

pal act in reference to the bonusing of railways.

Mr. Lennox (North York)—To amend the consolidated municipal act of 1903.

Mr. Clarke—To amend the municipal act.

#### A Wide Motion.

Hon. Mr. Matheson brought forward the following notice of motion:—

That this House will on Thursday next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:

That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money, not exceeding seven million dollars, for any or all of the purposes following, that is to say: For the public service; for works carried on by commissioners on behalf of the Province; for redemption of treasury bills issued by the Province; for covering any debt of the Province on open account; for paying any floating indebtedness of the Province, and for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature.

That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years, at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum; and shall be raised upon the credit of the consolidated revenue fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon.

#### Mr. Harcourt Objects.

Mr. Harcourt took exception to the motion as being too wide in its bearing and too obscure for the information of the House. If they were raising money for the Temiskaming Railway only why not say so?

#### Cost of Temiskaming Railway.

Hon. Mr. Matheson thought his hon. friend's criticism might be deferred until the resolution proper was under discussion. The object was to raise \$7,000,000 for the Temiskaming Railway, but he was sorry to say that would not pay for the completion of the road. The cost of the first section from North Bay to New Liskeard, 113 miles, would be \$4,500,000. To reach the Grand Trunk



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Pacific 150 miles more would have to be built beyond New Liskeard, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 a mile, another \$4,500,000. The commissioners estimated that before next session they would have spent in all \$7,500,000. It was proposed to take \$7,000,000 now, this including the amount already spent, and the other half million would probably come from the finances of the Province. He also took advantage of the opportunity to say that he had renewed for six months the loan of £1,200,000 arranged by the late Government. The rate secured was 3 1-2 per cent., which, with the addition of the Imperial stamp duties, brought the cost of the renewal for the six months up to \$105,120, a saving over the amount paid for the previous loan of \$28,400. Moreover, this was for a renewal of six months, whereas the previous amount had been paid for five and a half months, so that the saving was practically over \$30,000. (Government applause.)

Mr. Graham declared that his hon. friend had not touched on the matter under dispute. It was not a question of how much money was being expended, but for what purpose.

#### The Trouble at Chatham.

Mr. McCoig (West Kent) read from a newspaper a summary of the reports of trouble at Chatham in regard to licenses, in which it was alleged that the commissioners had shown party bias, and that stories were afloat in the town alleging that bribery had been resorted to.

Hon. Mr. Hanna said the matter was being fully and thoroughly investigated. If the statement in the report that the Chairman had declared the commissioners were actuated by party bias turned out to be true there would be only one course for the Government to pursue, and that would be to ask for the commissioners' resignation. There were other reports regarding the matter, and the investigation would cover these. If it was found that there was need for action it would be shown that the Government was careful of the interests of the people of West Kent.

Hon. Mr. Monteith's bill to amend the agriculture and arts act in relation to annual meetings of horticultural societies was read a second time.

Mr. Monteith, in moving the second reading of bill No. 129 to amend the act to provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold-storage Associations, stated its purpose to be the providing of a wider sphere of usefulness for these associations. As they stood at present there was an insufficient membership in the average association to enable it to fill orders and to purchase. It was also designed to extend the act five years longer.

#### Prescott's Bi-lingual Schools.

The estimates were then taken up in committee. Mr. Labrosse of Prescott, as a trustee of the bi-lingual school board of his county, declared that the Government grant of \$800 was no longer sufficient in the face of the increasing usefulness of these schools. Teachers competent to speak in both languages were now eligible. There was not a single school in this particular system where English was not taught. Results were gratifying when so many pupils were found going up to model school examinations and able to hold their own with pupils of public schools. He asked that every member of the House, irrespective of politics, would join to make the entire educational system as complete as possible.

#### School of Practical Science.

On the item of \$67,485 for the School of Practical Science, Mr. Harcourt said the Opposition approved of the increased grant, largely owing to the new school. He spoke of the importance of technical training, and spoke in terms of warm praise of Dr. Galbraith, Principal of the school.

