
said or by any one on their (or his) behalf.

Sworn before me at
this day of
191

Commissioner, B. R.

AFFIDAVIT.

OF PERSON IN CHARGE OF EACH LUMBERING OPERATION.

*To be taken by the person in charge of each Lumbering Operation in which
Saw Logs or Boom Timber have been made.*

CANADA.
Province of Ontario.
County or District of
.....
To Wit:

}

I,of.....
in theof..... do solemnly
swear that I was employed last winter
making Saw Logs and Boom Timber for

..... on

.....

.....

.....

That I made or caused to be made, at the places above mentioned the full quantity of
pieces Saw Logs andpieces
Boom Timber. The above
pieces of Saw Logs and
pieces of Boom Timber constitute all the Saw Logs and Boom Timber that were made during the past winter under my supervision, and that no other Saw Logs or Boom Timber were made at the place above mentioned under any other supervision.

That I caused a correct account to be kept of the number of pieces of each description of Timber made, and had the same measured by
.....who was employed as Culler to measure it.

That I have seen and examined the books of the said Culler, and his account of the measurement of the said Saw Logs and Boom Timber, and feel certain that the account given by him, and which is herenunto annexed, is a true and faithful account of the number of pieces of Saw Logs and Boom Timber, and their respective lengths and diameters (the diameters of Boom Timber from bark to bark at top and butt being given), and at the place above mentioned during the winter of 19 , 19 . So help me God.

Sworn before me at
in the County or District of
this.....day of19 .

AFFIDAVIT OF CULLER.

To be taken by the Culler who counted and measured the Saw Logs and Boom

Timber made by

for

Township

Lot

Concession

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

County of

To Wit.

I,
 ofin the County
 ofdo solemnly swear

That I was engaged last winter by

to cull and measure the saw logs and boom timber made at

.....under the superintendence of

That I went to

.....

.....

That I there counted and measured on the said

.....pieces of saw logs and

.....pieces of boom timber.

That I counted and measured the said logs and boom timber on the land, and know from my own personal knowledge that the saidpieces of law logs and the saidpieces of boom timber were actually cut and made on and drawn away from the saidby the saidduring the past winter.

That I measured the said saw logs and boom timber carefully, and know that the annexed account of measurement, which I have just signed, is correct in every particuar, and that no greater quantity of saw logs or of boom timber were made on the above lot during the past winter than is given in the said account.

So help me God.

Sworn before me at
thisday of
.....19 .

REPORT No.

Brought forward from
Report No.

Brought forward from
Report No.

hereby certify that the above is a true and correct return of the different classes of timber cut on the above-mentioned berth. Dated 19

Culler

Culler

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14. The fourteenth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the

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SAMPLE MEASUREMENT.

Logs put in by.....from Berth.....Sea. 19....

Saw Logs 12 feet.			Saw Logs 13 feet.			Saw Logs 14 feet.			Saw Logs 16 feet.		
Diameter.	Contents in each piece.	No. of Pieces.	Contents in each piece.	No. of Pieces.	Contents in Feet, Board Measure.	Contents in each piece.	No. of Pieces.	Contents in Feet, Board Measure.	Contents in each piece.	No. of Pieces.	Contents in Feet, Board Measure.
8	12		13			14			16		
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12	48		52			56			64		
13	61		66			71			81		
14	75		81			88			100		
15	91		98			106			121		
16	108		117			126			144		
17	126		137			148			169		
18	147		159			171			196		
19	169		183			197			225		
20	192		208			224			256		
21	217		235			253			289		
22	243		263			283			324		
23	271		293			313			361		
24	300		325			350			400		
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36	768		832			896			1024		
37	817		884			953			1089		
38	867		939			1011			1156		
39	919		996			1070			1225		
40	972		1053			1134			1296		

Chantier on Lot..... Con.....

Foreman of Camp.....

Culler.....

No. of Men employed.....

No. of Teams employed.....

Date

No. of Logs Cut.....

No. of Logs Skidded

No. of Logs Hauled.....

