

paid capital of the larger amount, calculated on the basis of the results in recent cases where attempts had been made to realize upon that class of security.

Hon. Mr. Gibson advised Mr. Osler to amend the preamble, showing that as far as the courts are concerned the Judges have approved of the amalgamation, and that no one interested has appeared to oppose the bill.

As two of the directors appointed by the bill have died since it was drafted. Mr. Osler asked to have a clause inserted covering the emergency, but the Chairman advised that the change be made when the bill is in Committee of the House.

After a protracted discussion, the committee deferred action until further information is furnished.

Neglected Children.

The report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children, which was presented in the Legislature this afternoon by the Honorable E. J. Davis, is one of the most interesting volumes issued by the Government departments. It covers about one hundred and twenty pages, and deals with every phase of the child-saving problem. Additional interest is given by the fact that there are quite a number of illustrations demonstrating the importance of the work. Societies for the protection of children have been organized in four new districts, homes have been found for more dependent children than in any former year, a larger amount of preventive work has been done, and the greater efficiency that comes with experience has to some extent been realized. The number of children provided with foster homes during the year was two hundred and twenty-five, in addition to a very large preventive work by which the condition of children was improved without removing them from parental control. There are now 828 children recorded as making good progress in foster homes throughout the Province under this law. Of this number 373 are boys and 455 girls.
