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submit to the examination of the Provincial Board of Health analysis of the water from the proposed source of supply and show plans of the contemplated system. If the water does not meet the sanitary requirements it shall not be legal to establish such water-works system without first obtaining from the Provincial Board of Health a certificate, signed by the chairman and secretary, that it is the best obtainable.

Boundary Bridges.

The representations made to the Government by the large deputation from Northumberland and Durham on Thursday with reference to the maintenance of the bridge over the "Trent Narrows," near the boundary of Northumberland and Peterborough, are being followed up to the House. Yesterday Dr. Willoughby introduced a bill which will cover the case, although it is general in its terms. It provides that all bridges within 80 chains or one mile of a boundary line between counties shall be held to be boundary bridges. Even if the principle of the bill meet the approval of the House the distance will likely be reduced. But the members for Peterborough, Messrs. J. R. Stratton and Blezard, are vigorously opposing the bill. They waited upon the members of the Government with the Northumberland and Durham deputation on Thursday, and talked in opposition to it. They pointed out then that legislation such as the deputation proposed would reopen settled disputes about bridges all over the Province and give rise to a great deal of trouble and expense. No county in the Province has greater reason to congratulate itself upon its representatives in the Legislature than Peterborough. Messrs. Stratton and Blezard are among the most useful members of the House and most faithful guardians of the interests of their constituents.

Col. Gillmor Entertains.

Col. Gillmor, the clerk of the House, entertained the following gentlemen at dinner last evening:—Mr. Speaker, Col. Clarke, M.P.P., Mr. Monk, M.P.P., Mr. Dack, M.P.P., Mr. A. McKay, M.P.P., Mr. J. R. Cartwright, Rev. Mr. Broughall, Major Delamere, Mr. Sergeant-at-arms, Messrs. L. K. Cameron, W. Houston, E. Holmes, F. J. Joseph, R. A. Kent, A. M. Dymond, J. G. Rosseau, S. J. Crosby, C. J. Notman, G. Warwick, G. Maclean Rose, A. F. Rutter, Horace Wallace, J. E. Atkinson, George Simpson, John S. Maclean, C. H. Thompson, A. E. S. Thompson, Chas. Hurlburt, C. W. Graham, S. J. Bastedo.

A Railway Deputation.

A railway project has for some time been stirring the public mind of Owen Sound and Grey County with its bright promises of increased prosperity. The scheme is to build a railway from Owen Sound to connect with the Stratford & Lake Huron Railway. The company is incorporated and a promise of the Dominion subsidy of \$3,200 a mile has been obtained. Now the people of Owen Sound and the county through which the road will run are pushing to have the Ontario Government give a subsidy of \$27,000 to the road. Yesterday the Government was waited upon by a deputation that urged the public value of the projected road and asked assistance. The deputation consisted of Messrs. W. A. Maclene, mayor of Owen Sound; J. P. Raven, reeve; Matthew Kennedy, deputy reeve, and B. Allan, ex-M.P.; John Clarke, reeve of the Township of Kipple; Alex. Garvie, deputy reeve of the Township of Derby. They were introduced by the member for North Grey, Mr. Cleland, and Mr. Conmee. The projected road is to run west from Owen Sound thirteen miles and the estimated cost of construction is \$15,000. The Township of Sarawak would give \$5,000 and the Township of Kipple would be asked for \$3,000. When these amounts and the Dominion Government's subsidy were taken from the cost of construction there was left an amount too large for Owen Sound to shoulder even if an indebtedness of \$7,500 per mile were left upon the road. The deputation therefore urged that the Government give the scheme \$27,000 of a grant. They pointed out how

it would benefit the Counties of Bruce and Grey if the ports on Huron and Georgian Bay were connected. The Attorney-General promised that the representations of the deputation would receive careful consideration. He intimated that the policy of the Government, which some years ago had been most liberal to railway projects, was in recent years that help should only be extended railways in the newest districts of the Province. The Government had found the House become reluctant to pass grants with the former liberality. But, he concluded, as though not to send them away without a crumb of comforting assurance, we have a new House now, and we will see what their wish is in regard to assistance to railways.

Amendments to the Medical Act.

A deputation representing the council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons waited upon the Attorney-General and the Hon. G. W. Ross yesterday to urge some amendments to the Medical Act, which will be embodied in a bill which will be presented this session. The deputation was composed of Dr. Thorburn, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the council; Dr. Bergin, M.P., Cornwall; Dr. Rogers, Ottawa, and Dr. Pyne, registrar of the council. They were accompanied by Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, solicitor for the council. There are said to be eleven members of the medical profession in the House, and for the few minutes after the House adjourned, when the chamber as usual became animated as a market-place by the influx of strangers to the floor, the members of the deputation talked with as many of the doctors as could be seen, bespeaking their hearty support of the proposed legislation. Several amendments to the act are aimed at. It is sought to simplify the mode of registering in the college, and the council wants power to regulate the fees to be paid by members. At present the statute fixes the annual fees at \$2, and the wish is to give the regulation into the hands of the council, when it is understood it will be raised to \$5. Better machinery to make the members pay up is desired. The present law with regard to people unregistered practising healing is not satisfactory to the council, and the bill to be brought in will provide for the more effectual squashing of the faith cure healers and other classes of practitioners, who in the estimate of the profession come under the comprehensive term of quacks.

Compulsory Education.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, yesterday laid on the table of the House an important report on compulsory education in Canada, Great Britain and the United States. This document will greatly assist in the discussion of the bill upon this subject, and generally will be a most valuable addition to the literature of education. The fact that so complete a report is thus timely put before the House is evidence of the devotion of the Minister to his duties and of his appreciation of intelligent discussion throughout the country of subjects relating to his department. Besides the facts reported from the whole territory covered there are some valuable tables. One of these shows by reports from ten cities and 58 towns of the Province the extent of truancy. The question is asked in each case, "Would compulsory attendance at school in your opinion tend to the reduction of juvenile offences?" and the answer in every case is more or less strongly in the affirmative. There are also tables showing the educational status of persons convicted of crime in Canada, the percentage of illiteracy, etc.

Notes.

Mr. R. J. Fleming visited the House yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Tait presented a petition signed by Thomas Marks and others to be incorporated as the Port Arthur & Fort William Railway Company.

Mr. James Sutherland, M.P. for North Oxford, one of the most popular and one of the best known members of the Dominion House, visited the Provincial law-makers yesterday.