

NORTH TORONTO'S MEMBER

MR. M'NAUGHT INTRODUCED AND TAKES HIS SEAT.

A Brief Session of the Legislature—The Asylum for Epileptics at Woodstock—Several Bills Read a First Time—McDougall Asks Questions.

The session of the Legislature yesterday afternoon was a brief one, and but little business was transacted. The introduction of Mr. McNaught, the member for North Toronto, was the only feature of interest. Mr. McNaught sits near the end of the back row on the Government side, next to Mr. Aubin. Mr. McNaught, on motion of Hon. Mr. Matheson, was placed on the Municipal Committee, the Standing Orders Committee and the Railways Committee.

The following bills were read a first time:—

To amend the act concerning stationary engineers—Mr. Carscallen. The bill aims at licensing engineers of a certain standard.

To amend the franchise act—Mr. Smith (Peel). Mr. Smith wishes to place widows and spinsters who are on the municipal lists on the lists for the Provincial franchise.

In reply to Mr. Munro, the Provincial Secretary stated that the Asylum for Epileptics at Woodstock would be opened as soon as the necessary legislation can be passed.

The following notices of new bills were given for to-morrow:—

Mr. Eilber—To amend the insurance act, and to amend the municipal act.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane—To amend the act to preserve the forests from destruction by fire.

Mr. Thompson (Simcoe)—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Kidd—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Tucker—To amend the act to regulate the width between sleigh runners.

Mr. Lucas—To amend the act respecting conditional sales.

Mr. Preston (Brant) will inquire:—

(1) Have any representations been made to the Government of Ontario by the Dominion Government relative to possible injury to Niagara Falls through the development of electric energy at that point? (2) Has international action to guard against such injury been suggested by the Dominion authorities, and, if so, with what result? (3) Does this Government intend to take steps to preserve the Falls, and if so, of what nature?

Mr. May will ask: Have any complaints been made to the License Department or the Provincial Secretary's Department against the License Inspector or License Commissioner of the City of Ottawa? If so, did these complaints arise as the result of the recent visit of the special officer of the Provincial License Department? Have the Government taken any action in the matter? If not, is it their intention to do so?

Mr. McDougall has quite a list of questions set against his name. He will ask: Does the Government intend to do represented before the commission appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate insurance? Does the Government intend to take any independent action with reference to investigating insurance?

What position was held by L. Loughrin in Temagami Park? is the next of Mr. McDougall's inquiries. Was he removed from his position? If so, why? Was any investigation held? Who is his successor? What are his successor's qualifications?

Has any timber license been granted to one Finley Watts of North Renfrew? is another question; and, if so, where, of what extent, on what terms? How and when was it granted? Was it by public auction or by tender? Was there any advertisement of the intention to sell;

and, if so, in what papers?

Mr. McDougall is still interested in the License Inspector at Mattawa, and asks who he is, when was he appointed and what commodities has he supplied to the Government or the T., N. & O. Railway Commissioners, giving dates, amounts and prices.

A meeting of the Cabinet followed the adjournment, and progress was made with the estimates. Hon. Mr. Matheson thought it possible they might be brought down to-morrow, but it was more likely to be the beginning of the week.

A Government caucus was held yesterday, the proceedings lasting for an hour and a half. A number of matters were taken up and discussed in the customary fashion, and Premier Whitney stated that the proceedings had been very satisfactory. He thought Hon. Mr. Cochrane might introduce one of his bills this afternoon. There was a full attendance of Government members.

WANTS A NORMAL SCHOOL.

STRONG CASE PRESENTED BY MOUNT FOREST DEPUTATION.

A Central Point at Which Great Interest is Taken in All That Pertains to Education—Minister of Education Favorably Impressed.

A strong deputation from Mount Forest waited on Hon. Dr. Pyne yesterday afternoon and asked for the establishment of one of the proposed new normal schools. Major Craig, the member for East Wellington, introduced the deputation, the spokesmen of which presented their case with eloquence and ability. They emphasized the point that Mount Forest is the most centrally located point between Guelph and Owen Sound, and a school there would serve a large, populous and growing district. The excellent model, high and public schools of Mount Forest were pointed to as an example of the interest the town displays in all that pertains to education. The model school is 26 years old and one of the best in the Province.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, in reply, said he thought Mount Forest a favorable locality for one of the proposed new normal schools, in the establishment of which many things would have to be taken into consideration. The request of the deputation would be most carefully considered.

On the deputation were Senator James McMullen, T. Martin, M.P. for North Wellington, Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., Mayor Jones, J. A. Lambert, Geo. L. Allen, Josiah Hampton, M. O. McGregor, J. A. Halstead, J. H. Brethour, G. R. Theobald, R. Galbraith, Rev. Mr. Stobo, W. H. Kingston, J. J. Cook and A. Jameson.