Culler's Average.....

Ranger's Average

..... Woodranger.

SALE OF PINE TIMBER DAMAGED BY FIRE.

By authority of Order-in-Council, dated August 5th, 1909, tenders will be received at the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines up to and including Wednesday, 15th day of September, 1909, for the right to obtain a license to cut the white, red and jack pine and spruce timbers on the territory hereunder mentioned in the Mississauga Reserve on the North Shore of Lake Huron in the District of Algoma. Tenders are to be for each berth separately, and are to state:

(1) The amount *per* thousand feet B. M. which the tenderers are prepared to pay for white pine, red pine, jack pine and spruce in addition to Crown dues of \$2 *per* thousand feet B. M. In the event of square timber being cut dues to be paid at the rate of \$50 *per* thousand feet cubic, in addition to bonus.

(2) The license to be issued to run five years in addition to the present season, *viz.*, 30th April, 1915, after which no further renewals will be given, and the territory shall revert to the Crown.

(3) Timber to be sold subject to the manufacturing condition, that is to say, that it is to be manufactured in the Dominion of Canada.

(4) An annual ground rent of \$5 *per* mile to be paid, and license issued for the different areas. License to issue upon payment of ground rent for the current season, and the amount of deposit required by the conditions of sale. No cutting to be made before license is issued.

(5) Separate tenders to be made for each berth, and the parties making tender must deposit with the same a marked cheque for \$15,000.

(6) The timber damaged by fire shall be cut during the present winter in an economical manner, and in accordance with the directions of an Officer of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines who is in charge of the same. Any timber which, in the opinion of such officer, should be cut, delivered and paid for, if left in the bush uncut or unhailed, shall be charged for at the tendered price and dues, which amount shall be deducted from the deposit.

(7) The timber cut by the purchaser shall be measured and counted by a culler or cullers appointed by the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and the measurement made by such culler or cullers shall be final, and shall be the basis on which accounts of logs, timber, etc., cut each year shall be prepared by the Department, and paid by the purchaser.

(8) The wages and expenses of such culler or cullers shall be borne in equal proportions by the licensee and the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines.

(9) In the event of any dispute arising as to measurement the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines may in his discretion permit the purchaser to pay on the output of the logs when sawn into lumber excluding from such lumber only the class of lumber known as dead culls. The price and dues to be paid on "Mill culls and better."

(10) No green trees of a less diameter than ten inches on the stump two feet from the ground to be cut.

(11) The rights of holders of mining claims or locations, or lands purchased for other purposes, if any, are reserved.

(12) The sale to be subject to the Crown Timber Regulations, except so far as the same may be inconsistent with any conditions herein specified, and to such Acts or Orders-in-Council as now exist or may hereafter be passed affecting timber or territory under license from the Crown.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Tenders to be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "Tenders for damaged timber," and to be addressed by registered letter to the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, Toronto.

Maps showing the berths offered for sale may be obtained by application to the Department, or to the Crown Timber Agents at Sudbury and Webbwood.

F. COCHRANE.

Minister.

Toronto, August 5th, 1909.

MISSISSAGA FOREST RESERVES.

DISTRICT OF ALGOMA.

BERTH "E," NORTH HALF.

East of Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "E," SOUTH HALF.

East of Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "F," NORTH HALF.

East of Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "F," SOUTH HALF.

East of Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "I," NORTH HALF.

On Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "I," SOUTH HALF.

On Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "J," NORTH HALF.

On Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

BERTH "J," SOUTH HALF.

On Sauble River.

Area 18 square miles, more or less.

Papers produced re purchases for Public Institutions.

Memorandum from the Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, etc., to Inspector Rogers. Toronto, March 19, 1912.

Paid for Medicines, etc., purchased for all the Public Institutions	\$9,297.23
Amount of McGibbon's Account	\$2,167.84
Less Disinfectant	721.69
Drugs purchased	\$1,446.15

Drugs purchased from McGibbon 16 *per cent.* of total purchases of drugs.

