

Portland, while the farmer of Port Huron was only charged 22 cents. It all showed the lack of oversight of both the Dominion and the Provincial Governments over the railways. Railway subsidizing was a fruitful source of corruption, and he believed that so long as railways were subsidized and organizers were able to approach those who received grants and receive money for campaign purposes, just so long would the corruption of the electorate last. He would give these facts to the Premier in response to his request for suggestions from the Opposition. In respect to the colonization roads of the Province, Mr. Hoyle expressed the opinion that their condition did not justify the money expended upon them. He believed the policy of the Opposition in respect to this matter would have given infinitely better results. He thought much was lost by the employment of partisan officials. The speech from the throne had referred to the increase in the number of insane. Mr. Hoyle asked why the Government did not utilize for the purpose the old college building at Cobourg which they had bought. The administration of justice was costing the Province far more than any benefit which it conferred, and if ever a reform was urgently needed it was in this direction. A great reform could be effected by reducing the existing paraphernalia. Mr. Hoyle concluded with an eloquent reference to the brave Canadian soldiers now in South Africa, men who were inferior to none now contending for British rights, worthy sons of noble sires. (Cheers.)

#### Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell (East Hastings) was the last speaker before adjournment. He expressed pleasure at the prosperity which existed everywhere in Canada, and which was greater than ever before. He believed there were very great resources in the northern part of Ontario. There was a great source of wealth in the inland waters and lands, and he hoped the Government and those interested in promoting the James Bay Railway would push forward the work. The Government had done much to foster agriculture, and deserved much credit for that. He was glad to note contemplated improvements in the courts of the Province. He hoped the Attorney-General would go forward in this direction, because a great many things required to be remedied, in order that the people might obtain justice more cheaply and more conveniently. Regarding corruption, Mr. Russell said the members should unite in doing all in their power to put it down. He did not believe the best results could be obtained from drastic measures.

Mr. Lucas moved the adjournment of the debate.

#### Notices of Motion.

Mr. Whitney will ask for a return showing the salary paid to Mr. John Hoskin as Official Guardian, and the number and names of the clerks in his department, and the salary paid to each by the Government. He will also move for a return of copies of all correspondence between the Attorney-General's office and County Crown Attorney D. J. Donahue or any person in the latter's office during the months of Ap-

ril and May, 1899, relating to West Elgin election matters.

Mr. McLaughlin gives notice of a bill to amend the drainage act.

#### San Jose Scale Act.

An amendment to the San Jose scale act, which will be of great importance to the fruit growers of the Province, has been prepared, and will shortly be introduced by the Minister of Agriculture. Under the provisions of the act at present the only method of ridding the country of the pest is by destroying the trees.

The change proposed will be in the direction of providing for the treatment of the scale by chemical process, a method which has been persistently urged on the Government during the last year by the fruit growers of the Niagara district in particular. The growers have found the destruction of the trees a great loss to them, and in view of the opinion which exists in many well-informed quarters that the chemical treatment will check, if not eventually kill, the scale, it has been deemed advisable to insert this provision in the act. The intention is to have the treatment done under Government supervision, and in view of the tendency of the scale to spread, provision will be made for compulsory treatment, or otherwise destruction without compensation.

#### The Speaker's Dinner.

The following gentlemen were invited by Mr. Speaker to meet his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at dinner last evening: His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, Vicar-General McCann, Chief Justice Sir George Burton, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. Richard Harcourt, Hon. John Dryden, Hon. E. J. Davis, Hon. F. R. Latchford, Hon. J. R. Stratton, Hon. Wm. Harty, Mayor Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., Hon. L. M. Jones; Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, President C.P.R.; Mr. Chas. M. Hays, General Manager G.T.R.; Mr. C. F. Sise, President Bell Telephone Co.; Mr. G. H. Bertram, M.P., Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., Mr. J. Ross Robertson, M.P., Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the Opposition; Mr. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., Col. Matheson, M.P.P., Mr. J. J. Foy, M.P.P., Mr. A. Miscampbell, M.P.P., Mr. T. Crawford, M.P.P., Mr. H. Carscallen, M.P.P., Mr. E. A. Colquhoun, M.P.P., Mr. T. A. Wardell, M.P.P., Dr. R. A. Pyne, M.P.P., Mr. W. H. Hoyle, M.P.P., Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P., Mr. A. B. Thompson, M.P.P., Mr. J. Conmee, M.P.P., Mr. R. Ferguson, M.P.P., Mr. W. J. McKee, M.P.P., Mr. E. C. Carpenter, M.P.P., Mr. J. A. Auld, M.P.P., Mr. C. F. Farwell, M.P.P., Col. F. B. Leys, M.P.P.; Mr. W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., Mr. W. M. German, M.P.P., Mr. A. Pattullo, M.P.P., Mr. A. Lumsden, M.P.P., Mr. J. R. Barber, M.P.P., Mr. G. P. Graham, M.P.P., Mr. F. F. Pardee, M.P.P., Mr. J. W. Holmes, M.P.P., Mr. O. Guibord, M.P.P., Mr. T. H. Preston, M.P.P., Mr. C. D. Bowman, M.P.P., Mr. John Dickenson, M.P.P., Mr. T. L. Pardo, M.P.P., Mr. J. B. Lucas, M.P.P., Mr. A. T. White, M.P.P., Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., Mr. W. R. Beattie, M.P.P., Mr. S. Russell, M.P.P., Mr. W. J. Hill, M.P.P.,