

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Public Accounts Committee will meet to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. and the Private Bills Committee at 10.30 a.m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee this morning the accounts of the various asylums, asked for by Mr. Kerns, were brought down, but as Mr. Kerns was not present they were not inquired into. Mr. Waters stated that he wished to ascertain something of the system of paying officials who reside in the asylums, and the inspector, Mr. Christie, was sent for. In the course of his examination he stated that in some cases where officials did not reside in the building they were given an extra allowance for rent, light and fuel. With regard to the general cost of maintenance in the asylums of Ontario, he said they were conducted much more economically than in the United States, in addition, as he believed, to being more efficient. In the States the average cost per capita for maintenance was \$227 88 per annum, while in this Province it was \$133 60, leaving a balance in favor of Ontario of \$94 28. After some further inquiry it was decided to resume the consideration of the asylums accounts at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday), and Mr. Christie was requested to bring down any instructions he had received from the head of the department as to the payment of officials and allowances for house rent.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Tooley—Address to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he will be pleased, in accordance with a resolution passed by the County Council of Middlesex at its last sitting, to appoint Robert Boston, ex-warden, to the position of registrar of the county.

Mr. Whitney—Bill to amend the law relating to witness fees.

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

Mr. Allan—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.
