

the Government heard from the localities represented on deputations a hum of approbation because of what the Government had done. The doctrine as expressed by some of the speakers that 50 per cent. of the revenue from the north country should go back to it—and he presumed that the deputation spoke for the whole of New Ontario—was, he thought, a false one, and not held by all present. But the revenue from the north country would be a factor in what would be paid back. He alluded to the large expenditures on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, which must be taken into consideration in figuring out what the north country was receiving from the Province.

In dealing with figures presented by previous speakers, the Premier pointed out that the total Government expenditure for the administration of justice, colonization roads, education and public works in New Ontario in 1906 aggregated \$382,004. The railway matters as presented in the requests laid before the Government by the speakers raised not only the whole question of the railway policy of the Government, but also the question as to whether the Government would be acting properly in going further into the business of building railroads.

#### Yearly Tax Sales.

In respect to the proposition regarding yearly tax sales, he thought this had a good deal to commend, although there would be difficulties in the way of municipalities carrying it out. The department was already carrying out the suggestion of selling timber in small lots where these were not fit for cultivation. He also pointed out that locatees are now allowed to cut all the timber except pine on farm lands, but this was not and would not be granted to squatters. The questions relative to forestry which had been raised by some of the speeches and the resolutions passed at a meeting of the union held last month, copies of which were sent on to him, were touched upon. Forestry was practically a new question. It would require not only consideration, but experiment and practical illustration. He wanted the deputation to understand that what they asked for in the way of equitable taxation of mining lands was a matter which had been considered, and they need not go away thinking that this was not possible.

#### Must Have the Trunk Road.

As to the trunk waggon road between the Soo and Sudbury, Hon. Mr. Cochrane and himself had agreed some months ago that a large grant must be given for that road. He understood that the route of the proposed road ran through some of the Indian reserves, and it would be necessary to make arrangements with the Dominion Government for the construction of that work.

#### Must Maintain the Reserve.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, who followed, was also warmly greeted. He frankly stated that he did not think the Mississauga reserve should be opened for settlement, because it contained an immense quantity of fine pine, which should be preserved as an asset of the Province. Dealing with the questions between the lumbermen and the settlers, he held that there was a great deal to be said on both sides of the case. The rights of the lumbermen should be respected, while at the same time justice should be done to the settlers. He went into other matters to some extent, covering somewhat the same ground as the Premier.

#### Co-operation is Suggested.

Hon. Messrs. Matheson, Hanna and Reaume also delivered short addresses, which were heartily applauded. The latter threw out a hint in regard to colonization road building, which might be taken as indicating impending Government legislation. The Government and the municipalities might join hands for the building of the roads, the former paying one-third or one-half of the cost, either in money or work.

Mr. R. R. Gamey closed the meeting with a brief address, in which he expressed the opinion that Algoma would

get what it asked.

#### A Strong Deputation.

Included in the deputation were:—  
From Sault Ste. Marie—J. H. Gimby, S. L. Penhorwood, J. Bassingthwaite, A. R. Speers, G. L. Michael, S. G. Stone, W. G. Brown, J. W. Speers, D. G. Robinson, J. Stevenson, S. T. Matheson, J. T. Crawford, A. D. McNabb, F. Wright, W. H. Munro, S. W. Fawcett, W. R. Cunningham, J. O'Boyle, J. A. Montague, R. H. Sanborn, W. W. Baldwin, D. W. Gemmill, R. Murdoch, W. A. Pollock, F. W. Stibbs, J. J. McFadden, A. Caldbeck, C. F. Farwell, T. A. McPhail, S. A. Marks, J. W. Curran, J. T. MacKay, R. G. Campbell, H. M. Keenan, D. I. Millar, J. Maughan, T. S. Ryan, J. H. Haining, F. W. Caddy, W. H. Stewart, Robt. Morrison, A. Morrison, R. Hodgins, Geo. Woolrich, F. Inglee.

From Massey—J. Errington, H. I. Ross, H. F. Williams.

From Blind River—F. Y. W. Braithwaite, J. F. Hicks, Dr. Burd, W. Wallace, J. Lochore, M. F. Dyke, J. W. Graham, W. S. Robertson, J. H. Hawkins, T. A. Craig, J. F. Pepin, D. S. Pindell, T. H. Frankish.

From Sudbury—S. Fournier, D. M. Morin, Thos. Clemow, T. A. Loney, L. O'Connor, J. Hicks, W. J. Quesnel, Wm. McVittie, J. H. Morin, Jas. Blue, Jas. Purvis.

From Webbwood—J. C. McMillan, A. Croteau, Dr. Jones, J. B. Speller, T. I. Woods, John Canning, W. E. Doyle, P. G. Chat.

From Laird—Robert Murray, H. B. Taylor.

From Tarbutt—D. McKay.

From Thessalon—H. Kirby, D. McLennan, J. H. Elliott, S. Cole, T. E. Clinton, S. Hagen, D. Currie, J. Ansley, W. H. Patten.

From Gladstone—Jas. Forest, R. Arnill, H. Sargeant.

From Nairn and Lorne—H. L. McLean.

From Plummer, additional—A. McDonald.

From Patton township—B. E. Beamer.

From Rydal Bank—J. H. Chambers, W. W. Somers.

From Thomson—Sam. Inkster, R. Sadler.

From Victoria—J. A. Harris, Walford.

From Johnston and Tarbutt—J. H. McNally.

From Tarentorus—G. H. Farmer, A. E. Burden, T. O. Brown, T. C. Dinsmore.

From Korah—D. Everett.

From Goulais Bay—T. J. McAuley.

From Echo Bay—Robert Rush.

From Steelton—J. F. Shaw, C. H. Egan, R. H. Brooks, T. G. Holmes, J. L. Nattress, Thos. Corbett.

From Bruce Mines—H. J. Clark, W. C. McArthur, E. McEvoy, F. W. Rickaby, T. Ballantyne, T. H. DeCew, W. R. Lewis, F. W. Snider, John Knight, A. Dalgarno, N. H. Petersen, A. Grigg.

From Plummer and Aberdeen—Wm. McDonald.

From Day and Bright—Angus Taylor, John Black, F. W. Campbell.

From McDonald and Meredith—R. G. Smith, Alexander Finlay.

From Copper Cliff—W. G. Cressey.

From Hilton—W. J. Totten, R. Irwin.

From Jocelyn—Geo. Fish, T. Barton, J. G. Reesor.

From township of St. Joseph—John Cheer, R. L. Tweedy, T. J. Foster, Joseph Hyland, J. Heber Young, H. P. Fremlin, W. D. Fremlin.