

is of a piece with the cry frequently heard from the left of the Speaker that the Government were supported in their elections by an army of their own officials throughout the country. The members of the Opposition have already held two meetings this session, and it is evident that strenuous efforts

will be made to evolve a taking policy in preparation for the elections.

Requests By Veterans.

Two deputations of military veterans waited on Premier Ross yesterday. The first, headed by Colonel Milligan, represented his Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans. They asked for a grant of \$1,000 towards the erection of a monument in the Portland Street Cemetery to the memory of Imperial soldiers buried there, whom, they said, numbered over 800. They complained that the cemetery was being robbed of all its gravestones by vandals, and they wanted it to present a respectable appearance when the Duke of Cornwall and York visited Toronto. They proposed to spend from \$5,000 to \$7,000 on a monument, and reminded the Premier that he had already promised them \$500. They had been disappointed in their expectation of assistance from the 8th King's Own Regiment, many of whose former members were buried there, but that regiment has been almost annihilated in the South African campaign, and needed the money for the widows and orphans of the fallen men. The other deputation, headed by Mr. John Nunn, represented the ten-years' pension movement. They said that as Imperial soldiers their names were not included in the lists of the Canadian militia who are to receive land grants from the Legislature at this session. Mr. Nunn said there might be one hundred such men in the Province, and he thought they were entitled to equal treatment with the Canadian militia.

Inspection of Factories.

Factory Inspector Barber thinks that Ald. Woods should publicly retract a statement made last week regarding a Front street factory. The Alderman is reported to have said that 150 girls were employed in the building, which had only one staircase. The inspector finds that the building has three staircases running from the top of the building to the street, and one staircase from the top to the first story, giving connection with the other three stairways. He finds also that there are four fire ropes in the top story of the building instead of one, as the Alderman is alleged to have stated. He adds that the employees consist of 91 women and 56 men. The inspector yesterday examined the Truth building, Adelaide street, and finds that it complies with factory regulations. Several complaints had reached him regarding this building.

The Game Laws.

Messrs. J. A. Auld and T. L. Pardoe representing South Essex and Kent respectively, are asking the Government to shorten the quail season, which now extends from September 15 to November 15. They say that quail in their

respective districts are being rapidly exterminated. They also ask that the game laws be changed so that rabbits may be killed at all seasons of the year. The rabbit season now extends from September 15 to December 15. Chief Warden Tinsley does not favor the shortening of any of the game seasons, or any change in the game laws, and says that if the laws are strictly enforced there is no danger of game being exterminated.

Unexpended Railway Grants.

A return showing the various unexpended grants to railways by the Province of Ontario, the amounts authorized to be paid in cash subsidies (if earned), and grants of land in the Province (if earned) up to December 31, 1899, was laid on the table by the Provincial Secretary. The return embraces those lines to which grants were voted and to which money or land is still owing. In every case but one the whole amount is still unexpended, the exception being the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway, which had completed 35 miles of its line and drawn therefor \$105,000 out of its total grant of \$165,000. The votes to the James Bay Railway included a land grant of 5,000 acres to the mile, a total of 1,325,000 acres, and to the Ontario, Hudson Bay & Western similar assistance, a total of 1,200,000 acres. There have been no inspections of the Port Stanley, Strathroy & Port Frank and the Cobourg, Peterboro' & Marmora lines, and the grants have lapsed therefor. Of the total amounts \$3,056,900 remains unexpended, as follows:—

Railway.	Mileage.	Un-expended.
Bay of Quinte.....	30	\$ 90,000
Brockville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie	55	165,000
Central Counties	14	28,000
Central Ontario	21	63,000
Cobourg, Peterboro' & Marmora	13	26,000
Haliburton, Whitney & Mattawa	48	144,800
Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa.....	55	60,000
James Bay—		
Parry Sound to Sudbury	90	620,000
Sudbury to Lake Abitibi	175	
Manitoulin & North Shore.....	41	123,000
Northern & Pacific Junction	14	7,500
Ontario, Belmont & Northern	7	22,400
Ontario, Hudson Bay & Western	240	480,000
Ontario & Rainy Riv..	280	1,120,000
Port Stanley, Strathroy & Port Frank ..	10	20,000
Interprovincial bridge, Ottawa		50,000
International Railway bridge, St. Lawrence River		35,000

Neglected Children.

The report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children presented yesterday gives a very complete and interesting account of the work carried on throughout the Province by the various Children's Aid Societies and