

a cent a mile; the other roads have not, locally or otherwise, though I am hopeful still that some arrangement may yet be made for better terms than we now have.

Kingston's Technical Classes.

A deputation from Kingston waited on the members of the Government last evening to ask for financial assistance toward the formation of technical classes in the collegiate institute of

that city. The deputation, which was introduced by Hon. Mr. Harty, included:—Mr. E. J. B. Pense, The Whig; Principal Ellis of the collegiate institute, Prof. Dyde and Mr. Geo. Y. Chown of Queen's University, and Mr. Thomas Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Education. It was pointed out by the speakers that for four or five years there had been technical classes in the public schools of the city, with the result that there are now a large number of boys ready to graduate therefrom, with no place to go to continue their work. Assistance had been promised from the city and other sources to the extent of \$1,500, and a like amount was asked from the Government. The work would be carried on in the present collegiate building.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt expressed his delight at hearing of the progress of technical education in Kingston, and said for his own part he would be very glad if their request could be met. He said Ontario had in the past paid too much attention to book education, and not enough to subjects of a practical kind. Col. Gibson endorsed Mr. Harcourt's statements, and said the Government, in dealing with the matter, would have to act in a way compatible with their general policy.

Dined at Government House.

The following gentlemen were invited to dine at Government House last evening:—Lieut.-Col. Bruce, Lieut.-Col. Clarence Denison, Rev. Principal Caven, Mr. Walter Cassels, Q.C., Mr. Justice Falconbridge, Mr. Justice Rose, Capt. Sutton, R.C.D., Capt. Taylor, Mr. Z. Lash, Q.C., Mr. Frank Fleming, Mr. A. P. Cockburn, Mr. James Henderson, Mr. Samuel Bastedo, Mr. Fallis, M.P.P., Mr. Ferguson, M.P.P., Mr. Fox, M.P.P., Mr. German, M.P.P., Mr. Guibord, M.P.P., Mr. Hislop, M.P.P., Mr. Hoyle, M.P.P., Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., Mr. Kribs, M.P.P., Mr. Little, M.P.P., Mr. Lucas, M.P.P., Mr. Malcolm, M.P.P., Major Miscampbell, M.P.P., Mr. Whitney, M.P.P., Mr. Farwell, M.P.P., Mr. Foy, M.P.P., Mr. Gallagher, M.P.P., Mr. Graham, M.P.P., Mr. Hill, M.P.P., Mr. Holmes, M.P.P., Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., Lieut.-Col. Leys, M.P.P., Mr. Joynt, M.P.P., Mr. Loughrin, M.P.P., Mr. Lumsden, M.P.P., Lieut.-Col. Matheson, M.P.P., and Mr. Kidd, M.P.P.

Notes.

Mr. Hill has introduced a bill respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited. The principal provisions are that the name may be changed to Toronto Suburban Railway Company; that passengers refusing to pay their fares may be put off a car, and also confirming agreements with the Township of York, the Village of Weston and the Town of Toronto Junc-

tion.

Mr. G. P. Graham gives notice of a bill to amend the municipal act. It is intended to remove ambiguities in the Conmee law, so as to render more workable the provisions enabling municipalities to acquire electric light plants. The amendments are among those suggested by the Ontario Municipal Association.

A deputation, headed by Mr. G. P. Graham, M.P.P., waited upon the Government Wednesday and secured the promise of the payment of \$800, arrears due to the County of Leeds and Grenville, in connection with the administration of justice in the county.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt yesterday heard a deputation from Ottawa concerning the vexed question of the apportionment of high school moneys in cases where there were towns or cities separated from counties; also one from Fort William, asking for assistance in the establishment of a high school there.

A deputation, comprising Hon. F. R. Latchford, Ottawa; Messrs. W. H. Bigear, Q.C., Belleville; I. B. Lucas, M.P.P., Owen Sound; S. F. Lazier, Q.C., and W. F. Burton, Hamilton; A. Lumsden, M.P.P., Ottawa, and others, waited on the Attorney-General yesterday and requested that the Government in their appropriations for libraries of county law associations fix the amount having regard to the amount of business done at each point, and the number of active members of the profession in the association. Hon. Mr. Gibson promised to accede to their request.

THE PRIVATE BILLS.

Explanations of and Comments Upon Some of the Measures Before the Legislature.

The bill relating to St. George's Church, Ottawa, (No. 17), is to enable the rector and church wardens of St. George's Church, Ottawa, to issue debentures to the amount of \$14,000, the proceeds of the sale thereof to be applied in payment of a mortgage secured upon the church and church lands, the debentures virtually taking the place of the mortgage. The church and lands are charged with the payment of the debentures so to be issued, and the interest on the debentures is made a first charge upon the rents of the vestry pews. The debentures to be issued are to be made payable, a proportionate part in each year, or at the end of a term of years; in the latter case a sinking fund to be raised yearly is made compulsory.

Under the act respecting the property of religious institutions, R.S.O., chap. 307, sec. 27, s.s. 6, it is required that the lands above referred to shall not be encumbered except with the consent of the vestry of the church and of the Bishop of the diocese and the Executive Committee of the Synod of the diocese. The preamble to the bill recites the consent of the vestry, but is silent regarding the other requisites required to be observed under the section; it ought in view of the sale of the debentures to include a recital of such consents in the preamble. Under the church temporalities act, 3 Vic., chap. 74, the soil and freehold of the church is vested in the parson or other incumbent, the possession thereof in the incumbent and church wardens. The church wardens are, under sec. 6 of the