

DECLARES WARFARE ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Mr. J. P. Downey's Bill For Care of Disease.

PULMAN CAR TAXATION.

Necessity For Early Survey of Larder Lake District.

Minister of Lands and Mines States That Department is Preparing to Meet Conditions Being Created in New Gold Country—New Bills In- troduced.

Mr. J. P. Downey (South Wellington) introduced in the Legislature yesterday a bill to provide for the creation of county associations for the treatment of tuberculosis. The measure provides for representation from each municipality, the registration of suspicious or confirmed cases, and the dissemination of instructions against the spread of the disease. In reply to a question by Mr. Kerr, the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Matheson, gave particulars as to the number of Pullman cars in the Province and the amount of taxes collected from the company. Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie) asked that surveyors be sent at once to the Larder Lake district. It would prevent confusion in the spring. The Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. Mr. Cochrane, replied that it would be folly to undertake the work while the snow was on the ground. He intimated also that the department was going fully into the whole situation created by the discovery of minerals in the Larder Lake district. Again the opposition to the three-fifths clause in the local option law found expression in a number of petitions from church and religious organizations praying for its repeal.

Amending Insurance Act.

Mr. Hoyle moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Ontario insurance act. He explained that under the present act the insurance societies could not purchase school debentures, and he desired that this privilege should be extended to them. He desired that many of the matters brought up in the bill should be referred to a committee, consisting of Hon. J. J. Foy, Messrs. Clark, Downey, Ferguson, Preston, Graham, Craig, Pense, and the mover, and this was done.

New Bills Introduced.

The following new bills were introduced:—

Mr. Smellie—Respecting the municipality of Shunia.

Mr. Blackner—Respecting the town of Berlin.

Mr. Morrison—To incorporate the Women's Christian Association of Belleville.

Mr. Devitt—An amendment to the municipal act.

Mr. Morrison—To incorporate the Thermo Railway Company.

Mr. Smyth—To incorporate the Current River Power Company.

Mr. MacKay—To incorporate the Ontario Interurban Railway Company.

Mr. Downey—Respecting the town of Kincardine.

Mr. Downey introduced an important

bill to provide for the creation of county associations for the treatment of tuberculosis and for the registration of suspicious or confirmed cases of tuberculosis. The board shall consist of one representative for every municipality

not employing a medical health officer at a salary of as much as \$1,500. Every physician must report to the Secretary of the board within one week of the discovery of a real or suspected case, and provision is made for sending specimens of the sputa to the bacteriologist and for the giving of directions against the spread of the disease. Literature giving instructions as to the latest methods of treatment is also provided for, and the board must keep in touch with all the cases under its observation.

Larder Lake Conditions.

Before the orders of the day were taken up Mr. C. N. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie, drew the attention of the House to conditions in the Larder Lake mining district. He stated that some very rich discoveries of both gold and silver had been made there until to-day there were between 2,200 and 2,300 prospectors in the field. Mr. Smith pointed out that the upper end of the lake was in unsurveyed territory, being eighty miles from Cobalt. There was no recorder's office nearer than Haileybury, 76 miles distant. In fact mining men had said that it was easier to make discoveries than to get them recorded. If it were in the power of the Government at the present time it would be well to send surveyors to that region, and also open up a recorder's office. The only way to describe claims now was to say they were such a distance from another claim. Though the Recorder at Haileybury was a good official, it was impossible for him to do full justice to the demands made upon him. Mr. Smith hoped the Government would do something to ameliorate conditions as soon as possible.

The Government's Attitude.

The Minister of Mines, Hon. Mr. Cochrane, said that under the former mining policy anyone making a discovery in unsurveyed territory had to take in a surveyor at his own expense. In the estimates of the House provision had been made for such surveys. Personally Mr. Cochrane said he had good reports from some of these districts. Larder Lake was only 17½ miles from the railway, and he felt the proper way was to build a branch line. As soon as the snow went away some action would be taken. Mr. Cochrane also intimated that many of the prospectors who had gone into these new districts since the snow had come were not bona fide prospectors.

