

That this House heartily approves of the measures that have been taken for providing useful information amongst the farming community, and for promoting the education of the youths of the Province, and expresses its great satisfaction with the special efforts made for the education of farmers' sons, by establishing an institution exclusively devoted to furnishing them with a training especially fitted to enable them to prosecute their life's work with success and relies with confidence on further facilities being provided for the education of farmers' sons as the requirements of the country may from time to time demand.

WON'T STAY ON THE FARM.

Mr. Willoughby said that in opening his remarks he wished to disavow any feeling of hostility to the institutes or the Agricultural College. He thought, however, there was a good deal in the statement made by the member for South Lanark, that the farmers were not getting equal advantages with other classes. There should be a record kept, he thought, of what becomes of the young men who graduate from the college, as he believed that many of them did not go back to the farm. There should be more education given in the public schools suitable to the agricultural community, as from the returns brought down he found that not more than one in twenty youths who go to the high schools return to the farm.

Mr. Preston moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Before adjournment Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) presented the following returns:— Regarding the purchase of the site of Upper Canada College; correspondence relating to the appointment of assistant teacher of German in Toronto University; also return giving the number of pupils in attendance at the collegiate institutes and high schools during 1890.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A DEPUTATION FROM OTTAWA COMPLAINS OF AN INFRINGEMENT ON PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Wm. Mackey and Wm. Lewis, representing a number of property owners of Sparks street, Ottawa, was introduced to Mr. Mowat by Mr. Robillard to-day. Their mission was a somewhat peculiar one, especially in view of their strongly Conservative proclivities politically. The electric railway in Ottawa having acquired control of the old horse car railway decided to change the old road into an electric one. The company now representing the old road instead of applying to the Legislative Assembly for the change applied to the Dominion Parliament, inserting in the preamble of their bill a clause declaring it to be for the general benefit of Canada. The property owners on Sparks street are opposed to the use of the trolley system of electric road on that street, and in addition to opposing the bill at Ottawa sent a deputation to Toronto to ask the Attorney-General to intervene on the ground that the matter was one which belonged exclusively to the Province. There are other objections to the bill, such as the maintenance of the perpetual charter which the old road had, but these Conservative delegates appealed to Mr. Mowat to point out to the Dominion Government that the bill infringed upon Provincial rights.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

At the Public Accounts Committee this morning the examination of Wm. Tracy, bursar of the Toronto Asylum, was continued by Mr. Clancy, Mr. Marter and Mr. Kerns. The main effort was to discover the cause of a seeming discrepancy of \$100 in the public accounts and the pay sheets in the amount paid to T. J. Tracy, the former bursar. Mr. Sproule, Provincial Auditor, was called, and he explained that the mistake was caused by an assistant in his office making up the wrong total. Nothing of any importance was elicited.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Municipal Committee this morning the bill of Mr. McKay (Oxford) to extend the powers of police

villages by empowering trustees of police villages to pass by-laws for letting contracts employing labor, building sidewalks, bridges, etc., and providing that the rate levied for such village purposes upon assessable property shall be in lieu of the township rate now levied was amended by striking out "bridges" and leaving the rate to be levied in lieu of the township rates of such proportion as may be fixed by agreement. Mr. Guthrie's bill to amend the Municipal Act was amended by providing that the valuation of real property within the county should take place every 10th year instead of every 5th year. Considerable discussion took place on that clause of Mr. Waters' bill to amend the Municipal Act, which provides that the cost of maintaining and keeping in repair works coming under the Drainage Act shall be borne by lots and roads in the same proportion as the original construction was borne. The clause was allowed to stand. The bill of Mr. Wood (Brant) which provides that persons holding appointments or offices in a municipality in which they do not reside shall be assessed at their place of business, except in the case of clergymen, Government officials and those whose offices are fixed by law, when the assessment shall be levied in the municipality in which they reside, was passed without amendment.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Railway Committee will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m., when the Ontario Ship Railway Bill and either the Hamilton & Grimsby Electric Railway or the Toronto & Mimico Electric Railway Bill will be taken up. The Private Bills Committee meets at 10 a.m., when the Ashbridge's Bay and the Toronto bills will be taken up again. The Public Accounts Committee will meet at 10 a.m. also.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

A return was presented to the House to-day showing that there were 19,395 pupils attending the collegiate institutes and high schools for the year 1890, and of these 1,018 afterwards went into commercial life, 795 into agriculture and 347 into learned professions. What occupations the others intended to follow the Department of Education could not ascertain.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend the act respecting the taxation of patented lands in Algoma and Thunder Bay.

Mr. Meredith—Bill to amend the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act.