

Mr. Cleland—The County Council of Grey, in favor of a railway passenger rate in Ontario of two cents a mile.

Mr. Guthrie—The County Council of Wellington, to amend the municipal act by repealing section 533a of the consolidated municipal act of 1892.

Mr. Guthrie—The County Council of Wellington, to amend the assessment act.

Mr. Guthrie—The County Council of Wellington, respecting the ditches and watercourses act.

Mr. Guthrie—The County Council of Wellington, in favor of counties appointing or electing officials paid by the county in salary or fees.

Mr. Conmee—The Township of Oliver, regarding the single tax.

Mr. McCleary—The County Council of Wellington, to amend the assessment act.

The petitions as to the amending of the assessment act, which were presented by Mr. McCleary and Mr. Guthrie, are, first, that the powers given to city, town and village Councils by section 52 of the consolidated assessment act be extended to township Councils; secondly, that assessments be made triennially instead of annually, the Court of Revision, however, to sit yearly; and, thirdly, that townships be allowed to unite the offices of Treasurer and Collector.

The petition of the Toronto Railway Company asks for power to increase or decrease the number of directors, as if it were under the Ontario joint stock companies act, the present number of five being insufficient; for power to make regulations as to the transfer of shares, the present system for the execution of transfers of share in duplicate being cumbrous; and for power to establish a system of benefit and provident allowances.

The petition of the People's Life Insurance Company is to amend line 2, section 12, of its charter, by changing \$20,000 to \$50,000.

The petition of Lindsay is to the effect that as the Waterworks Company first formed to manage the water supply system has failed, and the system is in the hands of the mortgagees, the town be authorized to take over the system itself, raising money therefor by debentures of not more than \$65,000; that a board of four commissioners be elected, the Mayor being one and the three others being elected one each year for three years, and that the town may contract with a new company.

#### REPORTS AND RETURNS.

The Provincial Secretary then laid on the table of the House the following reports and returns:—

Report of the commissioners on schools in the Counties of Prescott and Russell in which the French language is taught.

First report of work under the children's protection act, 1893.

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Houses of Refuge and Orphan and Magdalen Asylums.

Report upon the institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, Belleville.

Report upon the institution for the education of the blind, Brantford.

Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario.

Report of the Standing Committee of the University of Toronto on Finance and Faculty of Medicine, 1893-94.

Report from the Queen's Printer as to the disposal of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, during the year 1893.

Report of the Queen's Printer on tenders for departmental and Legislative printing and binding, and contract with Warwick Bros. & Rutter.

Return from Queen's Printer as to disposal of sessional statutes for year 1893.

Report on the working of the tavern and shop licenses act, 1893.

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities on Provincial Lunatic and Idiot Asylums, 1893.

Report of Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Annual report of University of Toronto.

Return showing the number of Reeves comprising the various County Councils of the Province in the years 1887 and 1892 respectively, together with a statement of the amount paid as indemnity, and assessment of each of the said municipalities in each of the above-mentioned years.

Return of a copy of the application for and petition against the granting of a ta-

vern or other liquor license to Mr. Scott of Windsor, together with correspondence, etc.

Return of the motions and other matters heard and disposed of from November 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893, at Osgoode Hall.

Return showing as to what offices or services orders in Council have been passed commencing the fees of Provincial officials, the dates of the orders in Council, the amount of the commutation allowances, with a table showing the amount paid to each official in each year since the

order was passed, and the amount received by the Province in each year from the fees in his office.

Return showing the number of resignations, dismissals and suspensions of license commissioners and inspectors for 1890, 1891 and 1892, also correspondence connected therewith.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Under the heading of motions, Sir Oliver Mowat moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hardy, that a select committee of ten members be appointed to act with the Speaker in the control and management of the library, the committee to consist of the Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Hon. Mr. Ross, Messrs. Clancy, Guthrie, Gibson (Huron), Meredith, O'Connor, Preston and Wood (Hastings). He also moved, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that a special committee of twelve members be appointed to prepare the lists of the members composing the various select standing committees, the committee to consist of Hon. Mr. Gibson (Hamilton), Hon. Mr. Hardy, Hon. Mr. Dryden, and Messrs. Awrey, Baxter, Clarke, Clancy, Gibson (Huron), Meredith, Monk, McMahon and Wood (Hastings). Both motions were passed.

#### PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.

The members then rose to their feet, for Sir Oliver Mowat transmitted to the Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor. It was an announcement of certain sums required for the service of the Province until the estimates for 1894 were finally passed. The items were as follows:—Civil government, \$50,000; legislation, \$50,000; administration of justice, \$50,000; education, \$50,000; agriculture, \$20,000; repairs and maintenance of public buildings, \$25,000; public works and buildings, \$50,000; maintenance of public institutions, \$125,000; miscellaneous services, \$80,000; total, \$500,000.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harcourt the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. Balfour taking the chair. Mr. Clancy asked when the public accounts would be laid on the table. His experience in the past had been that they were brought down only a day or two before the budget speech was delivered. He hoped the Treasurer would be earlier with it this year.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt—It will be brought down in a few days.

The preliminary estimates were then passed through the Committee of Supply, also through the Committee on Ways and Means. The House then concurred in the committees' action, and then adjourned.

The notices of motion which were given were as follows:—

Mr. Balfour—Return showing the number of persons employed, temporarily, by the Government in the service of the Province on the 31st Dec., 1892, together with their names, ages, nationality, religion, salary, occupation, place of residence and date of appointment; but not including mechanics, artisans, laborers, or like employees, whose engagement or employment was of a merely temporary character. Also a similar return as to all persons not included in the foregoing and who have been appointed by the Government to any permanent or temporary office or position under the Crown, either for or within the Province, or in or for or in respect of any county or any district or other locality in the Province; also a similar return as to all sessional clerks now employed.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin).—Bill respecting the personal liability of mortgagors and others.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin).—Bill respecting contracts in relation to goods entrusted to agents.

Mr. Balfour—Bill to further amend the pharmacy act.

Mr. Snider—Bill to amend the landlord and tenant act.

#### ASYLUM REPORT.

The report of Inspector Christie on Lunatic and Idiot Asylums contains the following information:—

The number of insane and idiotic under charge in the several institutions in the Province on the 30th of September last was 4,240, being an increase of 176 when compared with the number in residence on September 30th, 1892. The admissions for the past year were 753, showing a decrease of 39 for the year under report, and a still greater reduction if compared with 1891, when the highest number in any one year (928) was admitted into the Provincial asylums. A computation of the average admissions and numbers in residence at the close of each decade since the Province assumed the charge of these classes, shows more comprehensively the increased populations which have been provided for, as follows:—

Year.	Admissions.	Numbers in Residence.
1867 .....	181	951 on July 1st.
Average for the decade (1867-1876) ....	277	1368
Average for the decade (1877-1886) .....	485	2610
Average for seven years (1887-1893) .....	600	3231