

Children will be much better off than if placed in industrial schools, while the expense of maintenance will be greatly reduced. The bill in print is expected to be in the hands of the members to-morrow.

PRESS GALLERY ELECTIONS.

The members of the press gallery of the house held their annual meeting at 2.30 to-day, and elected the following officers:—President, J. J. Kelso, Globe; vice-president, J. M. Jackson; secretary-treasurer, Roden Kingsmill; executive, W. J. Wilkinson, World; C. M. Burns, News; C. F. Hamilton, Star; C. T. Long, Empire, and Archibald Bremner, London Free Press. The following resolution was adopted: "That this gallery learns with regret that owing to his other duties Mr. James A. Welch, who has for seven years served it well and faithfully as steward, is unable to occupy his old position this session, and tenders him its heartiest thanks for his past satisfactory services."

Among the visitors to the house to-day were Messrs. George D. McCall, reeve of Charlotteville; John Cope, reeve of South Walsingham, and James Jamison, deputy reeve of Woodbridge. They were escorted over the building by Mr. Charlton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on public accounts.—Messrs. Awrey, Balfour, Caldwell, Clancy, Davis, Garrow, Harcourt, Hardy, Kerns, Mackenzie (West Lambton), Meredith, Miscampbell, O'Connor, Smith (York), Waters, Whitney, White, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings).

Committee on printing—Messrs. Balfour, Bishop, Caldwell, Campbell (Algoma), Clancy, E. F. Clarke, Dack, Evanturel, Harcourt, Ross, Stratton, Tait, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings).

Committee on privileges and elections.—The attorney-general, Messrs. Barr (Dufferin), Biehard, Bush, Caldwell, Charlton, Clancy, E. F. Clarke, Conmee, Dack, Dowling, Dryden, Evanturel, Fraser, Gibson (Hamilton), Gilmour, Godwin, Harcourt, Hudson, Mack, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, McKay (Victoria), McKenzie (East Lambton), McMahon, Paton, Rayside, Rorke, Sharpe, Snider, Tait, Waters, White, Whitney, Wood (Hastings).

Committee on standing orders—Messrs. Allan, Barr (Renfrew), Barr (Dufferin), Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Bush, Campbell (Algoma), Campbell (Durham), Carpenter, Charlton, Cleland, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Gibson (Huron), Glendinning, Godwin, Hammell, Hudson, Kerns, Lockhart, Loughrin, Monk, McCleary, McKay (Oxford), McLenaghan, Moore, O'Connor, Preston, Rayside, Rorke, Sharp, Smith (Frontenac), Smith (York), Smith (Peel), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tooley, Wood (Brant).

Municipal committee—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Barr (Renfrew), Bishop, Bronson, Bush, Campbell (Durham), Clancy, Clarke E.F. (Toronto), Cleland, Conmee, Davis, Dryden, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Glendinning, Godwin, Guthrie, Hardy, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Kirk-Lockhart, Loughrin, Mack, Mac- (W. Lambton), Magwood, Marter, am, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, e, McCleary, McColl, McKay (Ox-), McKay (Victoria), McKenzie (E. mbton), McKechnie, McMahon, O'Con- nor, Paton, Porter, Preston, Reid, Ry- erson, Robillard, Rorke, Smith (York), Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, Waters, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hast- ings), Wylie.

Committee on private bills—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Biehard, Bronson, Caldwell, Campbell (Durham), Carpenter, Clancy, Clarke, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Evanturel, Ferguson, Fell, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gil- mour, Guthrie, Hammell, Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Kirkwood, Mackenzie (West Lambton), Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Monk, McColl, McLenaghan, McKay (Ox- ford), McKenzie (East Lambton), Mc- Mahon, O'Connor, Porter, Preston, Ray- side, Reid, Robillard, Rorke, Ryerson, Smith (Frontenac), Smith (Peel), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, Waters, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings), Wylie.

Committee on railways—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Barr (Dufferin), Bax- ter, Biggar, Bishop, Biehard, Bron- son, Caldwell, Campbell (Algoma), Camp- bell (Durham), Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Cleland, Conmee, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Dryden, Evanturel, Fell, Fer- guson, Field, Fraser, Garrow, G'endin- ning, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Godwin, Guthrie, Hardy, Ham- mell, Harty, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Lockhart, Loughrin, Mack, Mackenzie (W. Lambton), Magwood, Marter, Meach- am, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Moore,

McCleary, McColl, McKay (Victoria), McKechnie, McLenaghan, McMahon, O'Connor, Paton, Porter, Preston, Ray- side, Reid, Ryerson, Robillard, Rorke, Sharpe, Smith (York), Smith (Peel), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings), Wylie.

IRON SMELTING.

Mr. Conmee has given notice of this resolution:—"That the erection and operation of charcoal iron furnaces within the province would give an impetus to mining, stimulate agriculture, encourage settlement and give employment to a large number of persons, as well as afford a means of utilizing and turning to advantage the products of the forest, thus yielding a large annual revenue to the treasury; that the production within Ontario of charcoal pig iron would tend to cheapen the many machines manufactur- ed and used by the people as well as the various commercial commodities into the manufacture of which that class of iron enters; that the province has large areas of mineral-bearing rocks that are known to contain many rich deposits of various iron ores suitable for the production of iron and nickel, gold and other ores known to exist in different localities with- in the province; that this house would view with approval the submission for its consideration of a resolution or meas- ure under proper sanction and authority by which provision should be made for granting aid at a rate not exceeding \$2 per ton on charcoal pig iron manufactur- ed within the province during a period of seven years from the time the same should have effect, in whole or in part from ores taken from the mines of On- tario, and further providing for the op- eration of at least two diamond drills suitable for exploration and mining pur- poses, the same to be operated under direction of the government, the charges therefor when employed for the benefit of the owner or owners of mineral lands to be the actual cost of operation only, and when not so employed to be used on crown lands in the mineral belts, such locations as prove valuable to be sold for the advantage of the province by tender or auction under regulations to be made in that behalf."

PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Notice of the following bills have been given:—

Mr. Whitney—Bill to amend the law re- lating to witness fees.

Mr. Balfour—Bill to amend the munic- ipal act.

Mr. McKenzie (East Lambton)—Bill to amend the Ontario shop regulation act; also bill to amend the liquor license act.

Mr. Waters—Bill to amend the ditches and watercourses act.

Mr. Monk—Bill respecting returns by registrars and masters of titles under the registry act and the land titles act; also bill to amend the workmen's compensa- tion for injuries act.

NOTES.

Mr. Gibson laid on the table the reports of the provincial asylums, common gaols, prisons and reformatories; the working of the tavern and ship license acts; fin- ances of the University of Toronto, of the standing committee on the faculty of medicine of the University of Toronto, on the subject of reorganization; houses of industry of Elgin and York counties, dehorning commission, Ontario Agricul- tural College and Experimental farm, Agriculture and Arts association, Fruit Growers' association, Entomological soci- ety, and the expenditure upon the fire ranging system, with the revenues and the amounts remaining unpaid.