

law this was unavoidable, as it threw a part of the costs upon the Province at large.

Mr. LAUDER thought this amount should be protested against, as the Court had been often adjourned without good reason, thus throwing this large bill upon the Province.

The item was carried.

With regard to the item \$7,675 for miscellaneous justice, after some enquiries,

Mr. MEREDITH desired to know if the Government intended still to support the police magistrate and policemen for the town of Clifton.

Mr. MOWAT explained that these officers would still be employed, as this being so near the Niagara Falls, a place of Provincial importance, and one where very many visitors from all other countries congregated, it was to the interest of the Province to see that justice was strictly administered and order well maintained. Since the appointment of these officers the state of affairs there had been relieved from the disgraceful condition into which they had fallen, and several notorious gangs of criminals who had made the place a rendezvous had been broken up.

The item was carried.

With regard to the item \$85,282 for the Toronto Insane Asylum,

Mr. WOOD said that the office of Assistant Engineer had been done away with, because the water was now pumped to the Central Prison and Asylum by the same engine. Also, that by the consent and assistance of members on both sides of the House, the cost of beer, wine, and spirits had been reduced from \$1,850 last year to \$900 in the present year.

The item was carried.

With respect to the item \$104,116 for the Asylum at London,

Mr. WOOD explained that owing to the opening of the refractory ward, and the increase of the number of patients, a larger staff of attendants was necessary; also, the appointment of a third assistant physician. Savings had been effected in the item of fuel and other particulars.

Mr. MERRICK opposed the appointment of a third assistant physician on the ground that such an office was not necessary. The cost of maintaining the public institutions was growing very large, and the strictest economy was necessary.

Mr. HARDY claimed that virtually there was no increase, for in Toronto they were three medical attendants upon 670 patients, and in London there were 850 patients, 120 of whom were in the refractory ward, in a separate building from the main institution. Over this ward the former assistant physician had been placed at the same salary (\$800), and a gentleman appointed to replace him at a smaller salary (\$600).

Mr. DEACON asked if these physicians gave their whole time to their duties in the asylum.

Mr. WOOD replied in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESTON said it was not necessary to have so many medical men for these patients. He instanced the Toronto Hospital, which he claimed was superintended by one man.

Mr. WILSON thought before such appointments as this were made the House should have information of the reasons for making them.

Mr. FERRIS quoted from a calculation he had made to show that medical attendance in London cost \$5 10 per patient, which was less than in any other asylum in the Province.

The item was carried.

The House adjourned at 10:54.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Attorney-General—On Wednesday—Bill to provide for the administration of justice in the northerly and westerly parts of Ontario.

Mr. Ferris—On Wednesday next—Inquiry of Ministry—Whether it is the intention of the Government to put a sum in the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of removing such dams or works on the River Trent as may on investigation be found to be no longer of public utility.