

# ALIEN AUDITOR FOR GOVERNMENT.

## Provincial Secretary's Action Vigorously Assailed.

## A CONTRACT CANCELLED.

## Serious Irregularity Alleged Regarding Signature.

## Withdrawal of Timber Berths for Bene- fit of a Deseronto Industry Ques- tioned in the House—Supplemental Estimates Passed—Legislature to Sit Next Week.

The employment of an American accountant by the Provincial Secretary to investigate and report upon the book-keeping systems in the public institutions was the subject of a smart debate in the Legislature yesterday evening during the passing of the supplemental estimates. The question was raised for the Opposition by Mr. Auld, who spoke briefly but to the point. The contribution of Mr. Graham, who spoke at greater length than his colleague, was well delivered, vigorous and effective. In his explanation Hon. Mr. Hanna said he was connected with the company by which the accountant was employed. As one result of the accountant's work the contract for making binder twine at the Central Prison, renewed for five years by the late Government, had been cancelled, developments in connection with it having made that step necessary in the public interests. The Premier closed the discussion. Mr. Smyth secured an order for a return of documents with regard to the withdrawal of timber limits for the benefit of the Rathbun industries at Deseronto. During the afternoon there was a brief discussion as to



MR. H. CARSCALLEN,  
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the necessity of men's residences at the university.

The House will not be able to conclude its business to-day, as had been hoped. It will sit on Monday, and every effort will be made to conclude that

night or some time on Tuesday, so that it may adjourn over the 24th and prorogue on Thursday.

### The Supplementary Estimates.

The supplementary estimates laid on the table by Hon. Colonel Matheson aggregated \$141,664.97. They include \$4,000 for the salary of an additional member of the Executive Council, owing to the Premier's assumption of the Presidency of the Council; \$1,000 for an assistant solicitor to the succession duties branch of the Treasury Department; \$3,000 for changes in the system of bookkeeping and special industrial undertakings of the different institutions. This is the work for which an American accountant has been engaged to investigate and report upon. For legislation, \$2,500; administration of justice, \$3,096; education, \$3,846; colonization and immigration, \$5,000, including \$1,000 for a women's welcome hostel at Toronto; agriculture, \$6,100. A vote of \$300 is made to the Society for the Reclamation of Inebriates. Under the head of public buildings \$35,811 is asked, including \$11,000 balance due for the Treblecock farm, added to the London Asylum grounds; \$2,000 for land for the London normal school, and \$5,000 for connecting fume cabinets at the School of Practical Science. The sum of \$6,311 is asked for public works, \$8,800 for colonization roads, \$38,750 as charges on Crown lands, including \$10,000 for additional township surveys; \$16,000 for additional fire ranging; and \$1,050 for nine months' salary of the recently appointed inspector for the Temiskaming mining division, who will receive \$1,400 per year. A number of increases of salary are given to clerks and employees in several departments.

### Votes of Interest.

The miscellaneous items total \$17,400. They are:—Pedestal for statue of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, \$2,500; re-printing statutes, etc., on account of fire, April, 1904, \$6,000; Army and Navy Veterans' monument \$600; the following gratuities: Mrs. Wm. Edwards, widow of the late Wm. Edwards, \$1,000; W. P. Band, ex-Bursar, Boys' Reformatory, \$500; R. H. Stedman, ex-Assistant Warden, Boys' Reformatory, \$500; Mrs. Pierce, ex-Matron Kingston Asylum, \$250; Henry Wade, \$750; F. C. Law, \$1,200; balance of gratuity Dr. T. F. Chamberlain, \$1,500; gratuity to widows of Messrs. Leclair and LaCelle, whose husbands were drowned while on Provincial surveys, \$200 each, \$400; Temagami Game and Fish Warden and launch, \$1,500; visit International Geo-



MR. I. B. LUCAS,  
Who has been acting as Chairman of the  
Committee of the Whole House.

logical Society delegates (preliminary expenses), \$500; Eastern Good Roads Association, \$200.

### Who Shall Live in Residence?

In committee on the bill to incorpor-

ate the university residence trustees, Hon. Mr. Ross suggested that the residence should be reserved for students of the university.

The Premier felt that, considering the large amount of money privately subscribed, it would be unreasonable to confine the residences to the students of one college.

Hon. Mr. Matheson protested against any attempt to tie the hands of the men of high standing who would be trustees, and whose business and common sense could best administer every clause of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Ross did not rise in a spirit of captious criticism, but he was not as strongly convinced of the necessity of residences as some people. Many great universities had none, and he mentioned the Scotch and German and the United States universities as examples.

Hon. Mr. Whitney—Therefore they never should have.

Hon. Mr. Ross, continuing, said they were committing themselves to a line in which there were as many exceptions one way as the other. He did not subscribe to the statement in the preamble that residences were essential. It would take away the inducement to the federated colleges to provide residences for their students.

### A Department of Law.

The Premier quite admitted that the question was arguable, and he now learned that Mr. Ross was opposed to residences. He expected the School of Science and Dental College students to be able to take advantage of them, and before many years he hoped to see a Department of Law established in the university.

Mr. Graham wanted to say that there were more important questions about the university than that of the residences. All through the Province the petty squabbles they saw reported in the papers had not brought it credit, and had done more injury than the lack of residences or the lack of anything else. He was glad to see the interest taken in the university, but it was necessary to find out the cause of the troubles.

The Premier stated that the residences were to accommodate forty-five each.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt feared there was danger if one hundred of the boys got the impression they were excluded in favor of others.

The Premier deliberately said that a boy would get infinitely more benefit in residence than otherwise. The trouble with many people in the Province of Ontario was that they thought education was a process of cramming, forgetting the influences which were of such importance to those in the absorptive college period. He quite agreed with Mr. Graham, and during the recess the Government would search out and provide a totally different machinery of some description with which the university might go forth on its grand mission.

### University Grant Approved.

The Premier will move his resolution to-day, granting the trustees of Toronto for building purposes \$30,000 a year for thirty years, the Province to issue the certificates, and \$180,000 from the sale of the old Parliament House site promised by the late Government.

Hon. Mr. Matheson moved that an annual payment of \$2,500 for his services as consulting engineer be made to one of the commissioners of the Temiskaming Railway, in addition to the honorarium of \$1,000. The motion carried.

### The Succession Dues Amendments.

Hon. Col. Matheson, on the House going into committee on his bill to amend the succession duties act, explained the changes which were published in yesterday's Globe in detail. The elaborate grading in the bill of the basis of taxation had been made necessary, he said, by the constant squabbling as to the percentage the present act demanded on certain amounts, and to prevent the vexatious delays arising therefrom.

### Volunteers' Land Grants Act.

Hon. Mr. Foy explained his measure