

EDUCATION ACTS ARE CRITICIZED.

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The Salaries of Members of the Railway and Municipal Board Fixed—Resolution Endorsing Parliament's Invitation to the King—Vigorous Criticisms Made by the Opposition.

By the Legislature yesterday the salaries of the members of the proposed new Railway and Municipal Board were fixed; the bills relative to the Education Department and public schools were discussed at length, and an amendment to the Toronto General Hospital bill giving the Government power to frame regulations, under which students of other institutions than the University of Toronto may visit the wards, was introduced. Through the afternoon and evening session the Opposition was alert, making a number of valuable suggestions at times, and on other occasions subjecting propositions in Government measures to vigorous criticisms. Mr. McDougall gave notice of a resolution endorsing the invitation of Parliament and the Senate to the King to visit Canada.

School Teachers' Salaries.

At the evening session Hon. Dr. Pyne's bill to amend the public schools act was taken up. New clauses were submitted for the original salary propositions. In effect these are: County Councils to levy and collect by an equal rate upon the taxable property of the county (not including urban municipalities), according to the equalized assessments of the municipalities, a sum at least equal to all the special grants made by the Legislative Assembly to the rural schools of the county. Such sums are to be payable to the trustees of the respective schools receiving Legislative grants in the same proportions as the grants are apportioned.

Where the assessed value of taxable property of public school supporters in any township of an organized county is equal to at least an average of \$30,000 for each public school section, the township Council shall collect by assessment \$300 for every public school where a teacher or principal teacher is engaged for a whole year, a proportionate amount where the engagement is for a lesser period, and an additional sum of \$200, or proportion thereof, under the condition named for an assistant teacher. Where the assessed value is less than \$30,000 for each public school section the amounts to be collected are \$150 and \$100, respectively, or proportions thereof. In both cases after the present calendar year the amounts so raised are to be applied exclusively to teachers' salaries. In addition to the sum provided by the township Council towards each teacher's salary, the trustees of rural schools in the following cases pay to the teacher, where there is only one, and to the principal where there are more than one, the sums mentioned:—

\$200 where the assessed value of the taxable property of the public school