

seem to think they ought to comply with, and his Lordship's comments and finding seem to have been entirely unwarranted.

NAVIGATION OF THE GRAND RIVER.

The papers laid on the table of the Assembly relating to the Grand River navigation contain a very earnest appeal to the Government from the municipal corporation of the Village of Cayuga for a grant to aid in reviewing the navigation and water power between Cayuga and Brantford. This matter was taken up by private enterprise so far back as 1832, when the Grand River Navigation Company was incorporated, whose works in due course fell into the hands of the Haldimand Navigation Company. It was set forth in a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor that the navigation of the river was now practically ended for want of means to keep up the works, that the water power formerly existing was for the most part destroyed, and that the industries that formerly existed were now nearly extinguished. In view of the necessity for keeping up the works, the petitioners asked that His Excellency would cause to be placed on the estimates a sum of money to aid in the completion and maintenance of the works. In support of the petition it was pointed out that the Government had granted similar aid to Railway Companies and to other works of a like nature undertaken to assist in developing the resources of the country. The correspondences closes with a letter from Mr. Lumsden, the Assistant Secretary, to Mr. Jacob Baxter, M.P.P., intimating that the subject would receive the consideration of the Government.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The twentieth annual report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which has been laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly by the Minister of Agriculture, contains the report of the last annual meeting of the Society, when the officers were elected and other business was transacted. The President's address and the papers on economic and general entomology are of much interest and value to all who are intelligently engaged in farming or agriculture. The Society's monthly magazine, The Canadian Entomologist, has completed its twenty-first volume.

RAILWAY RESOLUTIONS.

The Government gave notice of the following resolutions providing aid for railways:—

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Wednesday next—That this House will on next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

That there be granted out of the consolidated reserve fund to the undermentioned Railway Companies for the construction of the portions of railway hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

(a) To the Ontario & Rainy River Railway a cash subsidy of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per mile for the construction of thirty miles of said railway westward from the point near Sand Lake where the fifty miles terminate, for which aid was granted by chapter 35 of 52nd Vic., entitled "An Act respecting aid to certain railways."

(b) To the Ottawa & Parry Sound Railway, from Egansville to a point in the Township of Sherwood, a distance not exceeding thirty miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile.

That all the provisions of section 2 of chapter 35 of 52nd Vic., respecting the option of substituting half-yearly payments for forty years in lieu of a cash payment, and all the conditions provided by section 3 of said Act, shall apply to the grants hereby made.

Provided, that any arrangements made between the Rainy River Railway Company and the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway Company providing for the expenditure of any part of the aid hereby granted in the construction of any portion of the line of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

That for the purpose of forming a subsidy fund there is hereby set apart so much of the lands of this Province belonging to the Crown as lie within the distance of ten miles on each side of those portions of the Ottawa & Parry Sound Railway and of the Rainy River Railway to which aid is hereby granted, or on each side of that portion of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway upon which, by agreement between the Companies, any portion of the aid now or heretofore granted may be expended, which land shall be sold and dealt with in the same manner as provided in sections 4 to 10 inclusive, of the said chapter 35 of 52nd Vic.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. French—Inquiry—Has any vacancy occurred in the Protestant chaplaincy in the Reformatory for boys at Penetanguishene? What is the cause of such vacancy and when did it occur? Have the Government made any appointment, or do they intend doing so?

Mr. Ross (Huron)—Bill respecting aid to certain railways.

Mr. Balfour—Inquiry—What action, if any, do the Government propose to take towards settling the claim of the Town of Amherstburg and Townships of Anderdon and Malden to consideration under the Municipal Loan Fund settlement on account of bonuses granted in 1870 by those municipalities to the amount of \$45,000 in aid of the Amherstburg branch of the Canada Southern Railway?