

Interprovincial Arbitration.

Mr. Matheson moved for a return of copies of all awards made by the arbitrators between the Province and the Dominion since January 1, 1893. He said millions were involved in these awards, and that the awards of the arbitrators had destroyed the contention that there was a surplus. Premier Ross replied that the documents were included in a journal of the House now in the printer's hands.

Does he live in Toronto?

Mr. Thompson, in moving for a return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of Donald McNiven, as a fishery officer for Lake Simcoe, informed the House that, notwithstanding the statement of the Minister of Public Works, his information was that Mr. McNiven lived in Toronto when appointed, and had lived here ever since. He asked how he could be expected to serve the interests of the people of Barrie. The motion passed.

Mr. Hoskin's Salary.

Mr. Whitney secured an order for a return showing the salary paid to Mr. John Hoskin as official guardian; also the number and names of the clerks in his office and the salary paid them by the Government; also the amounts of other emoluments, if any, paid to Mr. Hoskin as official guardian by the Government for the year 1899.

The New Cobourg Asylum.

In reply to Mr. Barr's motion for a return showing the number of lunatics confined in the county jails of the Province, Hon. Mr. Stratton said that from a statement prepared on February 28 there were shown to be 66 lunatics and about 15 idiots in the jails, for whom the Government had been unable to provide asylum accommodation. It was the aim of the Government to care for these unfortunates so far as possible. It was the intention of the Government, Mr. Stratton said, to have the old college building at Cobourg refitted so as to accommodate about 300 patients. The department hoped to have placed there, perhaps by the close of the year, all the senile patients now in the asylums. They would probably also arrange to turn the institution at Penetang into an asylum for the criminal classes, while a portion of one of the other asylums might be used for the epileptic portion of the community. The House had from time to time granted liberal aid for the construction and maintenance of public institutions, and perhaps with the exception of the Brockville asylum it had all been unanimous.

Discussion on Mr. Pattullo's resolution, that the House viewed with disfavor the bonusing tendency, was fixed for Wednesday next, in spite of the protest of Mr. Whitney against devoting a day to the discussion of "two recitals and a platitude."

The House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Mr. Campbell's New Position.

A very important change has been made in regard to the office of Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road Instruc-

tor. The title of Provincial Engineer of Highways and Colonization Roads has been bestowed upon that gentleman, and in addition to his present duties he will henceforward have supervision of plans and specifications relating to colonization roads. In return for the addition to his duties, Mr. Campbell's salary has been increased from \$1,750 to \$2,000. His office has been attached to the Public Works Department, and in future he will be under the direction of Hon. F. R. Latchford, Commissioner.

Reformatory for Boys.

The estimates contain \$30,000, part of which is a revote, for the erection of a reformatory for boys in the County of Oxford, which will take the place of the present institution at Penetanguishene. The sum now set apart will not cover the entire cost of the new building, which will be fully \$50,000. In addition there will be the cost of equipping and furnishing the reformatory. The building will be located between Woodstock and Ingersoll, but the exact location has not yet been determined. At the close of the present session of the Legislature the Government will settle upon the site and then order the building operations to proceed. It is hoped to have the work of construction well under way by the end of the coming summer.

Spraying Operations Dropped.

Judging from the estimates for 1900, the vote for spraying in connection with fruit growing has been discontinued. Evidently it is considered that the fruit growers should now be in a position to put to practical use for themselves the instruction which has been given for a number of years past.

No Grant for Dairy Building.

It is considered unlikely that the application for \$5,000 for a dairy building at the Toronto Industrial Fair will meet with any success. The application has aroused considerable opposition among country members, who claim that the Toronto Exhibition is being built up at the expense of other shows in the Province.

Dairy Products.

The \$1,500 provided for dairy school instruction is to be divided equally among the eastern and western associations. It is given with the distinct understanding that the money shall be expended in educational work to improve the quality of dairy products.

Pharmacy Act.

Mr. Harcourt's bill to amend the pharmacy act changes the dates of the meetings of the Pharmacy Council for the granting of certificates from the first Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday in August to the first Monday in each of these months. There are provisions dealing with the qualification of apprentices. Each apprentice, after the passage of the bill, will have to pay \$1 fee in registering, and he is to produce a certification from the Education Department, or other evidence satisfactory to the Council, showing that he has matriculated in arithmetic.