

that the tax should be made proportionate with the output. In this way the larger brewers would pay an increased and juster tax than under the old or the now-proposed provisions. Hon. Mr. Hardy in reply said the Government had found that they had no powers to tax proportionately to the output. He asked if the brewers present had taken into consideration the possibility of increasing their output. To this Mr. Grainger replied that there was no field for an increased output in the districts the small brewers operated in. As a matter of fact, owing to the agitation for prohibition their output at the present time was one-half less than under the Scott act. Hon. Mr. Hardy promised that the views of the deputation would receive consideration.

Provincial Appointments.

The following appointments have been made by the Government:—Samuel David Thore of Matilda Township, County of Dundas, to be issuer of marriage licenses, vice Alexander Brown; Robert B. Maw, Division Court Clerk, Commanda P.O., to be Division Registrar for the unorganized Townships of Gurd, Pringle and Patterson, in the District of Parry Sound, vice William Carmichael, resigned; James Gillies, French River P.O., to be Division Registrar for the French River District, including the unorganized Townships of Mowat, Blair, McConkey and Hardy.

Charcoal Iron Smelting.

There are two industries in the Province which will be in a position to take advantage of the Government's policy for the development of charcoal iron smelting. They are the Deseronto Blast Furnace and the Canada Furnace Company, which has just started operations at Midland. The payments to them are to be made in consideration of the fact that they use charcoal fuel, which will give employment to a great many men in this Province.

Mines Act.

Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the mines act also makes the prices and rentals of mining lands uniform all over the Province. The prices are graduated according to the distance of the lands from the railway, and as to whether they are surveyed or unsurveyed. In the case of mining rentals, after a lessee has held his location for ten years, and paid all the usual rents and performed all the development conditions, he is entitled to a patent. He is thus given ten years in which to pay for his land at a very slight advance in cost.

Killing of Deer Allowed.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the game law repeals the clause in the present act prohibiting the killing of deer in the water. The change is believed to be in accord with the views of the great majority of hunters in the Province.