

Col. Leys, the member for London, spoke of the large investment the City of London had in the existing steam railway, which City Solicitor Meredith, who followed, said was not even paying now. Dr. Wilson, ex-M.P., St. Thomas, pleaded the cause of the bill, and said London wanted to take advantage of St. Thomas.

The committee then voted on the preamble, which was defeated on a straight party vote of 15 for to 22 against.

Central Prison Accounts.

A quorum was not present at the Public Accounts Committee yesterday, so an adjournment was made until Tuesday, when Inspector Noxon and Mr. T. O. Anderson, accountant, will be asked to explain some accounts relating to the Central Prison.

Beet Root Sugar.

A quantity of seed forwarded by the Scottish syndicate of capitalists who have been interesting themselves in the cultivation in Canada of beets suitable for the manufacture of sugar has reached the Ontario Department. It will be sown in two plots of fifty acres each, under the direction of Professor Shuttleworth. One of the plots will be in the vicinity of Aylmer, Elgin County, and the other in the County of Welland.

Municipal Expropriation.

The sub-committee of the Municipal Committee appointed to consider suggested amendments to the Conmee act met, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Graham of Brockville, and decided to recommend these changes in the law:— To give municipalities the option of having the principal and interest of their debentures payable in equal annual instalments, instead of the principal only; to allow municipalities three weeks instead of one in which to accept or reject an offer or award; and to make it optional for a municipality and a company to agree on a single arbitrator, other than the official arbitrator. The sub-committee have thus adopted the amendments contained in Mr. Graham's bill.

Notes.

James S. Robinson of Kingston has been appointed Clerk of the First Division Court of Frontenac, vice William Robinson, resigned.

Invitations are out for a dinner to be given by Hon. J. M. Gibson and Hon. E. J. Davis on Wednesday, 18th inst.

INSPECTION BY TOWNSHIPS.

A Strong Protest Against Mr. Dickenson's Milk Proposition — Port Stanley Bill Again Thrown Out.

A bill of great importance to cities was considered by the Municipal Committee yesterday. It was that of Mr. Dickenson amending the municipal act so as to provide that the inspection of cow byres shall be done by the Local or Township Boards of Health instead of by the city officials. Mr. Dickenson

defended the bill, pointing out the unreasonableness of city officials regulating this element of farm produce. The bill met with strong opposition. City Solicitor MacKelcan of Hamilton and Mr. Wilkes, representing the Brantford Board of Health, pointed out the lack of machinery for inspection in the townships, and also that the cities

would be therefore practically forced to accept whatever quality of milk the vendors cared to offer.

Mr. Hill declared there was a fine system of inspection in the Township of York, which needed no person from the city to inspect the dairies.

After some further discussion City Solicitor Caswell of Toronto said there were 900,000 people in Ontario receiving milk from outside municipalities. In Toronto 72 cases of scarlet fever were traced to one dairy and 33 cases of typhoid to another. They inspected 274 places outside of Toronto.

Mr. Carscallen declared the present inspection imposed no hardship on the milk producers.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Pyne and others the bill was laid over until Tuesday, when Dr. Bryce will be asked to appear and give his opinion on the question.

MUST TAKE OUT LICENSES.

Hon. Mr. Stratton's Bill to Exercise Oversight Over Dominion and Foreign Corporations Doing Business in Ontario.

The Hon. Mr. Stratton introduced an important bill respecting the licensing of extra-Provincial companies. Hitherto corporations, wherever created, have not been prevented from freely doing business in Ontario without license or special permission, with the exception of insurance companies and loan companies, which, under existing legislation, have for a number of years past been compelled to take out a license before doing business in the Province.

The class of extra-Provincial corporations required by the bill to take out a license before doing business in Ontario are those created by or under authority of the act of the Dominion of Canada and authorized by their own charter to do business in Ontario; and those created by or under other legislative authority. The latter include all foreign corporations.

A distinction is made in the bill between these two classes. A Dominion corporation has a right to a license upon complying with the provisions of the act. With respect to the other corporations the Lieut.-Governor in Council has discretion to grant or refuse a license with respect to the whole or parts of its business.

The bill provides that no extra-Provincial corporation required to take out a license in Ontario shall do any business in Ontario without a license under a penalty of \$50 per day for each day upon which business is done contrary