

himself and his friend from Brockville—(laughter)—would be able also to look after that part of their work, and finally the members of the Government would be able to direct a portion of their time to matters of advantage to the Province. When the House resumed next week a definite opinion on this point would no doubt be reached.

The School Book Question.

Mr. Graham will inquire if it is the intention of the Government to introduce further legislation to provide for school books to the pupils of public schools and separate schools.

A Government Caucus.

A Government caucus was held in the Public Accounts Committee room of the Parliament buildings yesterday. There was a large attendance. The discussion was a protracted one, and related chiefly to the work of the session and the line of policy to be adopted in regard to a number of bills and other measures.

Farmers Institute Report.

Part I of the report of the Farmers' Institutes of Ontario for 1904 has just been issued. It has a short introduction by Superintendent Putnam and is followed by thirty-four papers on topics of interest to farmers, the first, on "cattle breeding as a business," being by the former Minister of Agriculture, Mr. John Dryden. The last is a short account by Inspector John Seath of the new school programme in connection with agriculture work.

The Care of Erring Girls.

A deputation representing the Alexandra School for Girls, and headed by Mr. J. J. Kelso, Superintendent of Neglected Children, waited upon Hon. Mr. Hanna yesterday and advocated a plan whereby erring girls under sixteen would be cared for at that institution instead of being sent to the Mercer refuge. Consideration was promised.

The Charms of New Ontario.

The glories of New Ontario and its attractions for the dwellers in the city, particularly the workingmen, are duly set forth in a "poem" received at the colonization department. It has been passed on to one of the officials at the buildings who has high standing as a litterateur, with the request that he pass judgment upon it. Whether he will send it on to the Minister of his department, and whether the latter will finally seek the opinion of the Cabinet as to publishing the work at the public expense, and distributing it with the other immigration literature, are questions that remain to be settled. The "poem" has six verses. They are all to the point; every conceivable advantage of New Ontario is duly set forth. Here are two of the verses:

Why not go out to this New Ontario?
The land is good, so the agent says;

It is well wooded and well watered, too,
With rivers, lakes and bays.

Don't wait for all your friends to go
with you,

Nor don't take any one's advice,
For travellers and surveyors, too, say

that New Ontario
Is destined to be a grand surprise.

AN UNMERITED IMPUTATION.

Canadian Accountants and the Government's Employment of Alien Figurer.

The council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario passed a resolution protesting against the appointment by the Provincial Secretary of a United States accountant to undertake any expert investigation of the public accounts of the Province. The resolution complains of the "unmerited imputation thereby placed by the Ontario Government upon the professional capacity and the impartiality of the members of this institute."
