

the liability of private lunatic asylums, gold cure institutions, etc., for taxes, and to make them taxable.

Mr. Meacham's bill to amend the municipal act provides that where a disclaimer has been filed by a person elected a member of the Council there shall be a new election instead of the next highest candidate taking the place of the disclaimant.

Mr. Haycock's bill respecting the Ontario medical act is the same as the second of his two bills of last session, and cuts in half the fees now charged by the Ontario Medical Association for registration and examination.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to-day to authorize the Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park to grant certain lands to the Suspension Bridge Company.

During the reading of the bills Mr. Howland rose to a question of privilege. He referred to a report which appeared in The Toronto Star of Wednesday's debate on Mr. Crawford's anti-remedial legislation motion, in which an analysis of the vote was given, stating that it showed that there had been 51 members in favor of Sir Oliver Mowat's amendment, 21 in favor of Mr. Crawford's motion, and 15 in favor of Mr. Whitney's amendment, and going on to make the mistake of saying that the division list showed those figures. This latter statement Mr. Howland declared was a particularly gross breach of the privileges of the House, and he denounced it in strong terms as a wilful misrepresentation. The matter was so grave that he thought the House should take notice of it; but, as he hardly knew at present what form the action of the House should take, he would ask the House to let the matter rest for a few days.

A BAKESHOP BILL.

The Government has acted promptly in the matter of the grievance of the journeymen bakers. Mr. Dryden's bill respecting bakeshops provides that all bakeshops to which the act applies shall be constructed as to lighting, heating, ventilating and draining in such a manner as not to be detrimental or injurious to the health of any person working therein, and shall also be kept at all times in a clean and sanitary condition, so as to secure the production and preservation of all the food products thereof in a good, wholesome condition. It is further provided that all bakeshops shall have proper conveniences, to be entirely separate from and not in direct communication with the bakery, and to be kept in a sanitary condition. The sleeping places of employees are to be entirely separate from the bakery, and no person is to be allowed to sleep in such shop. Fire escapes are to be provided. No employer shall require, permit or suffer any employee in any bakery to work more than 60 hours in any one week, except by permission of the inspector, given in writing to the employer. The inspectors appointed under the Ontario factories act are to be inspectors under this act. The penalty for violation of the act is \$20 to \$40 for the first offence, \$50 to \$100 or imprisonment up to 30 days for the second offence, and for third and subsequent offences imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Hon. Mr. Gibson laid on the table to-day the report of the Ontario Agricultural College for 1895. It is a volume of over 400 pages, and is profusely illustrated with photogravures of buildings and drawings of grasses and insects. The report of the President, after stating that the work during the year was satisfactory, refers to the unique position the college holds among educational institutions, having wholly to rely on its merits. The number of students in attendance was 250—150 in the general course and 100 in the Dairy School. Of those in the general course exactly 80 per cent.—nearly all farmers' sons—were from Ontario. Six of the 100 dairy students were non-residents—four from Quebec and the Eastern Provinces, one from the United States, and one from Wales. The average age of students in the general course was 20 years, and of those in the dairy 23 years. The Presbyterians lead in point of numbers in the general course, while the Methodists are most numerous in the dairy course. The establishment of a preparatory department in July last has enabled the college to make a more satisfactory classification of students. The report also contains the reports of the various departments, showing the progress made during the year.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Meacham—Bill to amend the respecting territorial divisions of Ontario.

Mr. Marter—Bill to amend the drainage act.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee this morning the papers relating to Central Prison maintenance for 1894 were laid on the table. Mr. Matheson moved for the details of travelling expenses of Messrs. James Noxon, \$200; R. Christie, \$183.26, and T. F. Chamberlain, \$1,050. Mr. H. K. Smith, Belleville, game inspector, was, on motion of Dr. Willoughby, ordered to appear before the committee next Tuesday. Mr. Haycock moved for a detailed statement of the Central Prison receipts, amounting to \$200,183.18.

The Select Committee re Government House held a short meeting this morning, with Sir Oliver Mowat in the chair. Mr. Kivas Tully, Government engineer, gave evidence. He said that Government House building cost \$105,237.77 in 1870. Since then the expenditure for alterations and additions, up to December 31, 1894, has been \$78,528.09, making a total expenditure to that date, exclusive of repairs, of \$181,860.86.

Mr. Marter submitted a detailed statement of the expenditures under the various heads in connection with Government House, which he had prepared. This was submitted to Mr. Tully for verification, he to report the result next week.

A BONUS BILL.

The Private Bills Committee met and passed the act ratifying the sale of the Wentworth County Jail to the City of Hamilton for \$35,000; also an act empowering the trustees of St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, to borrow \$7,000.

The third bill considered was one authorizing the City of Hamilton to pay over the bonus of \$225,000, which they voted to the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway. The bill is being urged through by the company through their solicitor, Mr. H. Carscallen, Q.C., but they found considerable opposition. The creditors of the company, including Bracey Bros., who constructed a portion of the Welland Division, object to the passing of the bill unless a clause is inserted to provide that the bonus money shall be deposited in the Bank of Hamilton in trust, so that the creditors may have a lien on it for \$85,000, which they claim the railway owes them. Mr. J. V. Teetzel, Q.C., spoke on behalf of Bracey Bros. The tunnel which was constructed under Hunter street is also complained against by the residents, who say that it has depreciated the value of their property. For this they sued the railway and got judgment. The company have appealed and entered a suit. The Hunter street people now want a clause inserted in the bill providing that the judgment they received shall be final, so as to avoid further litigation. Their cause was championed by Mr. J. W. Nesbitt. Mayor Tuckett was present on behalf of the city. The discussion was finally postponed until Wednesday next.

NOTES.

A deputation of Police Magistrates composed of Messrs. A. W. Ross, Walkerton; J. P. McKinley, Ridgeway; W. H. Lowe, Wellington, and Philip Heaslip, Gananoque, waited upon the Government this afternoon and urged that the present practice of paying Police Magistrates in places of less than 5,000 population by fees be discontinued and payment by salary substituted. They pointed out that under the present system a Police Magistrate's fees depend on the result of the case, and maintained that this was not in the interests of justice.

A delegation from the Board of Governors of the Kingston School of Mining and Agriculture, including Mr. E. J. B. Pense and Mr. G. Y. Chown, waited upon the Minister of Agriculture this morning and asked him to assume the yearly maintenance of the Dairy School established in Kingston in 1894.

The Hon. Mr. Dryden promised to give their request due consideration.