

need of children's books and periodicals to send to the west was especially noted. The following are the officers of the association:—President, Miss Dickson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bruce Harman, Lady Taylor; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Yarker; Executive Committee, Lady Thompson, Mrs. Monro Grier, Mrs. Hollwey, Mrs. Stewart Gordon, Mrs. George Jarvis, Mrs. Leighton McCarthy, Miss Darling, Miss Dewar, Miss G. Boulton, Miss K. Homer Dixon, Miss Macdougall, Miss A. Osler, Miss Temple.

Wants Loan on Gift Land.

A prospective settler in New Ontario writes the Colonization Bureau from New Brunswick, asking if the Government will loan him \$500 to stock the free grant farm which he proposes to secure in New Ontario, and on the security of that land. Much as the Government prizes New Ontario land, no provision has been made for loans of this character.

There are now 67 petitions for private bills before the House, including the following:—

City of Toronto, asking power to acquire and operate the plant of the Consumers' Gas Company.

Western Hospital, Toronto, asking for bill enlarging power of directors.

City of Ottawa, asking power to issue \$50,000 debentures, also to reduce number of Aldermen to two per ward.

Town of Fort William, asking power to increase rate of interest on certain debentures from 4 per cent. to 4½ per cent.

Dundale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway, asking extension of time for completion of road.

Village of Kingsville, asking incorporation as a town.

Legislators at the Central.

A goodly number of the members of the Legislature visited the Central Prison yesterday and were entertained at luncheon by Warden Gilmour. The remaining members have been invited to visit the prison, and they will be entertained by the Warden to-day. Many industries are carried on in connection with the prison work, and a visit to this important institution is both attractive and instructive.
