

two hon. gentlemen that the teachers in these poor localities were often very generously dealt with, and he was happy to be able to mention the fact that statistics showed that these districts had even more than their proportion of teachers with first-class certificates. The qualification of the teachers there compared very well with those of teachers in older counties. In 1883, 279 permits were granted in the Province; last year only 876 such certificates were issued. The policy was to make the schools in the outlying districts of the Province as efficient as those in the older parts of the Province. In view of the intention of the Government, the Minister of Education hoped the mover of the motion would be satisfied with the discussion and not push it to an issue.

Mr. Marter rose again to say that he hoped the Minister of Education would increase the grant.

Mr. Meredith said that if the Government could see its way clear to making an extra grant of ten thousand dollars, which would be a mere bagatelle to the Province, the Opposition would place no difficulty in the road. He thought the necessity for an increase had been amply shown.

Mr. Garson thought the Minister of Education had indulged in too many "ifs" and "buts" on the question, and he thought the leader of the Opposition, who had spoken so eloquently on behalf of the Government bill to aid the University, had shown very little warmth in dealing with the poor school grant. He did not deny the important educational influence on the community of the University, but he thought the influence of ignorance was equally strong and should be provided against under any circumstances. Mr. Metcalfe expressed himself in sympathy with the idea of an increased grant.

The Attorney-General then rose, amid applause. He expressed himself as very pleased with the expressions that had been used concerning the poor schools. He was glad that the House had shown a disposition to support any additional grant which the Government might make in aid of the schools in these districts. Those members who had spoken were nearly all representatives of constituencies having a considerable number of these schools. He had no doubt from other members having said not a word in a different sense that they fully sympathized with what was said by those gentlemen. The feeling on behalf of these schools was considerably stronger than he had been aware of, and the Government, in view of this strong feeling, would consider the question of a further grant being made to these schools.

This announcement was received with much applause and Mr. Marter then withdrew his resolution.

GRANT FOR AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Graham moved the following resolution:—That in the opinion of this House the work at present performed by the Agricultural and Arts Association properly belongs to the Department of Agriculture, under the direction of a responsible Minister of the Government, and since the grant for holding a Provincial Exhibition has been withdrawn, it is undesirable after the current year to continue the grant of \$6,000 to said Association.

The member for East Lambton, in support of his motion, spoke vigorously in favor of the work done by the Provincial Exhibition in the past, but he thought that continuing the grant was applying money to a wrong purpose.

Mr. Dryden defended the grant as at present apportioned. The Association aimed to give better ideas of agriculture to the people. It was not desirable to discourage their efforts in these lines by discontinuing the six thousand dollar grant as now given.

Dr. Preston thought the work done by the Association should be done by the Minister of Agriculture, and intimated that then that hon. gentleman would be able to earn his salary.

Hon. Mr. Drury rose with some warmth to repudiate the insinuation that he did not earn his salary. He had heard the insinuation before. It was not regarded as at all extraordinary that professional gentlemen should receive a salary of \$4,000 a year, and should earn it, but as soon as a farmer went into the Cabinet these insinuations were hurled at him. He thought they were an insult to farmers all over the Province.

Dr. Preston said he had not meant anything of this kind, and did not wish to cast any slur upon Mr. Drury as a farmer, or upon the farming community.

Hon. Mr. Drury then defended the Association. It had done great good to the country in the past. The money given by the Government was well spent, its application being in the direction of advancing scientific farming in the Province. The

was of permanent assistance to the Province.

Mr. Graham again appealed to the House in favor of his motion.

Mr. Awrey supported the purport of the motion. Mr. Waters followed to the same effect.

Mr. Graham then withdrew his motion in view of the explanation made by the

Minister of Agriculture, that the grant would be withdrawn as soon as it would be in the interest of the country to do so.

The House adjourned at 6.20 p.m., the Attorney-General remarking that it would probably be the last Friday without an evening session.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. McMahon—Return of copies of any correspondence between the Ontario and Dominion Governments, or between the former and any corporation or persons, relating to the ownership, sale or lease of the Dundas and Waterloo macadamized road, together with copies of any papers in the possession of the Government relating thereto, subsequent to that already brought down in the year 1886.

Mr. Hudson—Resolution, that, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that more aid should be given to the County Agricultural Societies of this Province, and the grant formerly given to the Provincial Exhibition, \$10,000, having been withdrawn, that the said sum be divided among the County Agricultural Societies of this Province.

Mr. McKay—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Freeman—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Preston—Question—The grant for the Provincial Exhibition being abolished, what disposition is to be made of the \$6,000 placed in the estimates for the Agricultural and Arts Association? and what are the reasons why the Minister of Agriculture should not deal with the subject?

Mr. Bishop—Bill to amend the Act to secure to wives and children the benefit of life insurance.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend and consolidate the local improvement clauses of the Municipal Act.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Government have appointed the following License Commissioners:—

Hastings North—J. S. Sprague, M.D., James Tullock, Jefferson Caverly.

Ontario North—William McPherson in the room and stead of Henry Brandon, resigned.

Hiram Gee has been appointed License Inspector for Haldimand.

NOTES.

A large deputation from the Sheep Breeders' Association waited upon Hon. Mr. Drury, today, asking for a small grant to assist them in carrying on the operations of their Association. Mr. Drury promised to consider the representations made.

FINANCE CRITICS.

Treasurer Ross Points Out Their Blunders.

HOW MR. CREIGHTON BUNGLED,

And Then Blamed it All on the Public Accounts.

SOME EDITORIAL MISREPRESENTATIONS.

How Mr. Creighton and Mr. H. E. Clarke Disagree Even Among Themselves on the Annuity Question—Why is the Opposition so Bitter?

Owing to pressure on space the explanation given Thursday evening by Hon. Treasurer Ross of the mistakes which Mr. Creighton claimed to have discovered in the public accounts a few days earlier was but briefly reported in THE GLOBE. The full report of Mr. Ross' very clear and lucid explanation follows, the remarks being made on going into Supply, Mr. Harcourt being in the chair:—

This may be, said Mr. Ross, as good an opportunity as any other to give the explanation asked by the hon. member for