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#### Notices of Motions.

Mr. Pettypiece—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Matheson—To amend the law to make better provision for keeping and auditing municipal and school accounts.

Mr. Brown—To amend the municipal act (two bills).

Mr. Barr—To amend the assessment act (two bills).

Mr. Barr—To amend the municipal act.

The Attorney-General—Bill respecting local works and improvements, also a bill respecting police villages.

#### Questions by Members.

Mr. Hoyle—How much per acre does the Government charge for free grant lands in the Port Arthur, Rainy River and Dryden districts respectively? What change (if any) has been made in the price per acre of free grant lands from 1900 to 1903.

Mr. Duff—On Monday next—Inquiry of Ministry: (1) Is Mr. J. W. Bettes Sheriff of Muskoka at the present time? (2) Have the Government been advised of his intention to resign? (3) Has there been any communication between the Government and Mr. J. W. Bettes in reference to his proposal to resign?

#### May Establish Potteries.

The Bureau of Mines has received a communication from an American pottery firm, stating that if they can obtain the raw materials they will probably establish potteries in Ontario. The necessary materials are a pure silica either white quartz sand or something similar, felspar and kaolin (alumina). There is lots of felspar in Ontario. Silica is also probably to be found in good quantities, and kaolin, it is thought, can also be found. Any person who knows of the existence of silica or kaolin should communicate the fact to the Bureau of Mines.

#### Report on Standing Committees.

In submitting the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, Mr. Gibson said that the committee had decided in favor of reducing the size of some of the standing committees. The private bills and railway legislation this session would be very considerable. The number of bills already presented was larger than on any previous occasion. The Standing Orders Committees would meet at 11.30 o'clock to-day, and they would probably present a long list of bills. There were a good many bills in connection with which no petitions had been presented. He read a list of such bills, number 26, as a suggestion to the members concerned to attend to their duties.

Mr. Whitney agreed heartily with the idea of the Attorney-General.

Following are the standing committees as reported:—

Railway—Anderson, Barber, Barr, Beatty, Beck, Bowman, Bridgland, Brown, Burt, Cameron (West Huron), Carnegie, Carr, Carscallen (Hamilton), Clarke (C. Bruce), Conmee, Crawford, Davis, Dickenson, Downey, Dryden, Eilber, Evanturel, Foy, Gallagher, Gamey, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Hendrie, Hislop, Holmes, James, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Lachner, Latchford, Little (N. Norfolk), Michaud, Morrison, Murphy, Macdiarmid, Nesbitt, Pattullo, Pense, Pettypiece, Powell, Pyne, Reaume, Reid, Richardson, Rickard, Routledge, Smyth, Stock, Stratton, Taylor, Truax, Tudhope, Whitney—60.

Standing Orders—Anderson, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Bridgland, Brower, Brown, Burt, Cameron (Fort William), Carscallen (Lennox), Carr, Clarke (West Northumberland), Currie, Evanturel, Gallagher, Gamey, Harcourt, Hoyles, Jessop, Kidd, Kribs, Latchford, Lee, Little (North Norfolk), Little (Cardwell), Michaud, Murphy, Macdiarmid, McLeod, Pense, Powell, Preston (East Durham), Preston (South Brant), Pyne, Richardson, Routledge, Russell, Smith, Sutherland, Tudhope—39.

Private Bills—Auld, Barber, Barr,

Beck, Brower, Brown, Burt, Caldwell, Cameron (Fort William), Carscallen (Hamilton), Carscallen (Lennox), Clarke (West Northumberland), Conmee, Crawford, Currie, Davidson, Davis, Dickenson, Duff, Fox, Foy, Gallagher, Gibson, Graham, Gross, Guibord, Hanna, Harcourt, Hendrie, Hislop, Holmes, Hoyle, James, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Kidd, Latchford, Lee, Little (Cardwell), Lucas, Matheson, Morrison, McCart, McKay, Pardo, Pattullo, Pense, Preston (Brant), Reaume, Reid, Russell, Smith, St. John, Stock, Stratton, Truax, Tucker, Whitney, Willoughby—60.

Municipal Law—Auld, Barber, Beatty, Beck, Bowman, Brower, Brown, Burt, Cameron (West Huron), Carnegie, Carscallen (Hamilton), Carscallen (Lennox), Clarke (W. Northumberland), Crawford, Currie, Davidson, Davis, Dickenson, Duff, Eilber, Fox, Foy, Gibson, Graham, Gross, Guibord, Hendrie, Hislop, Holmes, Hoyle, Joynt, Kribs, Kidd, Lachner, Latchford, Lee, Little (Caldwell), Macdiarmid, McKay, Nesbitt, Pardo, Pattullo, Pearce, Pense, Pettypiece, Preston (S. Brant), Preston (Durham), Pyne, Reid, Rickard, Russell, Smith, Stock, Stratton, Sutherland, Taylor, Thompson, Tucker, Tudhope, Whitney—60.

Public Accounts—Auld, Bowman, Caldwell, Carnegie, Clarke (W. Northumberland), Clarke (C. Bruce), Conmee, Davis, Eilber, Cross, Graham, James Kidd, Latchford, Little (N. Norfolk), Lucas, Matheson, Michaud, McKay, Pearce, Pettypiece, Reid, Rickard, Ross, Smyth, St. John, Stratton, Sutherland, Taylor, Thompson, Tucker, Whitney—32.

Privileges and Elections—Bowman, Caldwell, Cameron (W. Huron), Carscallen (Hamilton), Conmee, Davis, Downey, Dryden, Duff, Evanturel, Fox, Foy, Gallagher, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Hanna, Harcourt, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Latchford, Lucas, Matheson, Morrison, Macdiarmid, McCart, McKay, Nesbitt, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Ross, Russell, Smith, St. John, Taylor, Thompson, Truax, Whitney, Willoughby—41.

Printing—Auld, Clarke (C. Bruce), Downey, Graham, Harcourt, Kribs, McLeod, Pettypiece, Preston (S. Brant), Ross, Russell, Stratton, Tucker, Willoughby—14.

Legal Bills—Barber, Caldwell, Cameron (W. Huron), Carscallen (Hamilton), Conmee, Dickenson, Foy, Gibson, Gross, Hanna, Harcourt, Latchford, Lucas, Matheson, McKay, St. John, Whitney—17.

Agriculture and Colonization—Anderson, Barber, Barr, Beatty, Brower, Brown, Burt, Cameron (W. Huron), Caldwell, Carnegie, Carscallen (Lennox), Crawford, Currie, Davidson, Davis, Dickenson, Dryden, Duff, Eilber, Fox, Gamey, Hislop, Holmes, Jessop, Kidd, Kribs, Lee, Little (N. Norfolk), Little (Cardwell), Macdiarmid, McCart, McLeod, Pardo, Pattullo, Pearce, Pettypiece, Preston (E. Durham), Reid, Richardson, Rickard, Routledge, Smith, Smyth, Stock, Sutherland, Taylor, Thompson, Truax, Tucker, Tudhope, Whitney, Willoughby—52.

#### Bills Presented.

The following bills were presented to the House:

Wm. H. Taylor (North Middlesex)—To amend the County Council act.

H. J. Pettypiece (East Lambton)—To amend the property assessment act.

John Dickenson (S. Wentworth)—To amend the municipal act.

T. H. Preston (S. Brant)—To amend the municipal act.

John Smith (Peel)—To amend the public school act.

Mr. Ross—To amend the act respecting the taxation of patented lands in Algoma, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay and Rainy River.

John A. Auld (S. Essex)—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Harcourt—To amend the education act.