F. C. W.

RE ACCOUNTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN ONTARIO INSTITUTIONS.

The average population in Ontario institutions during the past year	6,914
The average cost <i>per</i> inmate for medical supplies	\$1 25
The average population in New York State institutions.....	28,841
The average cost <i>per</i> inmate for medical supplies in New York State institutions	\$1 22

The above comparison must be satisfactory. The population of New York institutions being more than four times that of Ontario. Customs duty on American pharmaceuticals containing alcohol, 50 *per cent.*—non-alcohol, 25 *per cent.*

Drugs cannot be satisfactorily purchased by tender. This was introduced many years ago, but discarded on account of not proving satisfactory.

Medical men are instructed that only the best drugs must be accepted. Many of the special drugs, such as phenacetin, sulphonal, trianol, etc., are proprietary and therefore higher in price than ordinary drugs used.

Take disinfectants—formerly the price paid was \$1.25, \$1.35, and in some cases \$1.65 *per* gallon—Exactly same as proved by analysis at laboratory has been purchased from Mr. McGibbon for 50 cents *per* gallon.

Memo for Dr. Bruce Smith,
Inspector.

Yearly cost *per* patient for Medicines and Medical Comforts, for the year ended October 31st, 1911:—

		Average Population.
Brockville Asylum	\$1 60	676
Cobourg "	98	151
Hamilton "	98	1,222
Kingston "	1 89	566
London "	87	1,079
Mimico "	1 64	595
Orillia "	98	802
Penetang "	58	364
Toronto "	1 24	873
Woodstock Hospital	2 48	184
Central Prison	1 71	318
Mercer Reformatory	2 04	82
Total		6,914
Average cost for the above institutions	\$1 25	

F. C. W.
Accountant.

PURCHASING LIST.

Blacksmith—

J. W. Hind, 839 Queen St. W.

Brooms, Brushes, Etc.—

West, Taylor Bickle Co., 42 Melinda St.

Meakins & Sons, 103 Church St.

United Factories, York St.

Boots—

The Minister Myles Shoe Co., 67 Adelaide St. W.

St. Leger Shoe Co., 232 Yonge St.

H. C. Wilson, 241 King St. E.

Coffees and Spices—

Club Coffee Co., 25 Church St.

Dalton Bros., 191 Front St. E.

The F. F. Dalley Co., Hamilton.

Crockery and Glass—

W. H. Lake, 608 Queen St. W.

W. Gray, London, Ont.

R. Simpson Co., Yonge St.

Gowans, Kent & Co., Front St. E.

Chemicals and Dyestuffs—

John G. Harvey, 474 Gerrard St.

West Chemical Co., 125 Victoria St.

Dalryn, Jardine & Co., 23 Scott St.

Theo. H. Eaton & Son, Windsor, Ont.

A. C. Garden, Barrie, Ont.

Drugs, Chemicals, Etc.—

The J. F. Hartz Co., 2 Richmond St. E.

Chandler, Ingram & Bell, Yonge St.

E. C. Shuttleworth Chemical Co., 92 Adelaide St. E.

Dominion Drug Co., Hamilton.

Geo. Marshall, 310 Queen St. E.

H. Rowland, Gerrard and Parliament.

Geo. A. Bingham, 100 Yonge St.

Frank A. Gray, 1496 Queen St. W.

J. A. Austin, 1482 Queen St. W.

E. E. Rutherford, 398 Spadina Ave.

P. T. McGibbon, Sarnia, Ont.

J. F. Roberts, Parkhill, Ont.

James Lynch, Peterborough, Ont.

Disinfectant—

(Enquire from Inspector.)

Dry Goods—

The W. R. Brock Co., Bay St.
John Macdonald & Co., Wellington St. E.
Caulfeild, Burns & Gibson, 18 Wellington St. W.
W. A. Murray & Co., 17 King St. E.
N. Rooney & Co., 62 Yonge St.
Eclipse Whitewear Co., King and John Sts.
W. A. McCullough, 992 Queen St. W.
C. E. Coatsworth, Wilton and Parliament.
R. Fair, Peterborough, Ont.

