

for persons registering plans to notify the clerk of the local municipality.

HOTEL INSPECTION.

The following strongly-worded circular has been sent out by Mr. Henry Totten to the License Commissioners of the Province:—"On previous occasions circulars have been addressed to you setting forth that the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada had brought to the notice of this branch several matters to which you were asked to give your consideration and attention. It was represented that in not a few licensed hotels, patronized by members of this association, the outside closets and inside lavatories were in a filthy and unhealthy condition; that the sleeping apartments were indifferent in accommodation and kept in an uncleanly and slovenly manner; that the sample rooms were poorly lighted, heated and untidily kept. You were particularly instructed to make most careful inquiry as to the truth of these representations, with the view of removing all causes of complaint. A delegation of the above-mentioned association recently waited upon this branch, and urged that there was still much to be done in improving the sanitary condition of not a few of our hotels. Special mention was made of the unhealthy condition of the urinary and closet accommodation. I am directed by the Hon. the Provincial Treasurer to again point out to you that, in the interests not only of the association and the travelling public, but on sanitary grounds generally, it is your duty to see that there shall be no cause for complaint in this regard in future, and that all licensed hotels in your district shall have proper accommodation in every respect. It is hoped that it will not again be necessary to call your special attention to this matter. A special report will be required from you not later than the first day of May next, advising this branch of the sanitary condition of the hotels in your district."

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts Committee assembled shortly after 10 o'clock this morning with a large attendance of members. Hon. Mr. Harcourt called Mr. Fred. Williams, shipping clerk at the Central Prison. Mr. Marter objected, saying that the arrangement was that he was to have Warden Lavell recalled. Mr. Harcourt replied that he would only occupy a few minutes with Mr. Williams, after which Mr. Marter could have the balance of the hour. This arrangement was satisfactory to Mr. Marter, but in the meantime Col. Matheson came in and on seeing what was going on proceeded to move in amendment that the Warden be called. The chairman replied that he could not do that, as the matter had been settled before he came in. The colonel became very wroth, and exclaimed:—

"If I can't get justice here I'll leave the room."

"Good bye," shouted several members as the colonel passed out.

The examination of Mr. Williams was then proceeded with, the prices of a large number of supplies used at the institution being brought out. These prices, when compared with those of the Kingston Penitentiary as elicited in Warden Lavell's evidence, showed a very substantial difference in favor of the Central Prison.

Dr. Lavell was then recalled by Mr. Marter. He refuted the statement made by Messrs. McCulloch and Harkness yesterday as to the poor quality of beef supplied at the penitentiary. He thought the evidence impugned his honesty, but said such meat might have been supplied before he became warden.

The doctor's evidence was then concluded, and on behalf of the committee Mr. Davis, the chairman, thanked him for the information he had so courteously supplied. The committee will sit again Tuesday morning.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Reid (Addington) is introducing a bill to amend the Separate Schools act. It provides that no person shall be deemed a supporter of a Separate School unless he resides within three miles by the nearest public road to the site of the schoolhouse. At present supporters of Public Schools must reside within three miles in a direct line from the schoolhouse.

Mr. Tucker is bringing in a bill to amend the assessment act, which provides that it shall not be necessary for Township Clerks to send a copy of the roll every year to the County Clerk unless required to do so by the County

Council or by the County Judge, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment, but the Township Clerk shall send a summary statement every year to the clerk of the county, showing the population of the municipality and the total assessment of the various classes of property liable to assessment therein.

The Attorney-General's bill consolidating the act respecting the solemnization of marriage will incorporate the amendments made by the act, already noticed in the newspapers, introduced by the Attorney-General a few days ago.

Mr. Richardson's bill to amend the municipal act contains some provisions for taking a vote on questions submitted to the vote of the ratepayers by the Council other than money by-laws.

Mr. Harty's bill to confirm the agreement relating to Osgoode street, Toronto, confirms an agreement made between the Law Society and the city and the Crown. The agreement recites the procuring of a site for the erection of a drill hall, and provides for the closing of Osgoode street and the closing of the street by the Dominion Government, and extending the fences to be erected around the drill hall grounds, but the street is to be reopened at any time upon the written request of any of the parties to the agreement with the Law Society and the Ontario Government. Proper gates are to be made, and paths are to be provided to allow the Law Society and the Ontario Government access to Osgoode Hall on foot or with horses and carriages, and members of the Law Society and students are to be allowed the use of the space for recreation purposes, subject to the proper restrictions connected with the drill hall.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

The Public Accounts Committee held an important meeting this morning, when the prices and quality of the supplies at the Kingston Penitentiary were gone into still further. Warden Lavell continued his testimony, and was examined again by Mr. Marter. At the conclusion of his evidence Hon. Mr. Harcourt called Messrs. R. T. McCulloch and Samuel Harkness, two Kingston gentlemen,

who were familiar with the meat supplied to the penitentiary and also to the asylum here. Both gentlemen had been engaged in the butchering business for many years, and had seen the meat supplied both institutions. They had no hesitation in saying that the meat supplied the asylum was worth at least \$2 a hundred more than that supplied the penitentiary. Mr. Harkness said he had for many years purchased the beef for the latter institution, and had got an inferior article. The committee will meet again tomorrow at 10 o'clock.