

basis of an attack upon the administration of the liquor license law by the commissioners throughout the Province. Instead of occupying a judicial position the license boards were political bodies.

Hon. Mr. Stratton pointed out that Mr. Lucas wished to enact a provision which was repealed in 1884, after ten years' experience, on the ground that it had the effect of greatly harassing the license holder. The law in its present form had been in force since 1884, and not a single case of negligence or illegal issue of a license had reached the department. It was proper, therefore, to leave well enough alone. The department proposed to consolidate the liquor license law during the coming year, and he suggested that Mr. Lucas, therefore, let his bill stand.

Mr. Marter declared that it was known from one end of the country to the other that the license department was a machine to keep the Government in power.

The motion for a second reading was declared lost on a division.

Stationary Engineers.

Mr. Carscallen moved the second reading of his bill for the inspection of boilers and the examination and licensing of stationary engineers. In doing so he pointed out the existence of such a law in Great Britain, in Quebec, Manitoba, and most of the States of the Union.

Hon. Mr. Ross said the bill was far-reaching in its effect. If enacted it might need an army of inspectors, and in every county a Board of Examiners. It was a serious thing that loss of life should result, however, and he would be willing for the bill to go to a special committee. Evidence might be taken upon matters which were at present in doubt, and a bill might be reported before the session closed.

The motion carried, and the House adjourned at 10.25.

Home for Consumptives.

The Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Premier, and other members of the Ontario Government received a deputation at noon yesterday, comprising W. J. Gage, Hugh Blain, Ambrose Kent, J. J. Crabbe, Dr. Wm. Britton, Dr. N. A. Powell, Dr. Angus McKay, M.P.P., W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., and others, on behalf of the interests of the Muskoka Cottage Home for Consumptives. The deputation was introduced by Dr. Bridgland, M.P.P. Addresses were delivered by W. J. Gage, Hugh Blain, Dr. Powell, Dr. McKay, and W. A. Charlton. The Government was asked to grant aid for the carrying on at Gravenhurst a well-equipped laboratory for the investigation of tuberculosis, and for an increased rate of allowance for the patients treated at the Muskoka home. The excellent and important work done at Gravenhurst was specially referred to by some of the speakers who were well acquainted with the institution. Mr. Gage stated that the Government of Nova Scotia had introduced a bill to establish in that Province a sanatorium for consumptives, and provided \$15,000 therefor, and Mr. Blain mentioned that plans are now being prepared for the erection of a new building at Graven-

hurst for the accommodation of consumptive patients who are unable to provide for their own support.

Dined With the Governor.

The following gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dine at Government House last evening:—Mr. Justice Lister, the Mayor of Toronto, Mr. C. H. Ritchie, Q.C., Mr. S. H. Janes, Mr. R. M. Wells, Q.C., Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Mr. Joseph Tait, Mr. Yarker, Mr. E. T. Malone, Mr. Justice Burbidge, Mr. Audette, Lieut. Burnham, R.C.R.I., Mr. O. A. Howland, Major Young, R.C.R.I., Mr. A. R. Boswell, Q.C., Mr. George S. Crawford, Major Heward, R.C.D., Mr. Yarker, and the following members of the Legislature:—Mr. Nelson Monteth, Lieutenant-Colonel Mutrie, Mr. Donald McDonald, Mr. McKee, Mr. Pardee, Mr. Pattullo, Capt. Powell, Dr. Pyne, Mr. William Reid, Mr. Robson, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. White, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Macdiarmid, Dr. Angus McKay, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pardo, Mr. Pettypiece, Mr. Preston, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Russell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Truax and Mr. Wardell.

Ottawa Granted Investigation.

Mayor Payment, Aldermen Champagne, White and Davis and City Solicitor Taylor McVeity, accompanied by Berkeley Powell, M.P.P., yesterday morning waited upon the Government and asked for the appointment of a commission to enquire into the alleged irregularities in connection with the civic finances of Ottawa. It was pointed out that an investigation by a civic committee has been made, but it has failed to reassure the public mind and charges of wrongdoing against civic officials to be bruited about. A judicial commission was therefore desired in order that there might be an impartial investigation and all suspicion set at rest.

The Attorney-General pointed out that the Provincial municipal auditor was empowered to take evidence under oath, and it was then agreed that this official should make an audit and conduct an investigation.

A Colonization Railway.

A deputation from Sturgeon Falls was introduced by Mr. John Loughrin and asked for a grant of \$3,200 a mile towards the construction of a colonization railway from the termination of the C.P.R. at Sturgeon Falls to Lake Temagami, a distance of forty miles.

On behalf of the Occidental Syndicate of Capitalists of London and others, Mr. Miller Lash said that if the aid asked for was granted the railway would be built.

The deputation were told that their application would be considered.

Maintenance of Roads.

Tuesday a deputation of County Councillors from Oxford waited upon the Premier and urged that the roads receiving Government aid be maintained on the county system. Yesterday a deputation representing the Township of Oxford saw the Premier and expressed an ex-