Furniture and Furnishings—

Adams Furniture Co., Queen St. W.
F. C. Burroughs & Co., Queen St. W.
The Robt. Simpson Co., Yonge St.
(For Large Orders ask Inspector.)

Fruit and Fish—

T. Cole, 156 Dundas St.
Mrs. Gallagher, King St. E.
White & Co., 64 Front St. E.
Cairo Bros., 968 Queen St. W.
D. Spence, 29 Church St.

Groceries—

Perkins, Ince. & Co., 43 Front St. E.
F. W. Humphrey, 69 Front St. E.
James Lumbers, 67 Front St. E.
John Sloan & Co., 45 Front St. E.
Davidson & Hay, 36 Yonge St.
Thos. Kinnear & Co., 49 Front St. E.
Canada Brokerage Co., 9 Front St. E.
R. S. Stewart, 599 Sherbourne St.
W. Parkhill, 710 Queen St. W.
W. S. Fry, 634 Queen St. W.
W. Forster, 104 Queen St. E.
Gibbons Bros., 742 Queen St. E.
James Miller, 338 Queen St. E.

Hay, Grain, Feed and Fodder—

Jas. A. Hortop & Co., 152 Simcoe St.
Geo. Lyons, 938 Queen St. W.
McCann Milling Co., Foot of Jarvis St.
T. Wilson, 693 Queen St. W.
Hedley Shaw Milling Co., 104 Marlborough Ave., Board of Trade Bldg.
Wm. Staughton, 439 Yonge St.
Wm. Elliott, 371 Parliament St.
Howland & Elliott, 103 Bay St.
Andrew Watt, Fairbank, Ont.
John R. Ward, 666 Queen St. E.

Hardware—

Russill Hardware Co., 126 King St. E.
C. Kloepper, Wellington St. W.
Rice Lewis & Son, King St. E.
Brooks Sanford Hardware Co., 113 Bay St.
Vokes Hardware Co., Yonge St.
T. Meredith & Co., 156 King St. E.
J. Ivory, 682 Queen St. W.
J. W. Allan, 1288 Queen St. W.
W. H. Lake, 608 Queen St. W.
Samuel Hobbs, 1434 Queen St. W.
Keys & Bull, Weston, Ont.

Harness—

Maddock Bros., 929 Queen St. W.
A. Kirkpatrick, 708 Yonge St.
R. Stanley, 531 Queen St. W.
W. A. Kirkpatrick, 181 King St. E.

Leather and Findings—

R. O. Montgomery, 46 Church St.
Smith, Baggs & Heaven, 53 Adelaide St. W.
Beal Bros., 52 Wellington St. E.
Chas. Parsons & Sons, 79 Front St. E.
Wickett & Craig, Don Esplanade.

Lumber—

J. B. Reid & Co., Esplanade.
Frank A. Bowden, 416 Queen St. E.
M. Hutchison, 398 Queen St. E.
Toronto Junction Lumber Co., Toronto Junction.

Lime, Sand and Gravel—

J. Muldoon, Queen St. Subway.

Oils—

Canadian Oil Co.,
W. J. Sanderson, 187 River St.
Queen City Oil Co., King St. W.
Imperial Chemical Co., 89 Church St.

Pork, Meats and Provisions—

Willard & Co., 86 Front St. E.
T. H. Smith & Co., 70 Colborne St.
Geo. Matthews & Co., Peterborough, Ont.
Harris Abattoir Co., Strachan Ave.
Puddy Bros., 136 York St.
Wm. P. Whytock, 235 Clinton St.
E. E. White, 184 Queen St. W.
T. H. Waller & Son, Market.
C. Meech, Parliament and Carlton.
G. Mashinter, 746 Queen St. W.

