

Division Court New Trials.

Mr. Carscallen (East Hamilton) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Division Courts act by permitting a new trial where the amount involved is \$100, instead of only where it is over \$100, as at present; and also providing that where there is a jury the place of trial may be changed to another division in the same county or in a division of another country. The bill was read a second time.

The House adjourned at 4.50.

Hogs for the Northwest.

A considerable movement of thoroughbred hogs is now going on from Ontario points to the Northwest for the improvement of the stock in the Territories. The breeds are chiefly Tamworths, Berkshires and Yorkshires. Mr. A. P. Westervelt, Secretary of the Live Stock Association, has been engaged in buying the hogs, which are purchased directly for the Government of the Territories. Mr. Westervelt went to Guelph last night to make further purchases, and hopes to send forward about 225 animals this week. The most of the stock goes to the vicinity of Calgary.

Charter Revoked.

The charter of the Vermillion Mining Company, holders of a strip of land west of Sudbury, has been revoked by the Government because of their non-compliance with the regulations in the way of development. The revocation of the charter has been under consideration for some months, and is in no way connected with a notion which Dr. Pyne has on the order paper, as was alleged by a morning paper on Saturday.

Vermillion Charter Cancelled.

The charter of the Vermillion Mining Company has been cancelled by the Government. It was taken out in 1897, when the company acquired between 2,000 and 3,000 acres of nickel lands. It was stipulated at the time, however, that should no development work be done within a specified period on the lands so acquired the charter should be forfeited. Complaints were made to the Government that the company had done nothing under their charter, and these statements, having been verified,

action has been taken as announced. The Government acted so promptly as to anticipate any sale of the lands by the company and the consequent escape from forfeiture, had such been in contemplation. If the lands are sold again they will be made subject to the condition that the refining must take place in this country. It is said that the stock of the Vermillion Company is held by the shareholders of the Canadian Copper Company and that the latter attach little importance to the lands of the former. The Canadian Copper people are reported to have stated that, although thoroughly tested, the lands are not worth developing. If that is the case, then the action of the Government is of comparatively little importance. By other authorities, however, the lands are considered to be of almost fabulous richness.

New Rapid Transit Company.

The bill of the Toronto Elevated Railway Company has been redrawn after undergoing considerable amendment. The title has been changed to "an act to incorporate the Toronto Rapid Transit Company," and instead of asking for power to construct and operate elevated railways and surface street railways within a radius of 30 miles of the city, as well as in Toronto itself, the promoters now do not seek to go beyond one mile from the city limits. In the first bill power was asked to operate by "either steam or electric power or any other motive power, or partly by steam and partly by electricity." This is now restricted to "by electric power or any other power." Provision is made for the submission to the people of the question of the expediency of operating elevated railways in Toronto. Should the vote be favorable the company can operate, subject, however, to such agreement as may be made with the municipality.

Notes.

A deputation from the City Council of Brantford will wait upon the Ontario Government to-morrow and urge that a grant be made in aid of works for the prevention of floods from the Grand River.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has agreed to the same reduced rates as last year for the shipment of stock to the Winnipeg and Brandon Fairs, to be held in July. These rates are a fare and one-half for the return trip, which amounts to \$72 for one way.

Hon. J. R. Stratton will invite the members of the Legislature to pay a visit of inspection to the Central Prison this week.

The following License Commissioners have been appointed for West York:—David Norton, John Hass, Jonathan T. Farr.

A deputation from Sudbury will wait on the Government, probably to-morrow, to ask for a bonus towards the construction of a railway from Sudbury to Lake Temagami and also from Sudbury to the Georgian Bay.