

the beets so grown in order to obtain accurate knowledge of their suitability for the manufacture of sugar. The sum so set apart to be paid in accordance with regulations to be adopted by order in Council in that behalf."

#### Preserves Their Franchise.

The Attorney-General introduced a bill to provide that members of the Canadian contingents now on duty in South Africa shall not be deprived of the franchise in Ontario by reason of their absence.

#### Guards Against Evasion.

Premier Ross introduced a bill to amend the succession duties act. It provides against the evasion of the act by the creating of liabilities which deduct from the value of the estate to be assessed.

#### The Missing \$400.

Premier Ross informed Mr. Thompson (Centre Simcoe) that the \$400 loss in the Treasury Department occurred on August 3. The loss was discovered a few moments afterwards. The money was in the hands of a messenger, who was not a bonded officer of the Government. A Provincial detective was employed on the case, but it was not known yet whether the money could be found or not.

Hon. Mr. Dryden, replying to Mr. Jessop (Lincoln), said it was impossible to say how many settlers were sent to Ontario by Mr. P. Byrne, agent at Liverpool.

#### Vacant Waterloo Offices.

Replying to a question presented by Mr. Kribs (South Waterloo), Hon. Mr. Gibson said the offices of Sheriff and Registrar had been vacant since the death of the last incumbent. The delay in making the appointment was due to the difficulty in making a selection where there were so many available applicants. It was not true that the Government had promised the Registrarship to Mr. John D. Moore.

#### Dangers From Infected Cattle.

A motion by Mr. Barr (Dufferin) for an order for a return of correspondence between the Government and any party or parties respecting the prevention of tuberculosis provoked a short discussion. Mr. Barr said tuberculosis caused 10 per cent. of the deaths of the Province. There was great danger of the spread of the disease from infected cattle, and he urged the appointment of inspectors in every city and town in the Province.

Hon. Mr. Dryden admitted the importance of the matter. He said he did not believe the destruction of infected cattle would accomplish the end desired, as the germ would frequently be left in the stable for others, while sometimes cattle very slightly affected and not dangerous would be destroyed under that rule. The Government had manufactured tuberculin at the Ontario Agricultural College for testing purposes, while they had also endeavored to educate the farmers up to the dangers of tuberculosis.

Mr. Kidd (Carleton) denied that the Government had faithfully educated the people to the dangers of the disease. He declared that the animals

should be slaughtered. The order was then discharged.

Mr. Pyne (East Toronto) secured an order for a return giving information as to the number of hours employed, the wages and sanitary conveniences of female employees in factories. Mr. Pyne said there were many girls working in factories in Toronto unusually long hours, and their sanitary facilities

were not as good as they should be. Hon. Mr. Dryden replied that no complaint came from the women themselves.

#### License Inspectors in Stormont.

Mr. McLaughlin, in moving for correspondence respecting the appointment of two license inspectors in the County of Stormont, said two such officials were unnecessary. The County of Prescott, which contained eleven municipalities, only needed one inspector, yet the Government kept two inspectors in the County of Stormont, where there were only five municipalities. This entailed a needless expenditure, which came directly out of the pockets of the taxpayers in the County of Stormont.

Hon. Mr. Stratton pointed out that in the license district of Cornwall there was a population of 13,000, and Cornwall Town was rapidly growing. He understood that there was need for a vigilant supervision owing to the proximity of canal works employing many men. There was an Indian reserve in the neighborhood, which was said to be troublesome, and people, it was complained, came from across the river to get liquor. During the last five years no less a sum than \$1,053 had been collected in fines for violations of the act. However, he would look into the matter, and if two officials were found to be unnecessary there would be no ground for further complaint on that score.

Mr. Whitney said Cornwall was a very orderly town, and the public works in the neighborhood did not affect the necessity for the employment of a license inspector.

#### Already Provided For.

Mr. McLaughlin's bill to amend the drainage act was withdrawn, as it involved a charge upon the treasury. Moreover, the subject is already covered by the measure introduced by the Premier to aid the drainage of swamp lands. Mr. McLaughlin's proposition was that when the cost of any drainage work exceeded the sum of \$1,000, one-half of the cost of the construction and maintenance of the outlet portion of the work should be paid by the Government.

#### Insurance Policies.

Mr. Eilber (South Huron) introduced a bill to enable farmers' mutual insurance companies to issue policies for a period of five years instead of four years, as at present. The object of the bill was to effect a saving in agents' fees and to simplify bookkeeping.

Hon. J. M. Gibson said the bill was entirely opposed to what was considered sound principles by the Inspector of Insurance and those who had experience in such matters. The policy of the Insurance Department was to reduce