

Lunatic Asylum. He explained that the object of the motion was not to cast reflections on Government employees, but to ascertain whether proper means had been taken to obtain a good supply of water. There were two running streams within half a mile of the Asylum, but an artesian well had been sunk to a depth of 1,900 feet, at an expense of from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and was being still continued. There were rumours that negotiations had taken place between an employee of the Government and the proprietor of an adjoining farm, through which was a running stream, but which had been subsequently abandoned.

Mr. FRASER declined to answer rumours that were abroad. Efforts had long been made to obtain a good water supply for the Asylum, and the measures taken by the Government were only such as were necessary to attain that end. The information desired would be furnished when the return was brought down.

The motion was carried.

RETURNS.

Mr. SCOTT asked when the returns of correspondence between the Ontario Government and the Dominion Government in regard to the proposed land grant to the Pacific Railway, also the return relating to the Railway Aid Fund, would be brought down.

Mr. WOOD replied that the latter was already in the hands of hon. members, and the former would be laid on the table within a few days.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The House went into Committee on the Government Bill for the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Mr. De-roche in the chair.

Clause 7 was amended so as to provide that no burial service shall be performed by any minister or other person unless on the certificate of the Registrar, except in certain cases in which a return is to be made. The penalty for default to be not less than \$5 or more than \$10.

Clause 14, providing that medical practitioners shall certify to Registrars to death, was amended by striking out the words "within ten days after the death of such person, &c.," and substituting "within ten days after having notice or knowledge of the death of such person."

On clause 22,

Mr. SINCLAIR suggested that the penalty mentioned in clause 8 should be omitted, and clause 22 made the only penalty clause.

Mr. MEREDITH objected that the clause was too wide in its scope. He did not desire that all persons who knew of a death should be compelled to make a registry.

Mr. PARDEE said the object was to prevent a loophole.

Mr. MACDOUGALL said that was just what the Government had done by not throwing the duty on certain persons above others.

Mr. BETHUNE said the terms of the Act would operate so as to make all the persons aware of the death liable for the penalty if registration was not made.

Mr. HODGINS thought there should be a provision making it primarily the duty of some one to make the return, and if the return was not made it should be made by some other person.

The clause was amended so as to leave only one person liable for the payment of the penalty.

The clause then passed.

On clause 23,

Mr. MERRICK suggested that half the penalty should go to the municipality instead of to Her Majesty.

The amendment was agreed to.

The remaining clauses and the schedules passed.

The Bill was then reported, and the amendments were concurred in.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

On the motion of Mr. MOWAT, the Bill respecting certain proceedings at municipal elections was read the second time.

PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

On the motion of Mr. MOWAT, the Bill respecting the Legislative Assembly was read the second time.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.