Mr. Smith wanted surveyors sent up at once so that prospectors would have a line to tie up to. In reply Mr. Cochrane said the Quebec boundary line was there to tie up to if necessary, and Mr. Smith thought confusion would result in the spring from such a course.

Pullman Car Assessment.

Mr. Kerr asked the following question:—"What amount of taxes does the Province receive from the Pullman Car Company and what is the amount of assessment. Are taxes levied, and if not by assessment, in what way. What is the number of all kinds and descriptions of cars and rolling stock the company have in use in the Province and running therein?"

Hon. Mr. Matheson replied that the Pullman Company paid the Province \$1,748.33, being a tax under the supplementary revenue act—one-third of one per cent. upon the capital of company invested in cars and rolling stock, in use in Ontario the preceding year, \$524,501. The tax, he said, was collected by requisition of the Provincial Treasurer.

The average number of cars of said company in use in Ontario as per return of 1906 was as follows:—

	Number.	Valued at
Standard	48,191	\$481,910
Parlor	5,401	32,406
Emigrant or tourist	2,037	10,185
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		\$524,501

The standard cars were assessed on a

valuation of \$10,000 each; parlor cars, \$6,000 each and emigrant or tourist cars \$5,000 each. In 1904 the valuation was for the same purpose: Standard, \$7,250; parlor, \$5,000; emigrant or tourist, \$3,500.

Notices of Motion.

The following notices of motion were given: Mr. McGowan, bill to amend the Ontario architects' act; Mr. Duff, bill to amend the assessment act; Mr. Torrance, bill to amend the municipal waterworks act.

The House adjourned to meet on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Mr. Pense Will Criticize the Budget.

Mr. E. J. B. Pense, M. P. P. for Kingston, has been selected by the Opposition leader, Mr. George P. Graham, to criticize the budget speech. Last year Mr. Richard Harcourt acted as financial critic for the Opposition.

Mr. Whitney announces that with the exception of appointments already made the Government will hereafter receive deputations on Wednesdays only during the session.

Wants an Answer.

On Tuesday next Mr. George S. May of Ottawa will make inquiries of the Ministry regarding the sale of certain lots on the townsite of Cobalt. He desires to know when the lots were sold; were there any instructions for the sale from the T. & N. O. Railway; was there an auction; if there was a private sale, was it after an auction had been advertised; to whom were the lots sold, and to whom was the patent issued?

CHANGES IN COMPANY ACT.

SELECT COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATURE HEARS PROPOSALS.

No Changes Are Confirmed—Objections to the Two-thirds Majority for Bonusing President and Directors—Investing in Municipal Bonds.

The select committee of the Legislature on the act respecting joint stock and other companies yesterday discussed the section which is to the effect that no payment for salary or bonus shall be made to the President or any director unless confirmed by a vote of two-thirds in value of the shareholders present. Some changes were proposed, but nothing confirmed.

Mr. E. B. Ryckman in this connection pointed out that the proposed amendment was an absolute change in the gist of the company act, giving the control to the minority instead of the majority.

Hon. Mr. Hanna gave an example of a company where a minority subscribed for stock under conditions never contemplated. These stockholders got their 5 per cent. dividend, but in addition to that dividend the majority got probably a 10 per cent. dividend on salaries, etc. He further pointed out that there were instances where bonuses had been paid the officers instead of going out in dividends.

Mr. W. K. McNaught suggested that the majority of the total stock would be sufficient for the purposes of the bill. In this Hon. Mr. Harcourt concurred.

Section 83 as it present constituted provides that the directors shall not invest the company's funds in the purchase of shares or other securities of any other corporation. It was pointed out that the wording "securities of any other corporation" would prevent a company investing in municipal bonds.

The clause providing for the appointment of an inspector to investigate the company's affairs at the instigation of one-fifth in value of the shareholders, according to Mr. Ryckman, might be used to harass companies.