

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16.

QUIET DAY IN LOCAL HOUSE.

Estimates to be Presented on Monday.

REQUEST OF VETERANS.

A Grant Asked For Monument in Portland Street Cemetery—Petition From the Salvation Army.

Very little business was transacted in the Provincial Legislature yesterday, the House sitting for a few minutes only. The estimates will be brought down on Monday, and the Premier will deliver the budget speech on Thursday, after which the real work of the session will commence.

Hon. Mr. Stratton, in reply to Mr. Ellber, said that a binder twine plant was in operation at the Central Prison, and binder twine therefrom was being placed on the market at a figure as nearly as possible to cost price.

Hon. Mr. Stratton, replying to a notice of motion by Mr. Barr (Dufferin), said that on the request of the member for North Toronto a return was brought down last session giving the names of all license commissioners and the amount of expenses allowed, also the name, salary, the county appointed for and the expenses allowed for license inspectors. Mr. Barr's question, he said, could be answered in full by the same return, as the details for the year just closed were precisely the same, with the exception of an increase of \$100 in the salary of the inspector for North Grey. He would furnish Mr. Barr with a copy of that return.

Mr. Barr said that such a return would be acceptable. He pointed out that the public accounts did not give

him the detailed information desired. He also asked who was the present inspector for the County of Dufferin.

Mr. Stratton replied that the occupant of the position was Mr. T. Brown. The former inspector, who had been given leave of absence to serve in South Africa, had returned to Canada in December, leaving for South Africa again in the following month. His resignation had been accepted, and Mr. Brown, who had temporarily occupied the position, had been permanently appointed.

Col. Matheson asked when the estimates would be brought down, and also wanted to know whether members would receive more than the one copy of public accounts so far supplied to them.

The Premier replied that the estimates would be brought down on Monday. As to the public accounts, he would see that further copies were supplied.

The House adjourned at 3.35.

Petitions Presented.

Mr. Crawford introduced the petition of the Men's Social Department of the Salvation Army asking for a grant of \$1,000 in connection with the work of the department. Mr. Marter presented a petition asking that responsibility of keeping in repair the Glen road bridge over the Rosedale ravine, which is about on the boundary line between the city and county, be fixed upon one or other of those municipalities or upon both. Petitions were also presented from the County Councils of Wellington and Hastings asking that the jurisdiction of the Division Courts be extended from \$200 to \$500 for signed documents, \$100 to \$300 for open accounts, and on claims for damages from \$60 to \$100.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Carscallen gives notice that on Wednesday next he will ask for copies of orders in Council and all other papers relating to agreements bearing the dates mentioned between the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the following parties:—The Sturgeon Falls Pulp Co., Limited, October 6, 1898; Marshall Jewett Dodge of New York and others, September 21, 1899; Elliott Weeks Langley, Toronto, April 14, 1900, and John Flett, Toronto, April 18. Colonel Matheson asks if the Government has advertised any sale of timber limits. If so, in what papers, when and where will the sale take place, what extent of limits are offered and where are they situated? Mr. Carscallen gives notice of a bill to amend the act respecting building societies and other loan corporations.

An Opposition Policy.

Speculation as to the policy which the Opposition will bring out during the session is being indulged in these days. A prominent member of the House is authority for the statement that Mr. Whitney and his followers will come out in favor of the appointment of county officials, such as sheriffs, registrars, etc., by County Councils, instead of by the Provincial Government, as at present. This has been urged in the past by members of the Opposition, and