

praise of the work of Queen's, and assured the member for Kingston that if aid could be given in the future, consistent with the public interests, the Government would be glad to give it.

Hon. Mr. Hanna explained that the grant for hospitals this year was \$130,000, which was \$20,000 more than last year, and provided for a per capita payment of 20 cents.

With reference to items of \$6,000 for a Registry Office and \$2,000 for Land Titles Office at Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. C. N. Smith made the suggestion that a substantial building, suitable for both purposes, be erected on the district jail property, which is owned by the Province, and is one of the best sites in the town.

The Attorney-General thanked his hon. friend for the suggestion, which would be given every consideration by the department.

At some length Mr. Hanna explained the expenditure of \$100,000 for changes to Toronto Asylum. The building was in a bad state of repair, and equipment was defective. The land had been valued at \$200,000. The asylum would have to be moved from its present site and some other provision must be made. A new hospital for the insane in connection with the new Toronto General Hospital was one of the courses open to them. This would do much towards the education of the medical profession in the treatment of mental diseases. Patients who could be cured would be treated there, and only chronic cases removed to an asylum.

#### Producer Gas Power.

Mr. MacKay spoke on behalf of the municipalities who could not hope for cheap water power. He suggested that a few thousand dollars be spent to secure expert information as to the cheapest alternative power that these people could hope to obtain, as, for example, producer gas and its possibilities. Mr. MacKay named several firms within striking distance of Niagara which had installed gas producer plants.

The supplementary estimates for public buildings, in all \$166,200, were passed en bloc.

Mr. Studholme again made a protest against the Government for its Central Prison labor contract, and moved a motion regretting that goods made by prison labor were not stamped as such.

The question had been discussed once before, the Premier said.

The motion was lost on division.