

ture has already gone in order to obtain the desired accuracy in their financial affairs. However, he has no doubt that the new books will pave the way for great improvements in municipal bookkeeping.

The Cause of Labor.

A deputation, representing the Executive Committee of the Trades Congress of the Dominion which met in Hamilton in September last, waited upon the Government to-night and made four requests, the granting of which they claim will advance the interests of

labor. It was composed of Messrs. D. A. Carey, President; Geo. W. Dower, Secretary; John Flett and Charles March. The deputation was accompanied by Mr. Middleton of Hamilton. The Government in the first place were urged to appoint local factory inspectors in such cities as Hamilton so as to obviate the necessity of sending an inspector from Toronto when occasion arises. The second request was that in order to better secure the secrecy of the ballot the number should be removed therefrom. The third proposal is that the Government shall include in its trades-mark legislation the union label, following in this respect the example of the Dominion Government. Finally the deputation entered a protest against the two-acre farm land exemptions in cities.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Magwood—Inquiry of Ministry: What is the amount of fines collected in North Perth for the violation of the liquor license act, between Sept. 1, 1896, and Sept. 1, 1897? Also the amount collected from the same source during the same time in South Perth, also the amount collected from the same source during the same period.

Mr. Carnegie—Inquiry of Ministry: Is it the intention of the Government to grant the usual bonus given to colonization roads during this session to a road which it is proposed to build between some point on the Haliburton division of the G. T. R. and the Village of Minden?

Mr. Haggerty—Inquiry of Ministry: Has the Government at any time received any information or notice that the Ontario, Belmont & Northern Railway had not paid for right of way or any part of it? From whom was such notice or notices received, if any, and when? Was the bonus paid previous to such notice; if not, why paid until such right of way was settled for?

Mr. Stratton—Bill to amend the municipal act.

Mr. Taylor—Bill to amend the ditches and watercourses act.

Mr. Richardson—Bill to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

Mr. St. John—Inquiry of Ministry: Re loan corporation act. (1) The number of corporations that have registered under the act? (2) What is the aggregate amount of fees paid? (3) What is the total expense incurred by the department in working the act? (4) To what fund has the surplus, if any, been applied? (5) Have any companies failed to register under the act, and, if so, what is the number of companies doing business in the Province that have not registered under the act? (6) Has the Government taken any action against defaulting companies?

Mr. Kerns—Inquiry of Ministry: What is the total amount that has been paid by the Province of Ontario since Confederation for paper, stationery and supplies of every description to the firm of Wm. Barber & Bros., or when R. Barber, paper manufacturers, Georgetown; also the payments in each year? Have such supplies been furnished by tender; if not, how?