

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

A DAY OF RECONCILIATION:—There was an amusing explanation and reconciliation in the House yesterday. It all arose from the discussion of the previous day on the question of uniting two townships. First, there was Mr. Widdifield, who had occasion to repudiate a speech erroneously attributed to him, instead of to Mr. Preston. Then Mr. Wood, of Hastings, arose and said that if he had made any charge of unfairness against the chairman of the Private Bills Committee, he withdrew it. He also intimated that he had already become reconciled with Mr. O'Connor, who had taken a hand in the discussion. As to the leader of the Opposition, who had rather "sat upon" him, he was not quite sure what course he would adopt with him, and he suggested that it might be necessary for him to leave his party; and finally Mr. O'Connor, to complete the "love feast," as he called it, entirely repudiated the idea of saying anything harsh about anybody. Mr. Fraser increased the resemblance of the scene to a love feast by saying in a low but persuasive voice, "Now, another."

MR. G. B. SMITH'S bill relating to the imposition of an acreage rate was reported by the Municipal Committee in an amended form. It now provides that the Council of a township may by by-law provide that the cost of certain works may be assessed by a specific rate upon the lands benefited in proportion to the benefit received; and may make a similar assessment to raise money to purchase improvements which the owners of real property may have made.

A BILL introduced by Mr. Garson gives power to municipalities to exempt income, personal property and buildings from assessment so as to place the taxes on land values only. The by-law is not to take effect until confirmed by the electors of the municipality. A considerable number of petitions in favor of the principle of the bill have been presented.

A RETURN shows that the following municipalities are indebted to the Province on drainage assessment fund, for arrears:—Russell Township, \$19,657 75; Sombra Township, \$7,010 64; Moore Township, \$1,354 14. Eastnor Township is \$303 88 in arrears on drainage debentures.

THE RETURN of fees and emoluments received by the Registrars of the Province shows that the total receipts of the office of Toronto City were \$32,876 25, and the disbursements were \$24,505 11. In the East and West York division the receipts were \$13,852 80, and disbursements \$10,240 75, while in the North York division they were \$2,587 60 and \$525.

MR. CRAIG is the promoter of a bill providing that transient traders shall be required to pay a deposit before being allowed to do business. If they remain long enough to pay taxes the deposit is to be applied on account of the taxes; otherwise it is to be retained as a license.

MR. WOOD, of Brant, has introduced a bill to enable municipalities to purchase or acquire water power, to improve it by dams, etc., and to lease it to manufacturers. An illustration of the need for such a law is found in the Town of Paris, where 100 horse-power is required for the electric light. The building of a dam across the Grand River would give this power and a surplus of 300 horse-power, and there appears to be no reason why they should not be allowed to lease or sell the surplus.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE on Toll Roads has adopted the principle of Mr. Lees' bill and made provision for arbitration with the road

companies and for the powers of municipalities in regard to the purchase of their rights.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE:—Hon. G. W. Ross laid the plans for the new Upper Canada College building upon the table of the House yesterday. The building will accommodate 250 resident students, and is estimated to cost \$120,000. There will be 100 double and 50 single rooms for the students, besides a study and bedroom each for seven masters. The principal's house has ten rooms. The main dining hall will seat 275. The housekeeper will have two rooms, and there will be accommodation for 25 servants. There will be twenty bathrooms and twenty-five closets.

The main building will be 250 feet long, and the wings each 165 feet long and 45 feet deep.

The front building faces south, the main entrance being directly opposite to Avenue road.

The elevations are designed in a modification of the Romanesque style, freely treated.

The main entrance is through an arched portico 53 feet long by 16 feet wide. Over the main entrance is the Assembly Hall, which is emphasised externally by bold circular head windows, extending through two storeys. The roof above is steep pitch, the apex being surmounted by a neat bell tower.

The central portion is carried up higher than the other portions of the building on each side, which are three stories, basement and attic.

The materials are to be rack-face, random-course stone for the lower portion, while above the ground floor the walls are to be faced with red brick, the openings to have stone trimmings with terra cotta string courses and panels. The roofs are to be covered with slate.

The fire walls are carried up through the roofs, dividing the building into sections so as to prevent fire spreading rapidly, and ample and easy egress is provided in all parts of the building.

Each class-room has an allowance of at least 300 cubic feet and 20 square feet of floor space to each pupil.

The rooms will be amply lighted, almost entirely from the left side of the pupils. The heating will be by steam and ample provision has been made for ventilation.

THE PREMIER has given notice of a motion that Government business shall have precedence every day hereafter. The indications are that prorogation will take place within a fortnight.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE yesterday unanimously adopted the principle of Mr. Waters' bill exempting all farm live stock from taxation.

THE FIRST series of regulations under the Ontario Factories Act has been issued. It consists mainly of a schedule of forms, to which are appended the appropriate sections of the Act.