

GILLIES' TIMBER LIMITS.

**TO BE CUT BY OCTOBER, AND
THROWN OPEN WHEN CLEARED.**

**Another Brief Session of Legislature—
Nickel Refining Policy Under Con-
sideration—Library and Striking
Committees Appointed — Liberal
Caucus To-day.**

Another brief session of the Legislature was held yesterday afternoon, an amount of routine business being despatched in a few minutes. A number of reports were laid on the table by the Provincial Secretary, and several questions were answered. Petitions were also presented by many members.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross asked for a return of those commissioned to issue marriage licenses, and of the appointments to commissions of the peace. Hon. Mr. Hanna undertook to have them ready after some days.

In reply to Lieut.-Colonel Munro, the Premier said the Government had not so far come to any conclusion with regard to amendments to the assessment act, but would consider all amendments offered on their merits.

Mr. C. N. Smith (Sault) was informed by Hon. Mr. Cochrane that the opening of the mineralized section of the Gillies timber limit was engaging the attention of the Government, which would make an announcement before the close of the session. The timber licensees had been notified to have the timber cut and moved before October 1, and the limit would be thrown open as soon as the timber was got away.

Mr. Smith was also informed that the whole question of the refining of nickel within the Province was under consideration, as to the proper action to be taken by the Government.

On motion of the Premier and Hon. Mr. Foy the following committee to assist the Speaker in the control of the Legislative library was appointed:—The Premier, Hon. Messrs. Foy, Matheson, Pyne, Hendrie, Hanna, Ross, and Messrs. Lucas, Harcourt, Graham, Preston (Brant).

On motion of the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Foy, the following were appointed a committee to prepare lists of members to compose the select standing committees of the House. Hon. Messrs. Foy, Matheson, Willoughby, Preston (Lanark), Mahaffy, Thompson (Simcoe), Hoyle, Clark (Bruce), MacKay, Pense, Graham, Preston (Brant).

Notices of motion were given by Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) for to-morrow of a bill to amend the municipal act, and by Mr. Smith (Peel) of a bill to amend the franchise law.

Mr. E. J. B. Pense will present a petition to-day from 150 residents of Kingston, who are dissatisfied with the street railway agreement, in favor of which petitions have already been presented from the City Council and the general public. The petition protests against the discontinuance of some branch lines.

Dr. Smellie (Fort William), who has undergone a severe operation during the past two months, was in his seat yesterday. He is under medical direction to take a year's rest.

The Liberal caucus will assemble to-day after luncheon to be tendered by Hon. Geo. W. Ross to the members of the party.