

the lots granted at a rate of one dollar an acre or thereabouts. Dr. Griffin acted as spokesman, and was accompanied by Major Fred. Ross, Rev. Mr. Dawe, Mr. W. A. Wood, and the Messrs. Monteith of Rosseau. Hon. Mr. Foy undertook to look into the matter, and ascertain what objections there may be, if any, and, after hearing the licensees, come to a decision.

To Make Free Grants.

Widdifield Township desires that its land, which has been sold at 50 cents an acre, should, like the land in the surrounding townships, be put on the free grant basis, with the expectation of having it more quickly settled. A deputation to place this view before the Commissioner of Crown Lands was introduced this morning by Mr. Charles Lemarche, M.P.P., East Nipissing. Messrs. John Stockdale and L. W. Bressiere headed the deputation, which also preferred some minor requests.

The lists of standing committees are expected for Friday, the Striking Committee have arranged to meet on Thursday morning. There will be a few private bills ready for consideration by the committees when they have been organized early in the week. Private bill legislation has increased by half in the last two sessions. Sixty bills a session was a former average, but with the expansion of the Province, and the increase of business interests, legislation has kept pace, and over a hundred were brought in last session. So far 93 bills have been introduced this session.

Opposition Caucus.

The Opposition caucus will meet this afternoon for the first time, and the general business of the session will be considered.

With the exception of less than a half a dozen boards, including Toronto, the License Commissioners throughout the Province have been appointed. The names not already announced will be contained in the next Gazette.



"I do not believe it can be shown that the secrecy of the ballot has been violated in Ontario."—Mr. T. H. Preston (South Brant).
