

EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

The report of the inspector of prisons and public charities upon the institution at Brantford for the education of the blind is most satisfactory. At the close of the official year ending September 30, 1892, there were 131 pupils in attendance, 75 males and 56 females, being an increase of six over the previous year. The building and grounds have been considerably improved. The new gymnasium has been completed. The arrangement with the city for giving the institution proper sewerage has been carried out. The management and discipline, under the direction of the principal, Mr. A. H. Dymond, assisted by his efficient staff of officers, has been, as in past years, all that could be desired.

The earnings of the institution amounted to \$620.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Mack—Bill to amend the municipal act.

Mr. Meredith—Return showing how often in the past ten years the office of registrar of deeds for the north and east ridings of the county of Middlesex has become vacant, the dates when the va-

cancies occurred and when they were filled, and if the office is now vacant how long the vacancy has continued.

Mr. Meredith—Bill entitled an act respecting married women.

E. F. Clarke—That in the opinion of this house the provisions of the revised statutes respecting the representation of the people in the legislative assembly as to the representation of the electoral district of the city of Toronto are inadequate and unjust, and no reason exists for maintaining the anomalous, exceptional and unfair method of electing representatives for the said electoral district, which was established by the said act.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Bill entitled an act to consolidate and amend the acts for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals.

Mr. Balfour—Bill to amend the voters' lists act.

Mr. Ryerson—Return showing the number of votes polled at each polling subdivision at the last two elections for the electoral district of the city of Toronto, and of the expense incurred at each such polling subdivisions in holding elections, and the total cost of each of the said elections for the whole electoral district.

Mr. Clancy—Inquiry—What sum has been expended on the new parliament buildings since Dec. 31, 1892?

Mr. Dryden—Bill entitled an act to further provide against the extermination of the plant called ginseng.

Mr. Meacham—Bill to amend the medical act; bill to amend the municipal act.

NOTES.

To Mr. C. Field, member for the west riding of Northumberland, belongs the honor of having presented the first petition in the new chamber. It was from the municipal council of Alnwick township, West Northumberland, praying that market fees be abolished.

Among the visitors to the house was Rev. Dr. Jackson, pastor of the largest Presbyterian congregation in the Dominion. The actual membership is about 1,100, while the attendance is much larger. Cooke's church, Toronto, comes second in point of membership, and is making a rapid push for first place. The doctor was shown around by Mr. W. B. Wood, M.P.I.

Two special cars will be attached to the 8.20 G. T. R. train this morning to convey members of the house to Guelph, to inspect the Agricultural college. They will arrive in Guelph about 10.30, and President Mills will have carriages in waiting at the station. The party will return on the evening train, arriving in the city about 8 p.m. Those who take advantage of Mr. Dryden's offer are likely to have a very enjoyable time.

Hon. Mr. Fraser made a tour of inspection after the house adjourned and gave many suggestions to the workmen regarding urgent improvements.

There was a burst of applause from the opposition side of the house as Hon. Mr. Fraser arose and presented a petition from Loyal Orange lodge, No. 14, of Addison, praying that provision be made for a plebiscite on the question of prohibition.

Hon. Mr. Fraser presented a petition from Joseph Deacon and eight other practising barristers in Leeds and Granville, protesting against the proposed legislation providing for the holding of chambers and a single court at Ottawa

and London. The petitioners express the opinion that the decentralization of the high courts would not lessen the cost of litigation, that it would not promote the efficiency of the courts, that it would not be of any advantage to the profession, but in many respects a disadvantage, and that it would lead to considerable confusion and inconvenience.

Dr. McMahon presented a numerously-signed petition from the farmers of Wentworth asking to be relieved from the consequences of the workmen's compensation for injuries act. Mr. Field presented a similar petition from the farmers of Hamilton township, Northumberland county, and Mr. Goodwin one from the Elgin county farmers.

Many petitions were presented asking for a plebiscite on the liquor question, for the abolition of market fees, and for amendments to the public health act giving greater powers to local health authorities and municipal corporations to deal with contagious diseases.

Mr. Gibson presented the report of the trustees of Upper Canada college.