

The Smallpox Outbreak.

Dr. McKay (South Oxford), in the absence of Mr. Smith, asked for a return giving full details as to the outbreak of smallpox since January, 1900, the sources of outbreaks, the action taken by the Government, the extent to which vaccination had been employed and the location of isolation hospitals.

Hon. Mr. Stratton said he had the information, and would give it at once, which he proceeded to do. He gave the number of cases which had occurred during 1900 in Essex, Middlesex, York, Simcoe, Lanark and Renfrew Counties and Thunder Bay and Algoma districts and Sudbury, and the causes of infection in each. In all there had been 118 cases in 35 districts. In the recent Toronto Junction, Port Arthur and Sudbury outbreaks there had been 44 cases, and on each occasion the disease had not been first diagnosed as smallpox, and many people had thus been subjected to infection. The department had required isolation and vaccination in the infected districts, and as a consequence there had been a general vaccination of the school population. In many of the mining, lumber and railway camps thousands of men had been vaccinated. The department had taken energetic measures at every point where outbreaks had occurred, and at present had two physicians at Sudbury. There were permanent isolation hospitals at Toronto, Ottawa, London, Collingwood, Port Arthur and Fort William, and temporary structures at Sudbury, Arnprior and other points. The information of the department at the present time was to the effect that the present outbreak was under control.

Hon. Mr. Stratton laid on the table a statement showing the bonds and securities registered in the Provincial Registrar's office during 1900.

The petitions presented yesterday included requests for measures of law reform from the united Counties of Northumberland and Durham, North Waterloo and Perth. Some twenty townships ask that the roads in the townships be placed under the control of County Councils.

Notes.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt will deliver an address to the teachers of Hamilton to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Pettypiece will address the South Perth Liberal Convention at St. Mary's to-morrow afternoon.

This is the most prosperous year in the history of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province. It is expected that the membership will increase from 19,000 to 25,000 before the season ends. The original draft of 700 meetings will have to be increased to 800 to meet the needs of the situation. The Halton Institute now leads, with a membership of 661, compared with 494 last year, and with 545 as the highest of any county last year.

Father Paradis of Verner and F. Moffatt of Ottawa called on Hon. Mr. Davis yesterday and asked that the Government survey and open up for settlement the Townships of Crerar and Gibbons, in the Nipissing district. Mr. Davis promised earnest consideration.

A deputation from the Men's Social Department of the Salvation Army will wait upon the Provincial Secretary on Friday at noon to ask for an annual grant of \$1,000 towards the work carried on by this department of the Army in Ontario. The objects of the Men's Social Department are to help men when out of employment to get work, and to assist them till such is obtained; to meet discharged prisoners and assist them, as far as human aid can help them, to keep from committing crime. Work on these lines has been carried on for twelve years.