

believed the credit of the Province was good enough to enable these to be issued at three and one-half per cent. and at par. For the Temiskaming Railway \$9,000,000 were required. He hoped to obtain \$3,000,000 from the Dominion, which had paid \$2,400,000 to Quebec as a railway subsidy. There were 150 miles of the road still to be completed, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 per mile. He thought the ordinary bonus of \$3,000 per mile might be set aside for ordinary payments on the road. Mean-

progress Mr. Graham smilingly asked if the members' indemnity would be cut.

The Premier said that as long as he remained at the head of the Government and the resources of the Government were what they are now the indemnity would remain at a proper figure.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Many Prospectors Licensed.

Inspector Smith of the Bureau of Mines reports that this year up to the end of April 72 licenses have been issued to prospectors going into the silver cobalt district in the Temiskaming region, an unusual number. The rush is, of course, due to the immensely rich mines discovered in the region.

Fort William Holds Its Own.

The bill of the Fort William, Loch Lomond & Mount McKay Incline Railway & Tourist-Resort Company was withdrawn after considerable opposition had developed in the Railway Committee yesterday.

Dr. Smellie claimed that the whole preamble was a tissue of misrepresentations. The people were opposed to the project which Fort William itself intended to carry out. The water supply of the town was expected to be drawn from Loch Lomond on Mount McKay, up which it was proposed to build the railway.

Mr. Louis Lawrence Peltier, one of the promoters, suggested that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was behind the opposition. He withdrew the bill.

The Hermina Mining Company, Limited, desired to change their tram line

to a steam railway operating within the boundaries of the county of origin, and their bill had no opposition.

The Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway Company have seventeen miles of railway already built, and they wish to extend the line to meet the G. T. P. and thence to Hannah Bay or elsewhere on James Bay. Clauses in their bill giving timber and mining proprietary rights were eliminated and the bill passed committee.

The Penetanguishene & Orillia Railway Company bill provides for a line from the township of Tay or Tiny to Brechin or Udney, in the township of Mara. Mr. Allan Royce appeared for the promoters, who are all of Toronto, and it is reported represent the Mackenzie & Mann interests. There was no opposition, and the committee approved the measure.

Private Bills in Committee.

The Private Bills Committee yesterday approved of Hon. Mr. Hendrie's bill empowering the executors of the estate of the late Hon. W. S. Sanford to invest funds in Manitoba lands, and to use their discretion as to the retention of unsold shares in the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company.

The following other bills were passed:—Mr. McCoig's bill confirming a Tilbury East by-law extending the time for the payment by a number of farmers of their share of the Dauphin drainage indebtedness.

Hon. Mr. Beck's bill incorporating the Young Women's Christian Association of London.

Mr. Mahaffy's bill authorizing Gravenhurst to raise debentures of \$51,000 to pay off the floating indebtedness.

Municipal Committee.

In the Municipal Bills Committee Mr. Lucas' amendment to the municipal act respecting the incorporation of a village on the initiative of a County Council did not find favor.

Mr. Preston's amendment to the act would enable garbage to be collected at the expense of taxpayers, as in the case of night soil. The clause was passed, but its operation was limited to cities.

Another clause enabling municipalities to acquire, lay out, improve or establish any park, square or public drive, one-half of the cost to be borne by the Council and half on the local improvement plan, it was argued by Mr. Preston, was in accordance with the principle of section 673, sub-section 7, but he consented to withdraw this part of the bill.

Mr. Downey's amendment to the municipal act dealt with the procedure in cases of annexation of territory to cities and towns. It provided for enabling the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by pro-

clamation to add to any city or town any part or parts of adjacent territory deemed advisable, such additions to be made upon the application of the ratepayers of the territory to be annexed, and after reference to interested persons.

Mr. Chisholm, Assistant City Solicitor of Toronto, opposed the bill. Mr. McDougall, Ottawa, believed the bill would have the effect of forcing parties into a partnership against their will. It was agreed, however, that there must be some authority with power to give effect to such a union. An amendment was submitted by Mr. Chisholm, which provided that, for example, if Toronto should desire to annex adjoining territory the Lieutenant-Governor can carry out the annexation without the consent of those annexed. If it be proposed that any adjoining territory, however, is to be annexed to Toronto the consent of the city would be necessary. The amendment gives the Lieutenant-Governor authority "upon the application of the Council of any city or town, or upon the application of the ratepayers of the territory proposed to be added, or any of them, and the consent of the Council of such city or town."

The Municipal Bills Committee will meet on Tuesday.

For the University.

Hon. Mr. Foy has given notice of a bill to amend the act setting apart certain lands in new Ontario for the benefit of the women's residence of the University of Toronto. Four townships were devoted to this some years ago, the proceeds of sales as they were made at various times being handed over to the university named. It transpires that in some of these townships settlements had been made prior to the original act, and in others considerable tracts of land are covered with water. Therefore it is intended to add other sections to make up four complete townships of land that can be made fit for settlement by ordinary methods.

Volunteer Land Grants.

Another measure of which Mr. Foy has given notice provides for the extension of time for the locating of land grants by those entitled to benefit under the volunteer land grant act. This has been found necessary owing to the fact that surveys cannot be made fast enough to keep pace with the approved applications.

The Speaker and the Press.

Speaker St. John gave a dinner in his chambers at the buildings last night to the members of the Press Gallery and several newspaper members of the House. The dinner was informal, and was marked by some humorous reminiscences by several present of experiences in political campaigns or debates in the House.

The report of the Provincial license inspector for the year ending Sunday last shows a reduction of 51 tavern and seven shop licenses, leaving the present total of licenses at 2,899. The wholesale license remained at 22. The present year will witness a marked reduction, including points where on Monday recent local option by-laws go into effect, and the general reductions license commissioners are making.



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while the road was paying expenses so far. It had been taken over in January conditionally on the contractor completing the road. The earnings for January were \$5,219.17, for February \$7,542, for March \$10,509.15, and for April \$12,333.78. The expenditures were: For January, \$4,566.12; February, \$6,643.59; March, \$6,453.35. The April accounts had not been made up, but he anticipated \$5,000 or \$6,000 profit. The total profit for the first three months was \$6,453.35, and he believed a revenue of \$5,000 per month might be expected. The profit did not take account of interest charges.

A number of bills were read a second time, including that of Mr. Preston (South Brant) enabling municipalities to lease or purchase for cash or on the instalment plan gas and water plants.

Latin Text-books.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, replying to Mr. Craig, gave some details as to the authorization and publication of the three Latin books used in high schools and collegiate institutes. The Government were not yet prepared to state that they had decided on any general policy regarding text-books authorized by the Education Department.

Estimates Dealt With.

The estimates were then taken up, the first item considered being \$34,829 for the Institute for the Blind at Brantford.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, in reply to a suggestion from Mr. Preston (South Brant) that something be done for the adult helpless blind of the Province, said the matter was under consideration. The item passed.

Mr. Graham, on the item of \$166,300 for colonization, asked if the idea of handing over the grants to municipalities once advocated would be carried out, but Hon. Dr. Reaume only smiled, and the item passed.

Other items passed were charges on Crown lands, \$243,275 for expenditure on outside service and surveys; \$23,300 for mining development; \$15,800 on account of parks; refund account, \$40,415; miscellaneous, \$209,700; unforeseen and unprovided, \$50,000; expenses of legislation, salaries, maintenance of public institutions, etc., \$80,000. There remain only three items in the estimates to be dealt with and which will be debated. These have relation to the asylum for epileptics, colonization and immigration and public buildings.

The Members' Indemnity.

When the committee had reported