

filing the annual statements for companies. The officers of the department state that while the provisions of this act have been fairly complied with, many hundreds of companies have not yet filed their statements, and are at present subject to the severe penalties prescribed by the act.

**Provincial Appointments.**

Mr. W. H. Mains has been appointed Chief Constable of the Ontario Police on the Niagara frontier, in succession to the late Thomas H. Young. Wm. McHattie has been appointed a member of the Ontario Police employed in the vicinity of the Niagara Falls and Fort Erie. Levi S. Lewis has been appointed Magistrate of the Village of Newboro'.

**School Board Amalgamation.**

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Marter, Pyne and Crawford, M.P.P.'s, and Inspector Hughes and Trustees Baird, Noble and Kent, of the Toronto Public School Board, waited on Hon. Mr. Harcourt yesterday afternoon and asked that the Government introduce legislation to provide for the amalgamation of the Toronto Public and High School Boards. The Minister of Education asked the deputation to have their solicitor prepare a bill embodying their request, and have it submitted to the House.

**Street-car Fenders.**

The City of Toronto will have a bill providing for a penalty of \$10 per day on each street car not provided with a proper fender. Hon. Mr. Latchford says that he is not contemplating any general bill on this question.

**Smallpox Increasing.**

The Provincial Health Officer was notified yesterday of a case of smallpox in Orillia. The patient is a traveller, who has just returned from Sudbury, and his case was diagnosed immediately on his arrival home. The Town of Sudbury is protesting against a smallpox camp being established in the vicinity. With the case at Orillia and another just reported from Cayuga, there are now 66 cases of the disease distributed through 25 centres.

**Central Ontario Railway.**

Mr. Robt. McCallum, the Government Engineer, has returned from an inspection of the Central Ontario Railway, which has now reached a point one and a half miles above Bancroft, Hastings County. He says that 140 miles of the railway, from Picton to Bancroft, are now completed, and that it will be carried on this spring and summer an additional forty miles to Whitby, on the Canada Atlantic. He says that there is lots of mineral wealth in that part of the country, and iron ore is being regularly shipped to Hamilton, and pulpwood is being brought down to the Kilgour pulp mill at Frankfort.

**Notes.**

The Private Bills Committee yesterday approved of a bill increasing the land-holding powers of the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton. The City of Belleville's bill regarding water-works debentures was laid over until Tuesday, in order to obtain some tech-

nical changes in the preamble. The city issued debentures for \$182,000, bearing interest at 3 per cent., but this rate was found to be too low to admit of their sale. They ask for powers to reissue the debentures at a rate not exceeding 4 1/2 per cent.

Chief Game Warden Tinsley yesterday received the head of an immense moose which had been killed illegally and confiscated by a game warden at Powassan, near North Bay. The antlers spread five feet seven inches, and the head will be mounted for the Pan-American Exposition.

The Principals of the three Provincial Normal Schools, Dr. McCabe of Ottawa, Mr. Scott of Toronto and Mr. Merchant of London, conferred with Hon. Mr. Harcourt yesterday with reference to normal school matters.

The Attorney-General gives notice of a bill to amend the trustees' investment act. Mr. Duff will inquire as to details connected with the beet-root sugar commission sent to investigate the industry in Michigan.

Mr. C. F. Farwell, M.P.P., and Mr. W. J. Thompson, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, yesterday interviewed the Provincial Secretary, who has charge of the Provincial Board of Health, and asked for assistance for the erection of an isolated hospital near the town of Sault Ste. Marie.