

Ontario should be placed under the control of the Dominion, so as to relieve Ontario from questions of liability for interest which have been raised by Quebec. The Dominion expressed its readiness to treat the transaction in regard to Ontario as forming part of the general unsettled balance due by Ontario. As regards Quebec, Ontario has discharged its liability. Of the amount in question, viz., \$63,812 67, three-fifths of it will be credited to Ontario and two-fifths to Quebec, and Ontario will hereafter each half-year receive interest at 5 per cent. on its three-fifths share.

Returns Ordered.

Mr. Matheson moved for an order of the House for a return of copies of all papers and documents in relation to the proposed contract for public printing, including specifications, tenders and a comparative statement showing the different tenders for each item of the specification and the estimate of quantities required. Also the total estimated amount of each tender. Order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence, if any, between the Queen's Printer and the heads of departments as to preparation of specifications for contract for public printing. Also of all reports, if any, of expert printers as to details of said specifications, and also of all other correspondence appertaining thereto, or to the letting of the contract on conditions required from the contractor. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Carscallen's question relating to the investment of money or funds of infants in courts, and a motion for a return of moneys on deposit in the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, were allowed to stand, at the request of the Attorney-General.

Mr. Matheson inquired whether the Public Accounts Committee will be called for next Saturday.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt replied that he understood it has never been called until the debate on the budget is concluded. Immediately upon its conclusion it can be called.

Mr. Marter inquired when the Private Bills Committee will meet.

Hon. Mr. Gibson replied that the committee will be called on Tuesday next to appoint days for the consideration of certain bills that are on the list.

Hon. Mr. Hardy pointed out that the order paper was exhausted of inquiries and motions, and suggested that the debate upon the budget be resumed.

Mr. Whitney objected that the understanding last night had been that there would be no debate to-day.

Hon. Mr. Hardy explained that, not having been in the House when it adjourned, he was not aware of any understanding to that effect.

The order for resuming the debate having been reached was called by the Speaker, and Mr. Barr (Dufferin) moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned.

For Consumptives.

A deputation waited upon Hon. E. J. Davis, Provincial Secretary, and Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, this morning, in reference to the Gravenhurst Sanatorium for Consumptives.

It included D. E. Thomson, Q. C., W. E. H. Massey, Hugh Blain, Ambrose Kent, Edward Gurney and Drs. Powell, Davidson and Elliott. The deputation was introduced by Dr. Bridgland, M. P. P. for Muskoka, and the object of the visit was to secure, if possible, increased grant per capita for the hospital, because of the length of time necessary for the cure of tuberculosis. Mr. W. E. H. Massey made an offer of \$2,500 to establish a bacteriological laboratory in connection with the institution, and the Government was requested to make an annual grant of \$1,000 towards its maintenance. The Ministers interviewed promised to lay the matter before their colleagues.

A Tax on Mines.

At the present time, when the Government is considering means of supplementing their revenue, it is pointed out that the British Columbia Legislature in May, 1896, passed a law under which a tax is leviable on the output of all the mines in the Province. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, the amount collected was \$29,788 64, while in 1897-98 it was \$36,061 35. Le Roi contributed in the two years \$6,124 92 and \$7,528 45; Silver King, \$2,679 10 and \$4,411; War Eagle, \$1,953 23 and \$269 53; Slocan Star, \$3,552 46 and \$1,299 93; Payne, \$2,409 04 and \$5,922 56; Idaho, \$1,637 40 and \$898 81; Ruth, \$700 27 and \$2,273 96; Reco, \$1,350 75 and \$1,378 58; Cariboo Hydraulic Company, \$1,229 69 and \$1,327 67.

The Smallpox Situation.

Dr. Bryce, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, has been notified of the existence of fifteen cases of smallpox at St. Louis. The source of infection is unknown. In Wolford Township the Health Officer reports all the cases in the Brown family convalescent. Unfortunately the nurse sent from Ottawa to attend to these cases is reported as sickening with the disease. The Hawkesbury cases are still confined to the families in which the disease first appeared and it is not expected that the disease will spread. Alexander Amault, of Morrisburg, one of the Frenchmen who escaped from quarantine, is still at large. His period of incubation expires on February 22.

Notes.

Messrs. Conmee (West Algoma) and Russell will address the Young Liberal Club at Paris on Monday evening.

Mr. J. R. Stratton (West Peterboro') will address the electors at Mitchell and Mr. Graham (Brockville) will speak at St. Mary's on Monday evening.