

to the courts, and, pending the decision, it would be unwise to allow these bills. The other speakers were Rev. Mr. Scanlon, Ottawa; Messrs. McGregor and Richards, Caledonia; Rev. Mr. Moore, Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. Smith, London. The Caledonia men brought a petition signed by two-thirds of the ratepayers of that village against the Hamilton & Caledonia Railway running on Sunday. The Premier dismissed the deputation with a compliment to Rev. Principal Caven on the way he had presented the case, and an expression of his regret that the whole Legislature had not heard the arguments advanced.

Live Stock Breeders.

The Government was this afternoon interviewed by an influential deputation of Ontario live stock breeders who asked for a grant of \$1,000 towards extending interprovincial trade in live stock. It was pointed out that in Manitoba and the Northwest and in the Maritime Provinces the Ontario breeders have to contend against United States competitors, and the former are likely to lose those markets unless they are able to get some assistance. One of the objects desired to be carried out is the more extensive circulation of breeders' lists so as to bring buyers and sellers in closer touch with one another. The deputation were promised a careful consideration of their request, and the opportunity was taken by Mr. Dryden to express hearty appreciation of the good work in which the breeders are engaged.

Respecting Coroners.

Mr. Lumsden introduced a bill providing that where the cause of death occurred in one municipality and the death took place in another municipality, the fees and all charges in connection with the inquest paid by the latter are to be repaid by the municipality in which the cause of death occurred, and the same shall be recoverable by action.

Public Schools Act.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to amend the public schools act. It provides for notice being given to the Clerk of each of the municipalities in a union school section of the amount determined upon as the contribution of the municipality to the union school funds for the year. It also declares that where there is more than one assessor for a municipality, the Mayor or Reeve shall say which of them shall act with the assessors of other municipalities in determining proportion of fund of union to be contributed by each. The bill also makes the Inspector act as arbitrator where assessors do not agree, instead of appointing someone else to act.