

panies into the hands of a few. For instance, he found that the Canada Life Company, Senator Geo. A. Cox, President, invested in the stocks of the Canada Central Loan & Savings Company, of which the same gentleman was President. Legislation of this character was simply playing into the hands of men who desired to control all the financial companies of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Gibson—The bill was simply a re-enactment of powers that had existed for the past 40 or perhaps 50 years.

#### Everything Mismanaged.

Col. Matheson, continuing, accused the Government of having mismanaged everything, and declared that as soon as the people had an opportunity of expressing themselves at the polls they would be driven from power. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. Pattullo (North Oxford) moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

#### The San Jose Scale.

The Department of Agriculture is taking energetic steps for the checking of the San Jose scale, and to that end, through a committee, will be in a position shortly to fill orders for crude petroleum and whale oil soap of a very good class for treating infected trees. Applications should be sent to Mr. George E. Fisher, Freeman, Chief Inspector. Mr. Fisher has just addressed a circular to the fruitgrowers of Ontario, in which he speaks thus of the dangers now imminent from the San Jose scale:—

"During the past year the increase and spread of the San Jose scale in this Province have been very great, and in sections which are generally infested, such as to cause considerable alarm. Many growers now realize it to be a very dangerous enemy to fruit trees, and one which should be vigorously fought. The rapid increase, quiet and far-reaching distribution, together with its habit of getting beyond the reach of remedies, make it exceedingly difficult to combat. Orchards in which only a small portion of the trees were marked during the inspection of 1899 now have the scale on every tree, and many trees that were then but slightly infested are encrusted. All orchards in such sections are more or less affected, and growers have seldom discovered the scale in them till they have found it on the fruit. Considerable quantities of badly-affected fruit were discarded as unmerchantable, the keeping quality being seriously impaired by a severe attack, and in some cases the fruit was not even gathered from badly-infested trees."

#### Ranching Lands.

Mr. Southworth, Director of Colonization, continues to receive applications from all parts of the United States and Canada for ranching lands in New Ontario. The latest application comes from Idaho. Mr. Southworth has replied, as in other cases, that the Government regulations provide only for the selling of 160 acres. There are, however, some districts east of Port Arthur which contain broken lots of greater extent. If proof is furnished of financial ability and hon-

est intention of establishing a ranch the application might be favorably considered.

#### Notes.

A deputation from Tottenham, headed by Mr. William Wright, Simcoe, waited upon Mr. Harcourt this afternoon and asked for a grant towards a high school.

W. H. C. Roblin of Ameliasburg has been appointed Clerk of the 4th Division Court, Prince Edward County, vice William Delong, resigned. George Hartwell of Oakville has been appointed Bailiff of the 2nd and 5th Division Courts of the County of Halton.

A deputation from the Township of Eastnor, Bruce County, introduced by Mr. Bowman, M.P.P., waited on the Premier yesterday afternoon and asked for assistance in some drainage works, by the completion of which it is hoped to make 15,000 acres of land fit for cultivation. Already \$7,000 has been spent, but \$13,000 more is needed. The Premier asked that the Township Engineer be sent down to consult with him. There were present:—Reeve John Cook, Messrs. J. E. Campbell, Dr. Sloan, James Hunter, Peter Robertson and Wm. Chisholm.

#### SURPLUS IS NOW \$2,580,000.

#### This Year's Estimates Show a Decreased Expenditure—Details of the Financial Statement.

The following is a summary of the financial statement presented by the Premier:—

The details of the estimated receipts for the year 1901 are as follows:—

Subsidy .....	\$1,198,872	
Interest on capital held and debts due by Dominion .....	\$240,000	
Interest on Investments .....	50,000	290,000
Crown Lands Revenue .....	1,020,000	
Public Institutions Revenue .....	84,500	
Education Department .....	55,000	
Provincial Secretary's Department .....	75,000	
Casual Revenue .....	110,000	
Succession Duties .....	250,000	
Supplementary Revenue Tax .....	230,000	
Tavern and Brewers' Licenses ..	375,000	
Law Stamps .....	60,000	
Algebra Taxes .....	2,500	
Fisheries .....	35,000	
Assessments, Drainage Works .....	5,000	
Assessments, Insurance Companies .....	3,000	
Assessments, Removal of Patients .....	4,000	
Total estimated receipts .....	\$3,795,872	

#### This Year's Expenditure.

The following is the estimated expenditure for the present year:—

Civil Government .....	\$280,870
Legislation .....	132,700
Administration of Justice .....	454,639
Education .....	775,122
Public Institutions Maintenance ..	839,256
Immigration .....	4,825
Agriculture .....	202,842
Hospitals and Charities .....	192,531
Repairs and Maintenance .....	86,945
Public Buildings .....	240,623
Public Works .....	48,600
Colonization Roads .....	119,325