

bye-elections which may intervene before the following general election.

Mr. Barr—An act to amend the registry act. The amendment, among other things, provides that no mortgage shall be executed unless the full amount thereby secured on the liability on indebtedness thereby covered is plainly stated in dollars and cents.

Mr. Davis—An act to amend the prisons and asylums act. At present there are nearly two hundred institutions which have to be inspected at least twice in each year. The amendment provides for one inspection annually, and more frequently if necessary, or if so directed by the Minister in charge.

Mr. Stratton—A bill to amend the municipal act in regard to junk shops. This provides for the revoking of the license where the dealers are convicted of a second offence against the by-law, or are convicted under section 25 of the criminal code.

Mr. Garrow—on Monday next—Bill to amend the assessment act.

Mr. Crawford—On Monday next—Bill to regulate the overcrowding of street cars.

#### Inquiries.

Mr. Whitney—On Monday next—Inquiry of Ministry: (1) What are the names, residences and postoffice addresses respectively of the persons who acted as deputy returning officers in the West riding of the County of Huron at the recent bye-election there, and for what polling subdivisions did they respectively act? (2) What was the date of each such appointment as deputy returning officer? (3) Were any of such appointments made in substitution of other appointments previously made, and, if so, which of said persons were so appointed in substitution for others? (4) When was each such appointment in substitution made, and for what reason was each such substitution made?

#### The Estimates.

The estimates for 1899 provide for an expenditure of \$3,409,567 73, of which \$3,172,461 34 is on account of current expenditure, \$214,231 on capital account and \$22,875 39 on refund account. The following is a summary of the amounts asked for on account of current expenditure for the several departments of the service for this year and the amounts asked for similar service in 1898:—

Services.	1899.	1898.
Civic government.....	\$253,185 00	\$258,442
Legislation .....	105,200 00	127,100
Administration of justice .....	442,796 64	439,242
Education .....	730,862 35	730,107
Public institutions maintenance .....	805,782 00	815,139
Immigration .....	7,075 00	10,325
Agriculture .....	204,217 00	202,919
Hospitals and charities .....	182,566 98	184,584
Main. and rep. of Gov. and dep. bdgs.....	77,530 37	79,840
Public buildings—		
Repairs .....	10,860 00	17,560
Public works—		
Repairs .....	21,401 00	12,400

Charges on Crown		
lands .....	153,975 00	169,645
Miscellaneous expenditure .....	127,010 00	208,100
Unforeseen and unprovided .....	50,000 00	50,000

Total .....\$3,172,461 34 .....

The estimates on capital account are as follows:—

Public buildings.....	\$106,629
Public works.....	26,102
Colonization roads.....	81,500

Under the item of civil government, which includes the salaries in the various departmental offices, a saving of \$5,257 is effected, of which \$3,450 is in the Public Works Department alone. The Departments of Crown Lands and Provincial Secretary also show material reductions, the saving in the first-named being \$1,720 and in the latter \$1,225. There are decreases in every department save four, viz., the Lieutenant-Governor's, Executive Council, Treasury and Agriculture, where small increases totalling \$1,615 are asked for. The large reduction under the head of legislation is contributed to by the reduction of \$11,600 in members' indemnity and mileage, \$5,000 in stationery and \$6,000 in the cost of sessional clerks, etc. The slight increase in the cost of administration of justice is accounted for by the growing needs of Thunder Bay, Algoma and Muskoka Districts. The grant for public and separate school education is increased by \$105, and that for high schools remains stationary. The needs of the School of Practical Science rendered an increase of \$600 necessary. The chief items of reduction under the head of "public institutions maintenance" are the asylums at Kingston and Orillia and the reformatory at Penetanguishene. At the Kingston Asylum a reduction of \$1,720 is made in expenses. At the Asylum for Idiots at Orillia by a reduction in the staff and also in expenses a saving of \$4,150 is effected, and at the Penetanguishene institution a saving of \$3,170 has been brought about by the same means as at Orillia. The Department of Immigration will have to get along this year without the aid of maps and literature, which last year cost \$2,000, and the allowance for incidentals has also been cut in half. The larger portion of the entire vote is for the expenses of the agent in Liverpool, Eng. In the Agricultural Department the estimate for administration of the San Jose scale act has been increased by \$2,500, and an addition of \$300 has been made to the Swine-breeders' Association grant. The Western Dairy School grant has been reduced by \$500. There is a net increase of \$424 in the amount asked for the Ontario Agricultural College, and a decrease of \$965 in the appropriation asked for the farm proper, which is entirely accounted for by the increase in estimated revenue from the farm. There are reductions in permanent improvements on the