

One of the best and most ably conducted public institutions in the Province is that for the education of the deaf and dumb at Belleville. The annual report furnishes evidence of substantial and satisfactory progress in the training and education of the pupils. When Inspector Chamberlain visited the institution in March last there were 260 pupils in residence, 145 males and 115 females. Everything was found to be in an orderly and satisfactory condition. Reference is made in the report to Mr. R. Matheson's able efforts to promote the work for which the institution is designed.

CARE OF THE INSANE.

In the 24th annual report upon the lunatic and idiot asylums of Ontario, Mr. R. Christie, inspector of prisons and public charties, calls attention to the constantly increasing number of the insane population of the Province, as shown by the returns from the general institutions.

During the year ending Sept. 30, 1890, there were 666 patients admitted, and for the year under report there were 928, showing an increase of 262. The average daily number of patients in residence also shows an increase of 240, the number for the former year being 3,266 and for the latter 3,506. The numbers remaining in residence at the close of these years respectively were 3,318 and 3,468, being an increase of 150.

Mr. Christie submits some valuable information regarding the care of the insane, which goes to show that the present method has worked satisfactorily both from an economical and philanthropic point of view.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion were given :—

Mr. Meredith—Inquiry of the Government—(1) Whether it was at any time proposed to open the present session of this House by commissioners appointed for that purpose by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council ; (2) if so, why that method of opening the session was not carried into effect ; (3) Whether a commission was issued by his Honor, and if so, to whom, for the purpose aforesaid ?

Mr. Meredith—Address, copies of the order in Council for the appointment of a commission as to the proposed forest reservation and park in the Nipissing District, of the commission issued in pursuance thereof and the instructions to the commissioners.

Mr. Meredith—Address, copies of the case submitted for the opinion of the Court of Appeal as to the validity of the local option provisions of the Municipal Act, and of the opinions of the judges of said court thereon, and of the judgment pronounced by the court in the premises.

Mr. Meredith—Address, copies of all correspondence with the Attorney-General or his department on the subject of the fusion of the several divisions of the High Court of Justice, and of changes in the practice of the said court, and in the provisions for holding sittings for the trial of actions and otherwise with regard to the distribution of the business of the courts with a view to the more speedy despatch of such business.

Mr. Wood (Hastings)—Return, showing estimated quantity of pine timber now standing upon the Crown domain of the Province and the value thereof, setting the same forth as far as practicable by a description by number or otherwise of the berths upon which the same is standing, and where the territory has not been divided into timber berths showing the localities so as to enable them to be identified by description, and also showing the data upon which such estimates are based.

Mr. McKay—Bill to extend the powers of police villages.
