

To amend the act respecting the federation of the University of Toronto and University College with other universities and colleges—Mr. Whitney.

To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Tait.

To amend the Voters' Lists Act—Mr. E. F. Clarke (Toronto).

To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. McKay (Oxford).

To amend the Assessment Act—Mr. Miscampbell.

To amend the General Road Companies Act—Mr. Awrey.

To amend the act respecting joint stock companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water—Mr. Dack.

To amend the Registry Act—Mr. Monk.

Questions.

In reply to Mr. Cleland, the Attorney-General stated that the question of assisting in the construction of a railway from the Town of Owen Sound to connect with the Stratford & Lake Huron Railway was still engaging the consideration of the Government.

In answer to Mr. Monk, who inquired if there was a child under ten years of age now confined in the Central Prison, and, if so, when and by whom committed, for how long a time and for what offence, Hon. Mr. Gibson stated that there was a child under that age in the Central Prison, and why it had not been committed to some other institution the Government had not been informed. The child had been sent to the Central by the magistrate at Hamilton. An inquiry was being made into the circumstances of the case.

Sugar Beet Seed.

Mr. Snider asked whether the sugar beet seed which was distributed throughout the Province last year as an experiment had given good results? What were the minimum and maximum yield per acre? What per cent. of sugar did the roots contain as tested by the analyser? Has the Government under consideration the advisability of encouraging and assisting any company or companies in the manufacture of sugar, providing the production of sugar beets proves satisfactory to the Province?

Hon. Mr. Dryden replied:—Sugar beet seed has been furnished to farmers in several sections of the Province for the past two years. Samples from each plot sown have been forwarded to Professor James of the Agricultural College, Guelph, for analysis. The results so far have shown that a fair quality of beets may successfully be grown in several districts of the Province. The plots sown were small and no sufficient data have been furnished to give an exact estimate of the yield per acre. The results, however, seem to point to the fact that a slightly larger yield per acre may be reached in Ontario than in Europe. The yield of one acre grown at the Experimental Farm is given as ten tons, while a single row from the same plot, said to be better than the average, yielded at the rate of twenty tons. One case has been reported to the authorities at the college where for an acre grown in the County of Northumberland the yield is given as 25 tons. Prof. Shaw expresses the opinion that good cultivation will give an average of fifteen tons per acre, while some others express the opinion that it would reach eighteen or twenty tons, which is higher than the averages of the foremost of the continental beet-growing countries.

The roots as analysed by the professor of chemistry yielded in sugar a percentage as follows:—

Beets over two pounds in weight..... 12.35
Under two pounds..... 14.10
Average of the whole..... 13.58

Of the beets grown at the Experimental Farm, the average percentage of sugar for 1889 was 18, and for 1890, 15.03.

The Government have had under consideration the advisability of assisting a company in the manufacture of sugar from sugar beets, but have not seen their way to render the assistance asked for this purpose.

Motions.

A motion stood in the name of Mr. Campbell (Durham) declaring, amongst other things, that in consequence of the restrictions imposed by the passage of the British North America Act the people of Ontario were not free to make such laws respecting education as they might from time to time deem necessary and prudent and asking the House to resolve "that in the opinion of this House, the interests of the country require such change in the British North America Act, 1867, as will place education under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Legislature as completely as the various other subjects assigned to Provincial jurisdiction under section 91 of that act, and that an humble address be presented by this House to her Most Gracious Majesty, embodying the foregoing resolution and praying that her Majesty will be pleased to have it brought to the notice of the Houses of Parliament with a view to securing the change desired." Mr. Campbell stated that as members were desirous of getting through the business of the session he would withdraw the motion, but he would press it next session.

A number of other motions, asking for returns, copies of correspondence and other matters of a kindred character upon a variety of questions, were agreed to; and as regards these the order paper was cleared.

The House rose at 11 o'clock.

Municipal Committee.

In the Municipal Committee this morning three bills were discussed and passed for action

by the House. One of these is Mr. Biggar's bill providing for the settlement by arbitration between two street railway companies in adjoining municipalities of questions relating to transfer tickets. Another is Mr. Garrow's bill making a slight change regarding the business tax. The third was Mr. Waters' bill to provide for the reduction in certain cases of the assessment of farm lands situated within incorporated cities towns or villages.

Saugeen Valley Railway.

A deputation waited upon Hon. Mr. Hardy, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Tuesday urging that aid be extended for the purpose of promoting the Saugeen Valley Railway, which it is proposed to build from Mount Forest to Walkerton, thence through Greenock Township to Tiverton and the port of Inverhuron. The following gentlemen strongly urged the claims of the road for Provincial aid:—James Rowand, M.P.P., R. Truax, M.P., H. P. O'Connor, Walter M. Dack and David Porter, M.P.'s for the three ridings of Bruce, and Aaron Wenger of Ayton. It was urged that the petition of the Saugeen Railway directors, which asked leave to purchase the unpatented lands in Greenock and at Inverhuron at a price not exceeding \$2 per acre, on condition that the road be built, be acceded to. At present these lands are of little value, but it is believed that the construction of the road would increase the value so that a handsome sum could be realised for railway purposes. The quantity of land unpatented in the districts referred to is in the neighborhood of 2,000. The Commissioner of Crown Lands made full inquiries as to the prospects of the Saugeen Railway Company, the position which the company occupied at the present time, as to whether the necessary stock had been subscribed, and other matters pertaining to the road, and said he would bring the petition and the views of the deputation before the Government, when the matter would be carefully and fully considered.

Notes.

In the Public Accounts Committee this morning Mr. Robert A. Wood was examined as an expert on the prices paid for turpentine, white lead and other articles bought by the bursars of some public institutions. Mr. Wood's evidence went to prove generally that the prices paid were reasonable.

The presentation to Mr. O'Brien, the book-keeper, by the members of the Opposition has been followed by a token of appreciation to the same gentleman from the members of the Government side of the House. Last evening Mr. O'Brien was made the recipient of a well-filled purse at the hands of Dr. McKay of Oxford and Mr. Dack, the Liberal whips, acting on behalf the members whose interests they keep in charge. Mr. O'Brien naturally feels not a little flattered at this unanimous manifestation of good-will and appreciation.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Ross—That the House ratify an order in Council of 29th April advising that the followingsums be provided in connection with the University of Toronto and University College without delay:—

Balance due on biological department.. \$32,167
For cost of biological museums..... 65,000
For new chemical laboratory and building..... 60,000
For gymnasium and temporary convocation room..... 20,000

Also to authorise the trustees to expend these sums for the purposes named and make them a charge upon the permanent funds of the university, plans of improvements to be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.