Plumbers' Supplies and Pipe Fittings—

Jas. Morrison Brass Mfg. Co., 89 Adelaide St. W.
Gurney Foundry Co., King St. W.
Ontario Lead and Wire Co., 54 Lombard St.
Taylor-Forbes & Co., King St. Subway.
Dominion Radiator Co., 348 Dufferin St.
Rice Lewis & Son, King St. E.
Standard Ideal Sanitary Co., Port Hope.

Rubber Goods and Hose—

Dunlop Tire Co., Booth Ave.
Gutta Percha & Rubber Co., Yonge St.
Canadian Rubber Co., Front St. E.

Rubber Stamps, Etc.—

B. Cairns, 23 Adelaide St. W.

Soap—

John Taylor & Co., 77 Front St. E.
Atlantic Soap Co., 74 Don Esplanade.
D. Morton & Sons, King and Portland.
Guelph Soap Co., Guelph.

Surgical Instruments—

Chandler, Ingram & Bell, 285 Yonge St.
The J. F. Hartz Co., 2 Richmond E.

Teas—

T. Kenny & Co., Sarnia.
 F. J. Perrin, 888 Queen St. W.
 R. Bethune, 13 Hillcrest Park.

Undertakers—

Turner & Porter, 751 Queen St. W.
 D. Stone, 385 Yonge St.
 Geo. E. Bedson, 369 Queen St. W.
 A. W. Miles, 282 College St.
 H. Ellis, 333 College St.

GROCERIES

Tea, 25c. Coffee, . Rice 4½c. Sugar, Granulated, \$4.53.
 Sugar, Brown, \$4.63. General Groceries.

Sugar has dropped 35 cents *per* 100 since this was bought. We use only 3 bbls. Brown Sugar a year.

The Davidson & Hay Co., Toronto
 Perkins, Ince & Co., ..
 Canada Brokerage Co., ..
 Club Coffee Co., ..
 Jno. Sloan & Co., ..
 F. W. Humphrey, ..
 Willard & Co., ..
 Smith and Carmichael ..
 Metropolitan Soap Co., ..
 John Taylor & Co., ..

Coffee cost 18¾c. to August 1st, 1905; from
 August 1st cost 17¾c.

14 to 26c. 10 to 11½c. 9 to 11½c.
 Eggs Cheese Lard

14 to 16c. 13 to 15c.
 Bacon Hams

For Soap.

.. ..

We only buy Hams and Bacon for the officers' table.

DRY GOODS

The W. A. Murray Co.

The W. R. Brock Co.

Central Prison

LEATHER, &c.

Beardmore & Co.

Wickett & Craig

P. Jacobi & Son

HARDWARE

C. P. Godden

The Jno. Inglis Co., boiler tubes and repairs

J. W. Hind, blacksmith

Canadian Oil Co.

Imperial Varnish Co.

Vokes Hardware Co.

Rice Lewis & Son

Rogers Hardware Store, Toronto Junction

BRUSHES, BROOMS, &c.

H. W. Nelson & Co.

Sanderson & Rossiter

United Factories, Toronto

Meakins & Sons



CONTRACTS

(Terminate December 31st, 1905)

M. McLaughlin & Co.	Flour	\$4.55 per bbl.
P. McIntosh & Son	R. Oats, \$4.40 per bbl.; S. Peas, \$4.75 per bbl.	
The M. Dayle Fish Co.	Fresh Fish	Se. per lb.
The Wm. Ryan Co.	Dairy Butter	15½ "
The Park, Blackwell Co.	Creamery Butter	19½ "
The Harris Abattoir Co.	Pork cost 7½ to 8½, average 7½	cents per lb.
Central Prison	Beef	average 8.04 cents per lb.
James Crawford	Potatoes	62 cents per bus.

Asylum for Insane, Toronto, 17th October, 1905.

