

Dr. Harvey Clear of Tweed has been appointed to succeed Dr. St. Charles as Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Orillia Asylum. Dr. St. Charles has been promoted, and will be connected with the Hamilton Asylum medical staff.

Several fishermen to whom inquiry was made have informed the Department of Fisheries that it is quite possible that the hybrid fish caught in Lake Simcoe were crosses between herring and whitefish. The Biological Department of the university are still deliberating on the subject, but so far have been inclined to discount this theory.

A deputation representing the County Council of Kent waited upon the Government yesterday and asked to have the drainage act amended so as to have all disputes taken before a drainage referee, and also to provide that there shall be no appeal beyond the Court of Appeal. The deputation consisted of M. H. Shipley, D. R. Farquharson, D. Fletcher and J. Ross. They were introduced by Messrs Pardoe and Auld, M.P.P.'s.

The Private Bills Committee met yesterday. In the absence of last year's Chairman, Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Hy. Russell, member for East Hastings, occupied the chair. Hon. Mr. Harcourt was re-elected Chairman, and the time for receiving private bills, which expired yesterday, was extended one week.

A deputation from Gore Bay waited upon the Attorney-General yesterday and asked for a grant towards the enlarging of the Court House there. The deputation included John Fraser, Mayor of the town, and E. L. Brazenor, J. R. McGregor and R. R. McKissock. They were introduced by Mr. C. F. Farwell, member for East Algoma. They pointed out that since Manitoulin Island has been created a separate judicial district the business transacted at the Court House has increased to an extent beyond the capacity of the building.

Alex. Fraser of Sandringham, Stormont County, waited upon Hon. F. R. Latchford yesterday and asked for assistance in the construction of a drain in the municipality of Roxborough.

THE CORPORATIONS' LOBBY.

Hold a Private Interview With the Premier With Regard to the Scrap Iron Assessment Appeal — Other Deputations.

The advance guard of the corporations affected by the repeal of the scrap iron assesment arrived at the Parliament buildings yesterday, and interviewed Premier Ross. There were present Messrs. W. H. Pearson, Managing Director Consumers' Gas Company; Nicol Kingsmill, C. A. E. Carr, Manager London Street Railway; Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., Hamilton, and several others. At the deputation's request the interview was private. The members of the deputation

had previously agreed to maintain a stiff silence with regard to their mission, and whenever one of them was suspected of giving anything

away, he was immediately warned by some of his associates. It was learned, however, that the object of their visit was to urge on the Government that the repeal of the scrap iron assessment be held over until next year, in order that the whole matter of assesment should be dealt with at the one time. It was contended that there were other corporations not affected, whose assesment needed revision as much as theirs. The interview lasted over an hour.

A deputation consisting of Mr. James Conmee, M.P.P., Port Arthur; D. C. Cameron, Mayor; W. A. Weir, President Board of Trade; John Dean, Councillor, and George Drewry, Vice-President Board of Trade, all of Rat Portage, interviewed Hon. E. J. Davis this morning. They asked the Government to assist them in improving the navigation on the Rainy River. With the aid of a few thousand dollars, they said, they could construct storage dams so as to make the river navigable for larger vessels.