

By Mr. Willoughby, in the absence of Mr. Carnegie—What portions of the Algonquin and Rondeau Parks are under license as to pine and other timber, and when were any licenses issued?

Hon. Mr. Hardy replied that licenses have been issued for the whole of the Algonquin Park except 165 square miles, and licenses for that might be issued at any time. The license covered only the pine timber.

By Mr. Matheson—What is the average rate of interest payable by the Province on the annuities sold in 1897?

Hon. Mr. Harcourt replied that the average rate is 3.24 per cent.

By Mr. Brower—Has Mr. Daniel McCrea been appointed to lecture on tuberculosis among cattle? If so, is Mr. McCrea a veterinary surgeon? Or has he had any previous particular experience as a lecturer? What salary does he receive?

Hon. John Dryden replied that Lieut.-Col. David McCrae of Guelph, to whom the inquiry referred, studied veterinary science under Dr. Andrew Smith and Dr. McEachran while attending the University of Toronto before the Veterinary College was or-

ganized, but has never practised. He is not a veterinary surgeon, but has made a special study of tuberculosis, and has been employed for several years as a lecturer at Farmers' Institutes, and has been authorized to lecture on tuberculosis and to practically demonstrate the use of the tuberculine test. He receives no regular salary, has not a permanent appointment, and receives the usual fee for institute lectures when lecturing.

By Mr. Matheson—Is it true, as reported in The Orillia Times of November 25, that, contrary to the resolution of this House of March 17, 1897, Dr. N. H. Spohn, the surgeon of the Provincial Reformatory at Penetanguishene, took an active part in a Reform convention held at Orillia, forming one of a Committee on Resolutions, and speaking in support of one of the candidates; also that, as reported by The Orillia Packet of November 25, there were present as members of said convention Messrs. Blaney and Martin, Division Court bailiffs, and Archibald Thompson, farmer at the Orillia Asylum, who also signed a circular as President of a township Reform association, and also two keepers of the Orillia Asylum? And is it the intention of the Government to dismiss these officers for disobedience of the resolution of this Legislature?

Hon. Mr. Hardy said he was unable to speak from knowledge of the facts. He thought it possible, however, that some of the officials referred to came within the exception from the application of the resolution referred to, inasmuch as they did not derive their entire living from their office. In regard to Mr. Thompson and the two keepers at the Orillia Asylum, they are persons whose whole time should be occupied, and communications would be addressed to them upon the subject.

Hon. Mr. Davis added that he had received information from Mr. Thompson, stating that he attended the meeting for the purpose of resigning the office of President of the Reform Association. The two keepers were present, but took no part in the meeting.

They were off duty at the time, having been on duty the night before.

By Mr. Matheson—What is the amount of railway certificates issued during 1897, and what cash payment do they represent?

Hon. Mr. Harcourt in reply said that it amounted to \$2,000 per mile for three sections of ten miles each.

The Arbitration Awards.

Mr. Matheson obtained an order of the House for an address to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a return of copies of all awards made by the arbitrators on the accounts between the Dominion and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec from and inclusive of the award of 1870, and copies of all judgments given on appeal from the decisions of the arbitrators, together with copies of all correspondence, reports and orders in Council and other papers not already brought down, touching the arbitration between the Provinces, with a statement of all expenses thereof since the appointment of the present arbitrators, already paid, and an estimate of those remaining unpaid, if any, so far as expenses are concerned.

Among the large batch of petitions presented were a number in favor of amendments to the license law, and also one from the Christian Endeavorers of Lambton County, seven yards long, asking for an amendment to the Lord's Day act.

e Notice of Inquiries.

Mr. Crawford—Monday next—Inquiry of Ministry:

(1) What is the total amount that has been paid by the Province of Ontario during the past ten years for printing, stationery, supplies and material of every description to the firms of Warwick Bros., and Warwick Bros. & Rutter, Toronto?

(2) What was the total amount paid the above firms for paper?

(3) What was the value of type and other materials supplied to the above firms by the Government of Ontario during the past ten years?

(4) What is the amount that has been paid by the Government of Ontario for stationery purchased from and supplied by the above firms during the past ten years?

Mr. Matheson—Inquiry of Ministry: What is the present value of the railway certificates outstanding discounted at the rate of 3.24 per cent., and also discounted at the rate of 3 per cent.?

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Notices of Motion.

Mr. Ryerson—Monday next—For leave to introduce a bill to amend the assessment act.

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A Stratford Deputation.

The Government was waited upon today by a deputation from Stratford representing two sides of a dispute about