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PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

LEGISLATURE WILL APPOINT DE-
PUTATION TO WELCOME HIM.

The Premier's Announcement—Sec-
ond Reading of the Prohibition
Bill Fixed For Tuesday Afternoon
Next—The Good Roads Bill.

Very little business was transacted in the Legislature yesterday, and there was no inclination to indulge in argument, the members evidently feeling tired after the exhausting committee work of the week. It is now intended that the prohibition bill will come up for second reading on Tuesday afternoon next.

Prince Henry's Visit.

Mr. Monteith (South Perth) asked if it was the intention of the Government to send a deputation to Niagara Falls to greet Prince Henry of Prussia on the occasion of his Royal Highness' visit to Canada.

The Premier replied that he had given instructions of a notice to be put on Monday's order paper for the drawing up of an address of welcome to his Royal Highness, and the appointing of a delegation to present the same.

The Premier introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the improvement of highways. With the consent of the House the bill was read a first and second time and referred to the Municipal Committee. The Premier explained that he desired to get the opinion of the committee as to the advisability of extending good road debenture issues to thirty instead of twenty years, and allowing County Councils to issue such debentures without submitting the same to the electors.

Hon. Mr. Davis, replying to Col. Matheson (South Lanark), said that a railway subsidy fund had been formed, under the provisions of 52 Vic., chapter 35, and amounted to \$39,539, and separate accounts were kept of the sales of lands within ten miles on each side of the Ontario & Rainy River, the Parry Sound Colonization and the Brockville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie Railways, as provided by the act.

A Question of Accommodation.

Mr. Kribs (South Waterloo) moved for copies of some correspondence in regard to the need of increased accommodation at the Belleville Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Orillia Asylum for Idiots. He stated that for a long time he had endeavored to get two mute and idiotic young people removed from a religious institution in South Waterloo to one or other of the institutions named. He had failed because of the insufficient accommodation. It was not right that a religious order should have the burden of taking care of such cases, when the country was paying for the maintenance of proper asylums and institutes.

Hon. Mr. Stratton answered that there was plenty of room at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb for an increased number of patients, but the asylum at Orillia was full. However, in the case referred to, the inspector, at his (Mr. Stratton's) request, had made a personal investigation, and arrangements were completed yesterday to remove the patients to the asylum at Orillia.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the manhood suffrage registration act was given its second reading without discussion.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the joint stock winding-up act, by providing machinery for voluntary winding-up, and making other minor amendments, was read a second time.

A number of private bills were advanced a stage, and the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.