

paying maintenance and interest charges, left a balance of \$15,000. During the coming year the revenue would be about \$80,000, and ultimately from the present power franchises they might expect an annual income of \$200,000. In a subsequent reference to this question he protested vigorously against the Dominion Government giving franchises to companies to develop water power along the Niagara escarpment, jeopardizing Provincial charters and contravening Provincial rights. Incidentally he condemned the granting by the late Administration in November of a water-power franchise on the French River at twenty-five cents a horsepower, which, he said, was worth at least \$2 a horsepower.

Some Debentures Items.

The former Government, he said, had included as assets \$11,000 of drainage debentures of the township of Russell, an item that never existed. The Government had spent the money in 1870 on the promise of the Reeve of the township that a debenture by-law would be passed. That had never been done, but the former Administration had held the item as a threat at election times over Russell township. (Government applause.) There was also due from Sault Ste. Marie \$9,000 interest on debentures, which the present Administration was trying to collect.

Prospective Timber Sales.

In discussing the estimated receipts, he said there was a probability, owing to the danger of destruction by fire, that additional timber limits along the Temiskaming Railway, chiefly in the sixty-mile track of virgin pine, would be sold, and also some limits on the Sturgeon River near the pulp lands, which were subject to a like danger. These would not be on so large a scale or realize anything like the big sale of 1903.

Last year's income from pulp concession was only \$10,000, a great fall from the glowing estimates made by the Liberal Government when explaining the agreements to the House.

He concluded with a reiteration of the Government's determination to attempt to keep expenditure within revenue, and to safeguard the interests of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt moved the adjournment of the debate, which will be resumed this afternoon.

The following bills were read a first time:—

Mr. Smythe—To incorporate the Lake Superior, Long Lake & Albany River Company.

Mr. Downey—To amend the consolidated municipal act.

Mr. Tudhope—Respecting the town of Midland.

Mr. Jessop—An act to confirm by-law 1,664 of the city of St. Catharines.

Mr. Fraser—Respecting the city of Niagara Falls.

Hon. Mr. Beck—Respecting the city of London.

Mr. Munro—Respecting the debt of the city of Woodstock.

Mr. Auld—Respecting the town of Amherstburg.

Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton)—Respecting the Nepigon & Mining Lands Company.

Mr. Calder—Respecting the town of Napanee.

Mr. Fox—To amend the municipal drainage act.

Mr. Preston—To amend the public parks act.

Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton)—To incorporate the Hamilton Terminal Railway Company.

Private Bills Pass Committee.

The Private Bills Committee had its first business session yesterday, Mr. Henry Carscallen of Hamilton, the Chairman, presiding. The bill regarding W. E. Foster's application for legislation exempting him from attendance at law

lectures, and to qualify for practice by passing his final examinations, was passed. An application somewhat along the same lines on behalf of Jas. Bowell Mackenzie also carried. There was no objection to bills to confirm by-laws passed by Kingston and St. Thomas to purchase light and heat plants. The bill allowing the sale of the Church of England Cemetery in Ingersoll to the town was also reported without opposition.

Railway Committee's Chairman.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hanna, seconded by Hon. Dr. Willoughby, Hon. Col. Hendrie of Hamilton was yesterday elected Chairman of the Railway Committee. He returned thanks for the honor and urged punctuality on the part of those looking after bills. Tomorrow the committee will deal with an act to incorporate the Western Electric Railway, respecting the Ontario Electric Railway, and to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the Haliburton & Mattawa Railway.

Will Get a Grant.

A deputation representing the provisional board of the proposed receiving home for immigrant women waited upon Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Foy yesterday and asked for a grant of \$1,000 towards the home. Rev. Dr. Potts, Mrs. Torrington and Miss Fitz-Gibbon outlined the plan. The Premier, in reply, approved of the request, and said that a grant would be made, but its size would have to depend upon the state of the Provincial finances.

Want the Show Here.

A deputation representing the Horticultural Society, the Gardeners and Florists' Association and the Electoral District Society waited upon Hon. Mr. Monteith and asked that the \$1,500 grant to the Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show be expended in Toronto. In other words, they wanted a promise that the Agricultural Department would not do anything towards complying with Hamilton's request to hold the show there. Consideration was promised. Included in the deputation were Messrs. R. J. Score, B. Saunders, J. Chambers, E. Strachan Cox, W. G. Rook, H. R. Frankland, Geo. Musson, H. Simmers and T. Manton.

The Ontario Executive of the Trades Congress of Canada will wait upon the Government to-day to discuss a number of labor questions.

THE NEW MINING DIVISION

REGULATIONS ADOPTED AND THE BOUNDARIES FIXED.

An Inspector Appointed, With Head Office at Haileybury—The New District Includes Location of Silver Cobalt Discoveries.

It was announced yesterday that an order in Council has been passed creating the "Temiskaming Mining Division," which takes in the territory where the rich silver cobalt ores have been discovered, and a considerable area to the north. The head office of the division will be at Haileybury, with Mr. George T. Smith of Mattawa as inspector in charge, with a salary of \$1,400. The regulations to be enforced in the new division are practically the same as those in the Michipicoten division, with certain modifications on account of a large part of the district being subdivided into town lots. Parties prospecting in the division must have a license, costing \$10.

The district is bounded on the east by Lake Temiskaming and the boundary line between Ontario and Quebec as far north as Lake Abitibi. Thence the line runs to a point eight miles north of the outlet of the Abitibi River, due west to the Nipissing-Algonia boundary line, thence south on the boundary line, diverging east to the Trout Lake, thence along the great northern bend of the Montreal River, following the river to the southern boundary of the township of Coleman. It then runs along the eastern boundary of the timber limit of Lumsden & Booth, thence along the 3rd and 4th concessions of Lorain township to Lake Temiskaming.