

Alien Labor.

In answer to Mr. Wardell's request relative to the employment of aliens on the Algoma Central Railway, Hon. Mr. Stratton laid on the table a return showing correspondence on the subject. There were only two letters, one from the Attorney-General to the Manager of the railway asking for the information desired, and a reply from the Secretary stating that the Manager was away, and the matter would be attended to on his return.

To Receive Royalty.

The first meeting of the Municipal Committee was held yesterday, Hon. Mr. Davis, on motion of Messrs. Dickenson and Marter, being unanimously elected Chairman. Mr. Davis suggested that members of the committee set their faces against any fanciful or unimportant amendments to the municipal act, as the feeling throughout the country was against so many changes. The members present concurred in this view. Dr. Pyne's bill authorizing municipalities to expend such sums as might be deemed prudent in the receptions to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York passed without amendment or objection. Several other bills were passed.

Private Bills.

In the Private Bills Committee a long discussion took place over the bill respecting the Napanee River Improvement Company, the terms of which have been rejected by the committee three years in succession. The bill asks that the Napanee River Improvement Company be forced to remove the dam at Petworth, which flooded 15,000 acres of land in Camden and Portland Townships and was injurious to the public health and damaged the roads. The Provincial Engineer reported that if some of the other dams were improved the trouble would be overcome. The bill was finally held over until to-day.

The Port Arthur bill to validate certain sales of tax lands, permitting the issuing of debentures for \$30,000 for the development of water power and increasing the number of heating and lighting commissioners was again before the committee, and was passed after some discussion.

Good Roads Committee.

The select committee appointed to consider the Premier's good roads bill met and organized yesterday. Mr. Pattullo was, on motion of Mr. Ross, elected Chairman. It was decided to call a number of persons familiar with the subject to give their opinions respecting the measure. The committee

will meet again on Thursday, and again on Friday, when it is intended to examine J. F. Beam, Black Creek, Vice-President; K. W. McKay, St. Thomas, Secretary Ontario Good Roads Association; C. E. Lundy, President, J. A. Ramsden, Secretary Municipal Good Roads Association; A. W. Campbell, Good Roads Instructor; A. F. Wood, ex-M.P.; Madoc; R. J. Jelly, Jellyby,

Warden, Leeds and Greenville; O. Brown, Delta and J. B. Sanders, Athens; delegation from Oxford County Council; E. Morris, Fonthill, Warden of Welland; Alex. Griffith, Fonthill, President Welland Good Roads Association; R. J. Rayborne, Whitfield, Warden of Dufferin County; J. W. Johnston, Mayor of Belleville; W. R. Aylesworth, Belleville; John Macdonald, Chatsworth, Warden Grey County; M. Richardson, M.P., Wm. Pattee, Carleton Place.

These men are selected on account of their official or representative position, and at the suggestion of members of the committee. The views of representatives of other bodies and interests will be received, personally or by letter, so far as the time of the committee will permit, especially those representing Township Councils who

have protested against any changes in road control. The names of Messrs. Graham and Carnegie were added to the committee.

The report of the Inspector of Insurance for 1900 has just been issued. It gives the figures relative to the risks of the various companies, and with the report of last year the comparisons are as follows:—Life insurance companies, \$; net amount of risks, \$2,547,947.09, as compared with \$6,085,564.24 in the preceding year, when the returns were given for four companies. The risks in the three classes of fire insurance for the two years are given as follows:—

	1899.	1900.
Joint stock companies.. . . .	25,585,680	15,390,897
Cash mutual companies.. . . .	87,562,589	91,369,024
Purely mutual companies.. . . .	125,685,881	183,370,823