#### The Question of Fees.

Hon. Mr. Matheson thought it ought to be considered to what extent the Province should be charged with the expense of training the young men at the technical school. The fees, he understood, were \$85 a year. A similar school in connection with McGill University charged \$175 a year. Ontario only got back from the school about \$30,000, leaving a net cost to the Province of \$37,000. While he agreed that some measure of aid should be given, and particularly to poor young men, the question was worthy of serious consideration.

Mr. Harcourt thought his hon. friend's argument would be stronger six or seven years from now, when the work had passed beyond the initial stage. The School of Science students were paying more than they did a few years ago.

Mr. Pense thought Hon. Colonel Matheson was mistaken in saying the Kingston School of Mining was more costly proportionately than the Toronto School of Science. He was enthusiastic in his reference to the work of the mining school.

Mr. Gamey thought the fees at the School of Practical Science large enough, and he hoped they would not be increased. The Premier said there had been no intention or suggestion that the

fees be increased.

Hon. Colonel Matheson, replying to questions by several members on the item of \$63,000 for superannuated teachers, said teachers were supposed to be eligible at the age of 60, but some went on the list earlier on medical certificates showing they were disabled.

The following educational estimates were passed:—Public and separate school education, \$531,358; high school and collegiate institutes, \$145,300; departmental library and museum, \$12,983; School of Practical Science, \$67,485; public libraries, art schools, literary and scientific, \$57,250; technical education, \$25,000; superannuated public and high school teachers, \$63,300; Provincial University and mining schools, \$195,632; maintenance Education Department and miscellaneous, \$14,700; transferred from public institutions maintenance, institution for the deaf and dumb, Belleville, \$50,503; a total of \$1,163,511.

#### Will Toronto Asylum be Moved?

Mr. Graham, on the item of \$115,406 for the Toronto Asylum for the Insane, asked if the Government had ever considered the advisability of disposing of the asylum and locating it where it would be away from the heart of a city and surrounded by agricultural lands. Such a move would be better for the patients and all concerned, and might be carried out with financial advantage.

Hon. Mr. Hanna said the idea had impressed him on his assuming office and had not been lost sight of.

Estimates for the following institutions were passed:—Asylums, Toronto, \$115,406; London, \$146,485; Kingston, \$92,809; Hamilton, \$134,875; Mimico, \$83,110; Brockville, \$92,369; Cobourg, \$26,622; Penetanguishene, \$42,984; Orillia, \$76,852; Woodstock, \$18,020. Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, \$68,800 and \$31,995 respectively, a total of \$931,327.

#### Grants to Breeders' Associations.

Messrs. Graham, Reed (South Wellington) and Kohler objected to the dropping of grants to the Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Poultry Breeders' Associations, which have removed their headquarters to Ottawa.

Hon. Messrs. Monteith and Matheson, the Premier and Mr. Crawford defended the move as an advisable one, as it was desirable that the department should have complete control over all the grants.

Mr. Monteith declared that the swine breeders' operations had been largely benefited by the various farmers' associations, and that they were largely the source of the prosperity of the different breeders' associations. It was this consideration that had influenced him in this move. Mr. Anderson wanted an explanation of the fact that the grant to the Dairymen's Associations had been cut in half. Mr. Monteith explained that one-half of the work had been taken from their hands. They would be relieved of a great deal of inspection by the Government.

#### Farmers' Institutes.

At the evening session the House again went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Kennedy, on the item of \$21,000 for institutes, urged that in regard to farmers' institutes the department should see that the newer parts of Ontario received justice. The institutes' meetings were as necessary and the lecturers as welcome there as in older Ontario.

The item of \$78,110 for grants under the agriculture act provoked a discursive and at times humorous discussion on horse racing at fairs. Several members displayed a good deal of expert knowledge as to the difference between speed trials and racing, but the item finally carried. The total agricultural estimates of \$333,443, made up as follows, were afterwards quickly disposed of:—Special grants for agricultural purposes, \$198,660; Ontario Agricultural College, \$70,373; Macdonald Insti-