

To Protect Ginseng.

Dr. Caldwell's bill to provide for the prevention of the extermination of the plant known as ginseng is an interesting one. Ginseng is a plant that grows somewhat extensively in Eastern Ontario, and whose root is used for medicinal purposes, being shipped to New York, from which place it is sent to China. Last year between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth was sent from the country north of Kingston. It is worth from 50c to \$1 a pound as it is pulled, and from \$4 to \$6 a pound dry. It is the root that is valuable, and if the plant is pulled before the seeds on it ripen and fall to the ground, the plant is to that extent exterminated. Under the present reckless methods of the growers there is danger of the extermination of the plant, which may be effected in a few years unless something is done to stop it. Dr. Caldwell's bill is to prevent the pulling of the plant until after September 1 each year; the seeds will at that date have fallen to the ground.

Notes.

A deputation consisting of Dr. Merritt and Messrs. A. Chatfield and C. J. Ingersoll, St. Catharines; James Prior, Merritton; W. H. Merritt and C. N. Shanly, Toronto, waited upon the Government yesterday with regard to the incorporation of the St. Catharines & Merritton Bridge & Road Co., which they wish to promote. They ask for authority to make a turnpike from St. Paul street, St. Catharines, to Merritton, with bridges over the Welland Canal at both its termini.

Mr. C. J. Holman was about the House yesterday.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Dack—Bill to amend the Masters and Servants Act.

Mr. Clancy—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Whitney—Bill to amend the Division Courts Act.

Mr. McColl—Resolution — That in the opinion of this House sheriffs, registrars of deeds, county attorneys, clerks of the peace, Division Court clerks and bailiffs, clerks of the County Court and other county officials now appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council ought, hereafter, to be chosen by popular election.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend the General Mining Act.

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Mr. McKay (Oxford)—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.