	Chandler & Massey.	Rowland.	Gray.	Leader Lane.
Adhesive Plaster	\$9.00 doz.	\$13.20 doz.	\$12.50 doz.	\$12.96 doz.
Amon. Brom.	.55 lb.	.80 lb.	.65 lb.	.60 lb.
Sulphonal	.23 oz.	.35 oz.	.45 oz.	.36 oz.
Elix. Heroin & Terp. Hyd.	4.40 gall.	6.00 gall.	8.00 gall.	9.60 gall.
Syr. Ferri Phos. Co.	2.30 gall.	2.70 gall.	2.50 gall.	4.05 gall.
Syr. Feret Quin. et stry	3.50 gall.	3.50 gall.	4.00 gall.	5.59 gall.
Phenacetine	.21 oz.	.35 oz.	.45 oz.	.42 oz.
Ammonal	1.50 oz.	1.50 oz.	1.60 oz.	1.80 oz.
Sod. Sulphite	.10 lb.	.15, 35 lb.	.40 lb.	.36 lb.
Sod. Carb.	.15 lb.	.20 lb.	.40 lb.	.30 lb.
Erg. Apiol Capsules (Smith's)	1.25 box	1.35 box	1.25 doz.	1.35 box
	(of 2 doz.)			
Gum Camphor	\$1.50 lb.	1.50 lb.	1.60 lb.	1.80 lb.
Oxalic Acid	.20 lb.	.15 lb.	.20 lb.	.15 lb.
Syr. Lemon	3.50 gall.	2.25 gall.	1.50 gall.	2.50 gall.
Menthol	5.00 lb.	4.50 lb.	5.50 lb.	5.76 lb.
Tp. Aeth. Nit.	6.40 gall.	6.00 gall.	7.20 gall.	7.20 gall.
Ung. Bor. Ac.	.45 lb.	.50 lb.	.50 lb.	.50 lb.
Rochelle Salts	.30 lb.	.30 lb.	.30 lb.	.30 lb.
Tin. Saponis	5.90 gall.	6.25 gall.	3.75 gall.	6.60 gall.
Tin. Belladonna	9.50 gall.	10.00 gall.	8.00 gall.	10.86 gall.
Fl. Ext. Glycyrrhiza	2.56 win.	3.75 win.	4.00 win.	
Kasagra	10.00 gall.	11.00 gall.	9.00 gall.	13.20 gall.
Elix. Lacto. Pep.	2.80 gall.	3.25 gall.	6.00 gall.	7.30 gall.
Euthymol	2.20 gall.	4.65 gall.	6.30 gall.	7.56 gall.
Quinine	3.90 lb.	.35 oz.	6.00 lb.	.24 oz.
Pot. Iod.	3.00 lb.	4.00 lb.	3.60 lb.	3.30 lb.
Bismuth Sub. Nit.	2.40 lb.	4.00 lb.	2.60 lb.	2.70 lb.
Boracic Acid	.12 lb.	.20 lb.	.20 lb.	.15 lb.
Mag. Sulph. Effervessin ...	.29 lb.	.90 lb.	.85 lb.	.66 lb.
Urotropin	.25 oz.	.25 oz.	.90 oz.	.96 oz.
Tr. Nuc. Vom.	3.25 win.	3.45 win.	3.00 win.	3.80 win.
Tr. Gentian	2.65 gall.	4.00 gall.	3.75 gall.	4.80 gall.
Tr. Card. Co.	4.50 gall.	5.50 gall.	5.00 gall.	6.00 gall.
Meth. Spirits	1.90 gall.	2.25 gall.	2.25 gall.	2.40 gall.
Alcohol	4.90 gall.	5.25 gall.	5.50 gall.	6.00 gall.
Tr. Camph. Co.	3.04 gall.	4.00 gall.	4.50 gall.	4.32 gall.
Carbolic Acid	.19½ lb.	.40 lb.	.40 lb.	.31 lb.
Green Soap	.15 lb.	.40 lb.	.60	.30 lb.
			(20 oz jars)	
Pot. Brom.	.28 lb.	.60 lb.	.45 lb.	.38 lb.
Sod. Brom.	.45 lb.	.75 lb.	.65 lb.	.54 lb.
Formaldehyde	.23 lb.	.30 lb.	.45 lb.	.24 lb.

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