

Meeting of the Government House Committee this morning, Messrs. Dryden, Howland, Marter, Haycock, McEwen, McPherson and Ferguson being present. Mr. Howland submitted a report of the proceedings up to date of the sub-committee appointed to investigate the history of Government House. It was mainly composed of an examination of Mr. Kivas Tully as to his knowledge of Government House, and of the repairs which have been needed to the building. Hon. John Beverley Gibson was then examined at considerable length as to his experience while holding office, and as to usage in other states and countries. His position was that the House is practically a sort of diplomatic centre, by means of which the courtesies of the Province are extended to distinguished visitors, associations meeting in Toronto, etc., and he gave a number of instances in which such courtesies had been extended and a favorable impression made upon the visitors, as to the resources and extent of the Province. Great stress is laid by the Imperial Government upon such hospitality, he said, and in the states of the Union much greater state is maintained. The salary should be \$20,000 to entertain in a proper manner, he said, and he added that the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, with \$10,000 salary, does five times as much entertaining, etc., as the Governor-General, with \$50,000 salary.

#### PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE.

At the Private Bills Committee this morning, the bill to incorporate Port Carling into a town was taken up. After a good deal of discussion, it was decided to grant it incorporation as a village. The bills to consolidate the debt of the County of Huron, to confirm by-law No. 25,007, Wingham, to consolidate the floating debt of Alliston, and respecting St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, were also passed with amendments.

#### NOTES.

Mr. Thomas Gibson, M.P.P., who was suddenly taken ill in the Private Bills Committee yesterday, is rapidly improving, and will probably be out again in a day or two.

Prof. Mills of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, was in the Buildings yesterday in reference to the rebuilding of the Chemical Laboratory which was burned down a few days ago. The laboratory will be at once rebuilt, and in view of the demand for more space will be made a storey higher. Part of the old walls will be utilized in the re-construction.

The Public Accounts Committee met this morning, but did no business further than to look over a number of accounts and order some more to be laid on the table.