

hon. gentlemen opposite after thirteen months had been unable to arrive at a conclusion with regard to creameries. The three creameries had dwindled down to one, which it was proposed to establish at Guelph. He thought they should adopt a system of giving bonuses to private parties who erect creameries complying with certain conditions. These private parties should give instructions in these creameries as a consequence of the Government grant.

Mr. SNIDER was in favour of giving bonuses to private parties, but he saw no objection to establishing a creamery at the Model Farm.

Mr. MEREDITH said it was by no means certain that the proposition of the hon. the Minister of Agriculture would bring about the object they had in view. He thought they should defer the matter till the committee had completed their investigations. He claimed that the proposition to establish creameries was made for the purpose of influencing the elections. The Government were not so active in the interests of the farmers this year as they were last year.

Mr. FRASER had no doubt that every member of the Government felt bad after the speech of the hon. member for London, because creameries had not been established during the past season. What were the facts? One would have thought that some great principle had been set up by the Government which involved immediate action without any question or further information, and without getting further experience or light. None of the members of the Government were butter-makers. They simply acted on the information they had received. Near the close of last session the gentleman referred to by the hon. member for East Grey called upon the Government and agitated strongly with reference to the manufacture of butter. That gentleman had interested the Provincial Treasurer, then holding office as Minister of Agriculture. The members of the Government then had reason to believe that three creameries could be established in the Province. Subsequently they thought perhaps it would not be necessary to expend public moneys to establish these three creameries. They had received information that private enterprise had advanced creameries in the States. It then became a question whether it would be desirable, under the circumstances, not to establish three creameries. Experienced men were rather adverse to the establishment of creameries. He was perfectly satisfied with the action of the Government.

Mr. MORRIS asked the Government not to establish the creamery at Guelph.

Mr. DRURY stated that at last session he had doubted whether the policy of erecting these creameries was the best. He showed that on the face of the Act the Government had placed the power of dangling the creameries before constituencies. He read from the Act to show that the Presidents of the Dairymen's Associations east and west and the President of the Agricultural and Arts Association were constituted a consulting board for the selection of the sites of the creameries and their management. The Government had done right in seeking the advice of the Board, which was non-political, and he commended the Government for the course they had taken.

Mr. YOUNG said the subject had lost none of its importance to the Government, and they were quite alive to the need for wise action. While the hon. gentlemen opposite were very anxious to improve the quality of butter, they were more anxious to improve the present occasion for political capital. He generally commended the Government for proceeding with discretion in the matter. The Opposition, he thought, would have been wise if they had agreed upon their song; for one section complained that the Government had gone too slow, while the leader of the Opposition asked them to go slowly even now. The Government had sent a Committee to visit the Western States and they had found that the creameries were almost all conducted on the factory system of obtaining cream from the farmers, and they came to the conclusion that the trade might in the near future be almost revolutionized, and the farmers would cease to make butter at home. He believed that the Committee reported that it would be better to have one factory, and that it be established at Guelph. He proceeded to point out the many advantages accruing from the establishment at Guelph, and contended that all the objects of the scheme would be met best at that place.

Mr. WATERS supported the measure cordially that three creameries should be established. He believed that before this time these creameries would have been established. When the matter came up last session it was the first time when it had been discussed on the floor of the House. If the work could be undertaken by private enterprise the bases of operations were entirely changed, and the Government were justified in taking no action towards the establishment of these creameries. He believed the people of the Province had changed their opinion since last session, and the public would only be doing the proper thing to establish one creamery at Guelph. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. CREIGHTON said the Government had all the information last session regarding creameries that they had at present. He spoke for some time in an endeavour to prove his argument that the Government had taken the question of private enterprise into consideration last session. The necessity for his motion had been done away with after hearing the statement of the Provin-

cial Treasurer.

The motion was withdrawn.

#### AID TO RAILWAYS.

Mr. WATERS moved for a return showing the amount paid to each railway out of the funds of the Province up to Dec. 31, '83; also the number and total amount of unpaid certificates that each of these railways was entitled to; and also the railways which were entitled to aid under any of the enactments of the Province, but to which no money had as yet been paid; such return to show the total amount they were entitled to, either by a direct payment or by certificate. Carried.

Mr. WHITE moved for a return of all correspondence, lease, and papers connected with the leasing of a part of Rondeau Point to Messrs. Weldon. Carried.

#### SECOND READING.

Mr. Caldwell—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

#### ENQUIRIES.

Mr. GRAY asked when the papers with reference to the sale of meat would be brought down.

Mr. HARDY reported that the papers had been brought down a week ago. (Laughter.)

The House adjourned till three o'clock to-morrow.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Attorney-General—On Wednesday next—Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts respecting life policies for the benefit of wives and children.

Mr. Waters—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend chap. 11, 43 Vic., being an Act respecting Coroners' Inquests.

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Wednesday next—Bill to authorize the substitution of terminable annuities for railway aid certificates.

Mr. Pardee—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Railway Act of Ontario.

Mr. McLaughlin—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return showing in each and every year since 1871 (inclusive) the amount of money paid by the teachers of Ontario into the Superannuated Teachers' Fund. (2) The amount paid out by the Government to superannuated teachers. (3) The amount in each year paid out in excess of the amount paid into said fund. (4) The total amount paid in. (5) The total amount paid out of said fund; and (6) the amount of the latter over the former.

Mr. Carnegie—On Wednesday next—Address for a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Province between the 1st January and 15th February, 1884.

Mr. Merrick—On Wednesday next—Enquiry of Ministry, if Jonas Cornell is or has been since the year 1882 in the employment, temporary or otherwise, of the Province, and if so, in what capacity and for what remuneration.

Mr. Monk—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return—(1) Copies of all contracts for the erection of additions to the Lunatic Asylum at Hamilton, or for any part of the work connected therewith; (2) a statement showing what changes have been made in the plans and specifications for said additions and the effect of them upon said contracts; (3) a statement of the amount paid on account of such additions; (4) copies of all reports of the architect in charge with reference to such charges.

Mr. Broder—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return of copies of all Orders in Council, Departmental regulations, or instructions with regard to the use of text-books in the Normal and High Schools.

Also—On Wednesday next—Enquiry of Ministry—1. Whether any instructions have been given to the Department of Education as to the use of any of the text-books known as the Royal Readers in the Normal or Model Schools, and, if so, when such instructions were given. 2. Whether any report or recommendation was asked for or received from the principals of such schools, or either of them, with reference to the selection of the Royal Readers, and, if so, from or by which of them. 3. Whether it had previously been the practice of the Department of Education to give instructions as to the text-books to be used in the Normal or Model Schools.

Mr. Metcalfe—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return showing (1) the names and residences of the members now composing the Central Committee of Examiners; (2) the dates of their several appointments; (3) copies of all Orders-in-Council or departmental regulations defining the powers and duties of the committee; (4) copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the committee except those relating to examinations since first day of January, 1882; (5) copies of all recommendations made by the committee to the Minister of Education or the Government upon any matter upon which they have made recommendations.

Mr. Roe—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return of all correspondence between the Executive of the Lambton Prohibitory Association and the Provincial Secretary, or any other member of the Government, with regard to the appointment of a license officer for Petrolia; also, copies of all communications and correspondence between the Government or any member thereof, and any other persons, with reference to such appointment.

Also copies of all correspondence between the License Commissioners for West Lambton and any other person or body with regard to such ap-