

over the Province. In the City of Toronto there was a decrease of 281 as compared with last year. The number of males committed during the year was 8,196, an increase of 133, while there was a decrease of 203 in the number of females committed. The committals during the year of boys and girls under sixteen years of age show an increase of six for boys and a decrease of seven for girls as compared with last year. There were 37 fewer commitments for drunkenness. Crimes against the person and against public morals and decency and offences against public order have decreased, while crimes against property have increased. The convictions were 60.01 per cent. of the committals. Some improvement in the matter of confining old people in jails as vagrants is noted. Full particulars of the committals and the working of the jails are given in the tables appended.

The archaeological report, which is issued as an appendix to the report of the Minister of Education, is a most interesting and valuable pamphlet, in which Mr. David Boyle has placed on record a great amount of information respecting the antiquities of the Province. The feature of the report is the colored reproduction of the remarkable rock paintings at Lake Massanog, together with Mr. Boyle's account of a visit there, which through the courtesy of Mrs. McLaren, wife of Hon. Peter McLaren of Perth, he was enabled to make. A series of valuable notes upon Ontario earthworks and primitive industries and working methods, illustrated by numerous cuts, are given, and the report states that the Provincial Museum in the Canadian Institute building has been enriched since last report by fully 3,500 specimens.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Langford will move for an order for a return of copies of all correspondence, papers and documents, except those already brought down, between any member or officer of the Government or any other person or persons on the subject of claims for damage for the flooding of lands in the Township of Stevenson by the Government dam at the outlet of Mary Lake; also copies of all reports made by any departmental officer or any other person to the Government or any department thereof on the subject of such claims or the damages occasioned by such work.

Mr. Biggar gives notice of a bill to amend the act respecting mortgages on real estate.

Mr. Preston will ask:—What was the occupation of the present Director of Mines previous to the appointment to his present position? Is he a graduate of any mining school or institution? Has he ever had any practical experience as a miner?

#### THE PROVINCE'S ASSETS.

The statement of the Provincial assets which was laid before the House yesterday shows the total assets of the Province to be \$5,108,482 83. These are made up, first of all, by direct investments, aggregating \$470,883 89, composed of drainage 5 per cent. debentures invested Dec. 31, 1895, \$197,500 49; the 5 per cent. debentures, \$134,165 15; drainage works, municipal amounts, \$136,218 25, and other debentures, etc., \$3,000. Next, capital held and debts due by the Dominion to Ontario, bearing interest, total \$1,200,018 05, made up of the U. C. Grammar School fund, \$312,769 04; U. C. building fund, \$1,472,391 41; land improvement fund, \$124,685 18; the capital under the act of 1884, \$2,848,289 52, less the estimated balance due the Dominion of \$2,000,000, leaving a balance of \$848,289 52; the Common School fund, of which Ontario's share is \$1,441,832 90. Finally, there are the bank balances, composed of \$350,000 special accounts and \$87,580 89 current accounts.

The liabilities amount to \$29,502 07, of which \$22,182 56 is due Quebec for collections on account of Common School lands in the last half-dozen years; \$6,028 21 is due to municipalities from the land improvement fund, and \$1,291 30 due municipalities re surplus distribution. Thus the surplus of assets is \$5,078,980 76.

#### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, 1896.

The estimated receipts of the Province for 1896 are \$3,121,972 80. This is made up as follows:—

Subsidy .....	\$1,196,872 80
Interest on capital held, and debts due by the Dominion to Ontario .....	262,000 00
Interest on investments....	40,000 00

Crown Lands Department (\$800,000)—	
Crown lands.....	55,000 00
Clergy lands .....	5,000 00
Common School lands.....	13,000 00
Grammar School lands.....	2,000 00
Woods and forests .....	725,000 00
Public institutions (\$401,100)—	
Toronto Lunatic Asylum..	39,000 00
London Lunatic Asylum...	12,500 00
Kingston Lunatic Asylum.	6,500 00
Hamilton Lunatic Asylum.	12,000 00
Mimico Lunatic Asylum...	2,500 00
Brockville Lunatic Asylum.	1,200 00
Orillia Lunatic Asylum....	8,400 00
Reformatory for Females..	3,500 00
Reformatory for Boys.....	500 00
Central Prison .....	20,000 00
Education Department....	50,000 00
Casual revenue.....	80,000 00
Succession duties.....	200,000 00
Tavern licenses.....	270,000 00
Brewers' licenses.....	20,000 00
Law stamps.....	80,000 00
Algoma taxes.....	3,000 00
Assessments, drainage works .....	10,000 00
Assessments, insurance companies .....	3,000 00
Assessments, removal of patients .....	6,000 00
Total .....	\$3,121,972 80