

mittee at the meeting this morning. Mr. Hardy, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Creighton put in their first attendance of the session. Treasurer Ross is usually the representative of the Ministry, and the Opposition is generally led by Mr. Clancy or Mr. French. The reason for the increased attendance was that Mr. Aubrey White, Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, was to be examined as to what he knew concerning the defalcations of A. F. Dulmage, whose misdeeds have already been pretty extensively referred to on the floor of the House. The examination of the witness was conducted by Mr. Meredith. A large portion of the two hours during which the Committee sat was taken up with the perusal of documents which Mr. White put in, according to the request made by Mr. French at the preceding meeting of the Committee. These consisted chiefly of various statements sent by Dulmage to the Crown Lands Department relating to the monies collected by him. A statement was put in also showing that the firm of Cameron & Kennedy, of Norman, near Rat Portage, had altogether paid Dulmage \$30,174 99, of which Dulmage only accounted for three items, respectively, as follows:—\$4,909, \$4,483 14 and \$4,965 86, leaving a deficit of about \$15,700, this being the amount in which he defaulted. Mr. White said an investigation into Dulmage's accounts was first ordered by Hon. Mr. Fraser, who acted as Commissioner of Crown Lands during the illness of Mr. Pardee. This was in October, 1888. Investigations had been made by Mr. Taylor, of the Crown Lands Department, and written reports had been handed in by him. The investigations had covered the books of Cameron & Kennedy also, and had exculpated them. Mr. White admitted that the collection of moneys by Dulmage was irregular, and that the only excuse that could be urged for the irregularity was that things generally in connection with the Department were in such a chaotic condition. He had no knowledge now of where Dulmage is, and had no reason to believe there was any collusion between him and the Rat Portage Chief of Police. Dulmage's family still remained at Rat Portage. The report of Mr. Taylor's two investigations are as follows:—

TORONTO, April 24, 1889.

SIR,—In accordance with instructions received, I left Toronto on the night of the 11th inst. for Rat Portage, to make a demand of Wood-ranger A. F. Dulmage of all moneys collected by him on account of the Crown Lands Department and not paid over by him. At Port Arthur I was joined by Mr. A. R. Lewis, Crown Attorney (who, I had been informed, was to accompany me to Rat Portage in connection with the case), to whom I delivered the instructions entrusted to me for him.

On arriving at Rat Portage we found that both the members of the firm of Cameron & Kennedy were absent from home, and as it was necessary to examine their books again before making the demand of Dulmage, we were obliged to wait one day for their return before we could move in the matter. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Margach and I visited Cameron & Kennedy's office on Monday and Tuesday, the 15th and 16th inst., and again went through their cash statement of moneys paid to Dulmage, and compared it with the vouchers. On returning to Rat Portage that afternoon Mr. Margach and I visited Dulmage at his house, and I made a demand of him of the moneys owing by him to the Department. He admitted having collected more money than he had remitted to the Department, but said he had spent it or lost it, and at that time he was literally without any and therefore unable to pay any back.

I then, with Mr. Lewis, went to Judge Lyons' office and swore out an information against Dulmage for appropriating moneys of the Department to his own use, upon which a warrant was issued for him, and placed in Constable Redden's hands for execution. The next morning I was informed that Dulmage had avoided arrest, and in due course I returned to Toronto. Your obedient servant,

THEO. C. TAYLOR.

Hon. Commissioner Crown Lands.

TORONTO, March 16, 1889.

SIR,—In accordance with instructions contained in departmental letter dated the 4th March, 1889, I visited the office of Messrs. Cameron & Kennedy, at Norman, on Lake of the Woods, and examined their books and papers as to the saw-logs, etc., they had taken off Ontario lands during the past three seasons. I took statements of the quantities taken out by them during the seasons of '85-'86, '86-'87 and '87-'88 (subject to dues to this Crown Lands Department), which were sworn to by Mr. W. H. Kennedy, one of the firm, and which are herewith enclosed. I also had their book-keepers make from their books a statement of all moneys paid by them to Wood-ranger A. F. Dulmage on account of timber dues during the seasons above mentioned, which I also beg to enclose herewith. I checked the statement of cash said to have been paid to Dulmage with the vouchers, cheques, drafts, etc., "now cancelled," which had been given, and which I found in every instance endorsed by A. F. Dulmage, and found the amounts agreed very nearly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THEO. C. TAYLOR.

Hon. Commissioner Crown Lands.

DR. McLAUGHLIN'S UNIVERSITY BILL.

Dr. McLaughlin has shown his affection for alma mater by giving notice of a bill, the object of which is to give power to municipalities to grant aid to the University of Toronto for the renewal of the library,

museum, apparatus of the School of Practical Science, etc.

UNIVERSITY STATISTICS.

The Provincial Secretary presented a return showing the total attendance of students, matriculated and non-matriculated, at the University and other particulars. The return was asked for by Mr. A. F. Wood. The Residence Board account for 1887-8 showed an expenditure of \$4,107 77, or a deficiency of \$165 01, and for 1888-9 an expenditure of \$3,994 56, showing a

surplus of \$199 84. On room account for the corresponding years the figures were:—Expenditure, \$1,103 65, showing a surplus of \$296 84, and \$1,720 16, showing a deficiency of \$582 42. The number of students in residence last year was 47, and it varied but little since 1880, when the number was the same. During 1887 three graduates had retained their rooms in residence; during 1888, five, and the same number during 1889; but in the case of 1889 two of the five, although graduates in arts, were still undergraduates in law. Unfortunately, the destruction of the College minute books prevented the production of the precise terms of the original resolutions for the admission of graduates into residence; but the object was to secure the presence of a few of the best men, whose diligence would have a beneficial effect on the undergraduates. The attendance of matriculated students at lectures during '88-'89 was 356 male and 33 female; non-matriculated, 41 male and 5 female. In 1889-'90, matriculated, 373 male and 58 female; non-matriculated, 58 male and two female.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Rorke—Has the Government decided to increase the annual grant this session to the electoral division Agricultural Societies? If so, to what extent and upon what conditions?

Mr. Chisholm—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend the Timber Slide Companies Act.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Bill respecting contracts of life insurance.

Mr. McLaughlin—Bill respecting the University of Toronto.

NOTES.

Mr. Luke Montreuil, President of the North Essex Liberal Association, was on the floor of the House during the day.