

**CAN NOW SPEND
SIX MILLIONS.**

**Order in Council Will Give the
Necessary Authority.**

THE LEGISLATURE CONCURS

**Details Given as to Govern-
ment Railway Expenditure.**

**Over Twelve Million Dollars Has
Been Expended in Connection
With Temiskaming & Northern
Ontario Railway—Division Courts
Act to be Amended.**

The Legislature yesterday afternoon concurred in all the items which had been passed by the Committee of Supply, with the exception of two. This places at the disposal of the Government some \$6,000,000 which they can spend by the passing of an order in Council without waiting for the supply bill to go through the House. Another sign of the approaching end of the session is contained in the motion submitted by the Premier yesterday, and, of course, carried, that Government orders in future take precedence on every day that the House sits.

More New Bills.

The following bills were introduced:—To confirm a certain by-law of the village of Milverton, Mr. Torrance; to amend the act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, respecting the town of Stamford, Mr. Fraser; respecting the Ontario Sault Railway Company, Mr. Smyth; respecting the town of Smith's Falls, Mr. Preston (Lanark); respecting the town of Wallaceburg, respecting the city of Windsor, Mr. Hoyle; to amend the act respecting the Lake Superior, Long Lake & Albany River Railway Company, Mr. Downey; respecting the Canada Central Railway Company, Mr. Hoyle; to amend the stationary engineers' act, Mr. Monteith; respecting the Division Courts, Mr. Foy. The bill respecting Division Courts, introduced by Mr. Foy, is a consolidation of the old act, as it comes from the hands of the Statutes Revision Committee. The only change of interest is that the fees of claim under \$25 have been reduced.

Extension Granted.

Hon. Mr. Monteith introduced a bill amending the act respecting stationary engineers. The act was passed last session and provided that all engineers must have Government certificates by July 1st of this year, and the amendment extends the time till Jan. 1st, 1909. So far about 3,000 applications have been received from engineers for these certificates, and Hon. Mr. Monteith thinks there are about 8,000 engineers in the Province.

The following bills were read a second reading:—

Respecting the Dunnville, Wellandport & Beamsville Electric Railway Company; respecting the Guelph Radial Railway Company; respecting the Hamilton & Guelph Junction Railway Company; to confirm by-law No. 228 of the United Townships of McLean and Ridout; respecting the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations; respecting the town of Newton; respecting by-laws Nos. 20, 21 and 22 of the town of Goderich; respecting the township of Osgoode, in the county of Carleton; respecting the town of Toronto Junction and to incorporate it as the City of West Toronto; respecting the floating debt of the county of Frontenac;

Mr. Godfrey
Respecting the town of North Toronto; to amend the act respecting the Queenston Heights Park. *Foy*
T. & N. O. Expenditures.

In reply to Mr. McDougal (Ottawa) the Hon. A. J. Matheson informed the House that the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway had no bonded debt. On capital account the commission had expended to date \$12,177,784. No bonds had been sold by the commission, and they had no authority to issue any, and they were not indebted to any bank. From freight and passenger traffic last year the revenue was \$779,237, and from other sources \$125,184. The total expenditure was \$645,412 for operation and \$2,617,485 for other purposes. No interest was paid by the commission on bonds, but the Government paid \$239,744, including sinking fund, for which \$235,091 was received from the railway on account of net earnings.

The following question stands in the name of Mr. McDougal:—Was any timber limit or timber in Garrow township or elsewhere sold to one Dancy at the sale of 1903? Was the sale completed or did it fall through? Has this same timber or limit or any part of it been sold since? If so, when and to whom, and at what price? If since sold was the sale by tender, or at auction, or private? Was any timber in Garrow sold by the Government in 1905? If so, to whom, and at what price?

**ONLY SEVENTEEN
RIDINGS TO COME.**

**Redistribution Bill Rapidly As-
suming Shape.**

THREE MORE UNCHANGED.

**Other Divisions in Middlesex
and Huron Possible.**

**Special Committee of Legislature Has
Another Meeting—Grey, Carleton
and Russell Remain as They Are
—How Ottawa is to be Divided—
Effect of Census on Scheme.**

There are now only seventeen ridings in Ontario which have to be passed upon by the special redistribution committee of the Legislature, and after Wednesday next the bill may be in shape for presentation to the House. At yesterday's meeting the Government's intention regarding the counties of Grey, Russell and Carleton was divulged, and the ridings there will be left unchanged. The division of Ottawa was announced, and Premier Whitney intimated that the name of the new riding in northern Ontario, which was given as Fort Frances, would be altered to Rainy River. Besides the bringing of this new business before the committee, Premier Whitney hinted at the possibility of more changes in Middlesex and Huron. Apparently the sharp criticism which has been coming from many quarters regarding the crude manipulations in these counties has not been lost sight of by the Government, and the discussion about Middlesex and Huron as well as the proposals for Toronto was postponed. It now seems probable that some satisfactory division will be made in the two counties which have been so indelicately carved.

The Greys Remain.

At the commencement of the meeting the Premier, who makes practically all the motions besides settling the minor disputes, said there had been some criticism of two or three of the divisions, and he suggested that they be left over for a subsequent or final

meeting. Next he moved that the ridings in the county of Grey stand, which are South, Centre, and North Grey. That motion was adopted without discussion. Then followed several changes which had been announced at a previous meeting. These were the taking from North Hastings of the township of Huntingdon and adding it to the East riding; the taking of Monaghan from West Peterboro' and adding it to West Northumberland, and the removal of Lakefield from West Peterboro' to East Peterboro'.

The riding of Cardwell was mentioned, and at the request of Mr. Bowman it was allowed to stand over. Mr. Whitney then announced that Carleton and Russell would remain as they were.

Accepting an Argument.

The changes in Leeds and Brockville, which were announced at a previous meeting, Mr. Dargavel explained, would equalize the population there, so that there would not be one hundred difference in the population of the two ridings. He also observed that certain sections had been added to Brockville because the people did their trading in that town.

Accepting this line of argument, Mr. Bowman asked why Conmee township and one adjoining, now in the riding of Fort William, were placed there when the trade of these places went to Port Arthur. Mr. Whitney replied that local authorities had considered the convenience of these places as far as possible.

When the question of the division of Ottawa was brought up Mr. May stated that according to the present arrangement the West riding would have a much larger population in two years than the East, because the West was the growing part. Mr. May's argument brought a general statement from the Premier.

Not Using a Harrow.

"In 1910 there will be another Dominion census," he said, "but if it had not been for two circumstances, the fact that the 1901 census is some years old and that another is coming in a couple of years, this redistribution would have been of a much more extensive character. Under the circumstances I don't think we would be justified in going over the Province with a harrow."

Continuing, Mr. May said the division proposed would practically divide Ottawa into Roman Catholic and Protestant religions. From a national point of view he thought it always better to mix the religions.

Mr. Whitney—I agree with you there.

He then stated that if the Government's policy with regard to Ottawa were not changed before the bill was introduced in the House, Mr. May would have the best of the argument in his contention that Ottawa and Toronto should not be treated differently.

Division of Ottawa.

The division of Ottawa as announced was: East, Rideau, Ottawa, By and St. George; West, Centre, Wellington, Dalhousie and Victoria.

The ridings that stand over are: North and South Brant, Cardwell, North and South Essex, East, West and Centre Huron, North and South Lanark, North, South and West Middlesex, North, East and West York, and Peel.

A deputation from Brant waited upon the Premier yesterday, but no announcement was made regarding the results.

The committee meets on Wednesday next.

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