

posed to hold some festivities in honor of the day, he therefore suggested that the House adjourn at 6 p.m.

Mr. CREIGHTON—The hon. gentleman is out of order. He is appearing without the badge appropriate to the day. (Laughter.)

The proposal was agreed to.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. HUDSON called attention to the report of his speech of yesterday in THE GLOBE and other journals which made it appear that he had declared he had not received support from any Roman Catholics. He did not mean to say that he had lost all his former supporters of the Catholic faith. But some of those who had formerly voted for him stated to him that they could not support him longer, having received orders to support the Mowat Government.

SUPPLY.

The House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. Harcourt in the chair. On the item of education,

Hon. G. W. ROSS in reply to a question said that it was not correct to say that the expenditure on common schools had remained stationary, that there had been no increase during the past three or four years, but there had been a very large increase in the last fifteen years. Fifteen years ago the grant was \$172,000; now it was \$240,000. Then it must be remembered that

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had been established and that was a direct benefit to the common schools; that model and training schools had been established; that aid was given to the teachers' institutes, and that one-third of the amount expended on high schools was really expended for the training of teachers in those schools.

Mr. WOOD (Hastings) said that there was a rumor that the Government was going to make large new grants for higher education, and if this were done a commensurate amount should be granted for Common school education. He expressed his opinion that Model schools were a very valuable part of the educational system of the country.

On the item

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS,

Mr. H. E. CLARKE asked for information as to the large number of persons of unsound mind said to be confined in the gaols of the Province.

Hon. A. S. HARDY said there were 37 persons of this class in the gaols last year, and, including these, about 140 applicants for admission to the asylums. The crowded state of the asylums was to some extent due to the presence of harmless imbeciles who might just as well be confined in refuges established by the counties, and the Government was urging the counties to establish such refuges. He said there were 200 idiots for whom applications had been made, and who would find accommodation when the enlargement of the Orillia asylum was completed.

Mr. INGRAM inquired about an item for cab hire from the Central prison to St. Michael's cathedral.

Hon. A. S. HARDY explained that this was paid in connection with religious services at the Central prison, and that there was a grant of \$750 last year to the Prisoners' Aid Association, which was a Protestant association formed for the purpose of

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at the prison. During the late campaign it had been falsely charged that grants for this purpose were made only to the Roman Catholic clergy.

Mr. WOOD (Hastings) said he was glad to hear the explanation, as misapprehensions on the subject had existed.

Mr. WATERS asked if the additions to the asylum accommodation would provide for the insane who, the Provincial Secretary said, were awaiting accommodation.

Hon. Mr. HARDY said the room would be barely enough. The Government would probably go on with the second half of a cottage at Hamilton, half of which was building, and which, when completed, would accommodate 300 lunatics.

Mr. H. E. CLARKE asked what had become of the scheme

TO CLOSE THE TORONTO ASYLUM

and build cottages at Mimico.

Hon. Mr. HARDY said that the plan of building cottages at Mimico had never been definitely decided upon by the Government. It was favored by the Superintendent of the Asylum, but the Government had not decided to adopt it, though doubtless there was much to be said in favor of it.

The Committee rose and reported and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.

COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

In the Public Accounts Committee a number of papers which had been brought down pursuant to order, were ex-

amined and discussed. The question raised by Mr. Meredith as to the proceeds of the sale of hides, etc. of animals killed at the larger public institutions was partially answered by papers before the committee, but further details were called for. The arrangement under which type was bought for use in printing the Consolidated Statutes was briefly discussed, and was left over to be further explained by officers of the Department.

RAILWAYS.

In the Committee on Railways the bill relating to the London Tramway Co., which had been considered and held back pending a consideration of the rights of parties affected, was ordered to be reported. The bill to change the name of the Thunder Bay Colonisation Railway Company to "The Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway Company" was passed. The bill to incorporate the Southern Central Railway Company was passed without important amendments.

PRIVATE BILLS.

In the Private Bills Committee the following bills were passed and ordered to be reported:—

Respecting certain lands mortgaged by John D. Ronald to the Corporation of the Village of Brussels.

To incorporate the Town of Parry Sound.

To incorporate the Town of Thornbury.

To vest certain lands in the Corporation of the Town of Thorold for the purposes of a cemetery.

To remove doubts as to the location of certain park lots adjoining the Township of Derby and the Town of Owen Sound.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Ferguson—On Monday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Graham—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Preston—Order of the House—For a return showing the number of lunatics in the county gaols of the Province for each month from 1st March, 1886, to 1st March, 1887. The number of days each lunatic was detained in said gaols. The number of buildings now under construction for the accommodation of