

To the Central Counties Railway company (in lieu of the subsidy of \$100,000 granted by chapter 41 of the act passed in the fifty-fifth year of her majesty's reign to the Vaudreuil & Ottawa Railway company), from Hawkesbury, on the Ottawa river, southerly through or near Vankleek Hill, and thence westerly and southwesterly through or near Caledonia Springs, Alfred and Clarence creek to South Indian, a village on the line of the Canada Atlantic railway, a distance not exceeding forty-six miles, a cash subsidy of \$2,000 per mile.

Upon Mr. Harcourt's motion to go into committee of supply, Mr. Campbell (Algonia) called the attention of the provincial treasurer to the application of the town of Sault Ste. Marie for government aid to deal in a sanitary way with the immigrants who are constantly detained there on their way to the United States.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

During the consideration of the agricultural estimates Dr. Ryerson made an attack upon the Agricultural college at Guelph, and in particular upon the appointment of Mr. Macrae, mathematical teacher. He said that the students of the institution had complained to the government of his inaptibility to teach, ignorance of the subjects taught and negligence in preparing his work. They had waited upon the government and presented their grievance, with the result that an investigation was promised. An investigation had taken place, but as it was a star chamber affair it was altogether unsatisfactory.

Mr. Awrey, who spoke for the first time this session, made a strong defence of the management of the college. He said that while the older members of the house were as a rule endeavoring to increase the usefulness of the institution, it remained for a new member, fresh from the field of victory, after having won his spurs in his first contest, to make war against the single institution belonging to the farmers of Ontario. It was a regrettable fact that hon. gentlemen on the other side of the house should accept the opinions of a few students and allow them to betray the best interests of the institution. The boys were all right, but like all boys they became restive under the guidance of their teachers. Mr. Hunt, who, up to two years ago, was the mathematical teacher, had supplied information to the hon. gentlemen opposite. He had been closeted with them. Two years ago the students had said the same thing of him as they were now saying about Mr. Macrae, and they had petitioned the government against him. If the time was to come that the Agricultural college was to be controlled by a few students the sooner the institution was abolished the better. If the minister was not to rule the institution he was unfit to occupy his position.

Dr. Ryerson disclaimed any intention of trying to impair the usefulness of the college, or to underrate the work it had done. He denied that he had had any communication with Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Awrey said that a man who would take letters received from the head of a department and show them to the opposition, with the object of annoying the head of that department, was a traitor, and should be treated as such.

Mr. Wood (Hastings) asked that a thorough investigation be made.

The committee rose at 6.

PATENT MEDICINES.

After recess Dr. Meacham moved the house into committee on his bill, which proposes to amend the pharmacy act in such a way as to make it unnecessary for vendors to record sales of Paris green and London purple.

Mr. Fraser had a clause inserted declaring that nothing in the pharmacy act should affect the making or dealing in patent or proprietary medicines until July, 1894. With this addition the bill was reported. In the meantime the question of the preparation and sale of patent medicines will be fully considered by the legislature.

The following bills were put through the committee stage:—

To amend the judicature act—Mr. Guthrie.

To amend the act respecting limited partnerships—Mr. Sprague.

To amend the liquor license act—Mr. McKenzie (East Lambton).

To amend the division courts act—Mr. Wood (Brent).

To amend the agriculture and arts act—Mr. Stratton.

To amend the act to impose a tax on

dogs and for the protection of sheep—Mr. Bishop.

To amend the municipal waterworks act—Mr. Ferguson.

To amend the act respecting pounds—Mr. Waters.

To prevent fraud in the sale of milk—Mr. Ryerson.

The house again went into committee of supply, and the discussion upon the agricultural college was resumed. Mr. McLenaghan indulged in a general criticism of the management and work of the institution, and Mr. Ross made a most complete reply to him, showing the immense benefit the province at large, and the agricultural community in particular, have derived from it. He also pointed out the unfairness of publicly attacking a teacher who had in his educational course passed brilliant examinations, and, especially, pending the investigation which the hon. member was aware had been instituted.

Dr. Ryerson reiterated his charge that the college was in a rotten condition, and gave as his authority a letter he had received. The identity of the writer, however, he carefully withheld.

Mr. Baxter rose to a point of order, and asked if the hon. member was not bound either to state his authority or assume the full responsibility for the statement.

Chairman Balfour ruled that if the hon. gentleman expressed himself as responsible for it he would be in order. This Dr. Ryerson agreed to and the debate was continued by Mr. Hiscott, Mr. Bishop and others.

The debate continued until midnight, Hon. John Dryden and Hon. A. S. Hardy speaking vigorously in defence of the college. Half an hour was then consumed in passing the estimates and the house adjourned at 12.30 after a hearty rendering of the national anthem and three enthusiastic cheers for the Queen.

It is expected that the business of the session will be concluded on Thursday.

TO MEET AGAIN THURSDAY.

Sir Oliver Mowat submitted a motion providing that the house should adjourn until 11 a.m. Thursday, that it should then sit until 1 p.m. and resume again at 3.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

At the meeting of the public accounts committee to-day, Dr. Clark, superintendent of the Toronto asylum, put in a statement showing that he was charged with about one-third more supplies than he properly received. This one-third was devoted to entertaining convalescing patients, attendants who from time to time took ill, or friends of patients. This should be taken into consideration, and in future he believed it would be only fair and reasonable to appropriate \$300 or \$400 for this purpose. He had been, he thought, rather unfairly used in this direction by both members of the house and a portion of the daily press, and if the facts were all known it would be found that the supplies were not excessive. He pointed out, further, that all supplies not used by him were returned to the kitchen and there put to the general use. No allowance was made for these articles. Inspector Noxon was again questioned, and he showed that when the cost price of the supplies was considered, and all reasonable allowances made, the actual cost of the supplies going to Dr. Clark would only be about \$1,100.

NOTES OF THE HOUSE.

It was the quick wit of a resourceful Frenchman that saved the honor of the province at one of the most critical moments in its history. The illustrious descendant of the "Little Corporal," Prince Bonaparte, while visiting the house, inquired of Mr. Evanturel, the gallant member for Prescott, what the sessional indemnity was. Mr. Evanturel would fain have avoided what to him appeared the humiliating admission that it was but a trifling \$600 a year, but he was unable to evade it.

"Ah," replied the prince; "practically there is no indemnity. Of course no member needs that paltry sum or receives it?"

The prince turned his monocle on Mr. Evanturel and awaited the reply. A man of but ordinary presence of mind would have been overwhelmed with confusion, but Mr. Evanturel, instead of trying to parry the question, looked his interrogator straight in the eye, and calmly said:—

"Some of us might touch it to provide French bon-bons and dorgees for the ladies, but that is all."