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the policies, as well as the number and names, so far as ascertainable, of cases disputed by these companies during the last two years, the amount involved and the defences set up. Only two companies are reported as doing such a business, viz., the London Life Insurance Company, having its head office at London, Ont., and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, having its headquarters in New York. The life policy of the London Insurance Company is granted on condition that the insurer pay to the company or its agent a fixed premium weekly in advance at or before noon on every Monday. No agent may receive a premium if more than four of the weekly premiums are in arrears. The endowment policy has the same conditions, and the company states that no cases were disputed during the period named. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company undertakes both life and endowment insurance, on the endowment plan. This company also makes weekly payment of premiums a condition, and has contested 21 cases in the period named. In nearly all these cases the resistance was based on technical grounds, usually on grounds of the family medical history of the deceased.

DEPUTATION FROM HAMILTON.

Hon. Mr. Hardy was called upon yesterday morning by a joint deputation from the City of Hamilton and the residents of Burlington Beach. Mr. Nicholas Awrey, M.P.P., introduced the members of the deputation, which comprised Mayor Stewart, Ald. Macdonald and Morris, City Solicitor McKelcan, Mr. R. R. Wardell, who argued for the Township of Saltfleet and the squatters, and Messrs. J. F. Monk, L. Staunton and Crooks. Mr. Awrey explained the objects of the deputation. The City of Hamilton wishes for a confirmatory and definite lease of the Beach, while the Beach residents desire to obtain patents for the lots which they occupy. An hour's debate followed, Messrs. McKelcan and Wardell presenting their respective sides of the case. When their arguments had been made Hon. Mr. Hardy informed the delegation that he considered the question too intricate and lengthy to admit of being taken up and decided on the spot, and suggested that a commissioner be appointed to take evidence, in the hope of bringing about a settlement. In case all attempts at effecting a settlement failed Hon. Mr. Hardy intimated that the Government would be prepared to act upon the commissioner's report. This was agreed upon on all sides, and the committee withdrew.

BRIDGES OVER STREAMS.

Mr. Cleland presented a petition last Friday from the County Council of the County of Grey praying that section 533 (a) of the municipal act be repealed. This section relates to bridges over streams 100 feet and over in width, and compels counties to contribute towards their construction and maintenance. The County Council of Grey think the law is unfair, and, if not repealed, should at least be amended by including roads as well as bridges. A deputation from Grey County is expected down in a few days to again interview the Government on the subject. The tendency of the law has been to encourage the construction of larger and more expensive bridges than are required for the convenience of the public. Mr. Gibson (Huron) presented a similar petition yesterday from Huron County Council.

FROM TINY TOWNSHIP.

Monday afternoon Hon. Mr. Gibson was called upon by a deputation from the Township of Tiny, consisting of Dr. Spohn of Penetanguishene, and Messrs. Andrew McNamara, Township Clerk of Tiny; Nelson McRae, Reeve of Tiny, and Mr. Steers of Midland. Mr. Patton, M.P.P., introduced the deputation, whose object was to enlist the Provincial Secretary's support to the bill which is to be introduced to consolidate the railway debt of the township. Mr. Gibson's answer was very encouraging.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. Hardy—Bill to establish the Rondeau Provincial Park; also bill to amend and consolidate the drainage act; also bill respecting the ditches and water-courses act; also bill respecting mines and mining lands.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin)—Bill to amend the coroners act.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—Bill to amend the general road companies act.

Mr. Cleland—Bill to amend the game laws.

Mr. Tait—Bill to amend the assessment act.

Mr. Elggar—Bill to confirm and validate certain assessments of the Town of Trenton.

Mr. Gilmour—Bill respecting the Township of Ebbwcoke.

Mr. White—Bill to amend the act respecting the Division Courts.

Mr. White—Bill to amend the act respecting executions.

Mr. Balfour—Bill to amend the act to prevent the wasting of natural gas, and to provide for the plugging of all abandoned wells.

Mr. Marter—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of Government House and the establishment connected therewith at the expense of the Province should, after expiration of five years from the appointment or other earlier determination of the term of office of his Honor the present Lieutenant-Governor, be discontinued.

Mr. Meredith—Resolution—That the holding of alternate, or biennial, instead of annual sessions of the Legislature would amply meet the requirements of the

public service, and at the same time effect a large reduction in the expenditure of the Province for legislation, and in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when that change should be made, subject, however, to the prerogative of the Crown as to the summoning of the Legislature; (2) that it be referred to a committee consisting of ——— to prepare and report to this House with all convenient speed a bill for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Meredith—Inquiry—(1) Did not J. I. Dodds, who held the office of license inspector for the Electoral District of Dufferin, resign that office? If so, when? (2) Was he re-appointed to the office? If so, when? (3) What salary is now attached to the office, and what was the salary at the time of Mr. Dodds' original appointment?

Mr. Meredith—Resolution—(1) That in the opinion of this House the election of Public and Separate School Trustees in cities, towns and incorporated villages, and in townships in which Township Boards are established, should be by ballot; (2) that it be referred to a committee consisting of ——— to prepare and report to the House, with all convenient speed, a bill to amend the Public and Separate School act so as to provide that in cities, towns and incorporated villages, and in townships in which Township Boards are established, the election of Public and Separate School Trustees shall be by ballot.

Mr. Balfour—Order of the House—That the returns provided for by orders of this House relating to the public service, passed on the 10th day of April and 19th day of May last, shall contain, in addition to the information for the years 1871 and 1892, provided for by said orders, like information regarding the year 1873.

Mr. Wood—Return, duly compiled from the census returns for the year 1891, of the results of the Federal census for the Province, showing the population for each county and district, and the municipalities situate therein; also the population of the unorganized territory.

RONDEAU POINT.

Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill to set apart Rondeau Point as a public park will give great pleasure in Kent and Elgin Counties, to which the new breathing space will be a decided luxury, and one for which they have long pressed. The point is already a resort of the hunter and the picnic party, and is extremely beautiful, stretches of sand bar enclosing the beautiful sheet known as Rondeau Harbor, while the marshes are excellent shooting grounds. The Provincial land amounts to about 3,000 acres, and there are 500 acres of Dominion ordinance land, which the Dominion Government has been requested to allow to be added to the park. The spot will be invaluable as a recreation space, and it is proposed to turn the marshes into a preserve for wild turkeys. There will be no expense incurred for officials, as it is contemplated merely to engage a single caretaker at a very moderate salary. Fuller particulars concerning the proposed park have already appeared in The Globe.

ABOLITION OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr. Marter's notice of resolution to abolish Government House may cause an interesting discussion when it comes on. It is not new, however. Mr. Marter introduced it himself some years ago, and prior to that Mr. D. McIntyre, Reform member for the South Victoria of those days, brought the matter up. On both occasions it was voted down by large majorities.