

grants to rural schools. Grants should be graded, he said, in proportion to salaries and equipment. The high schools should not be starved for the benefit of the continuation schools.

Scarcity of Teachers.

Mr. A. H. Musgrove (North Huron) was not inclined to accept Mr. McDonald's statement that he was sent to protest against the educational system, but rather thought his presence was a tribute of personal popularity in the riding. It was popular in the country to say that the educational system had broken down, but in his own county many teachers holding temporary certificates had the benefit of three, four or five years professional experience. The whole criticism against the Government dwindled down to a scarcity of teachers.

Mr. R. J. McCormack (East Lambton) moved the adjournment of the debate, which will be continued today.

Answers to Questions.

The Ministers replied to a number of questions asked by Mr. Rowell and the Liberal members.

To the leader of the Opposition Sir James stated that the confidential nature of the Cabinet deliberations prevented him from making any statement with regard to who suggested the proposed change in the Hydro-electric Commission, and whether Hon. Adam Beck protested. He said that there had been no complaints from any municipality regarding the proposed transfer, or any request that it be made.

Mr. Racine's inquiry regarding bilingual schools brought little information. Hon. Dr. Pyne stated that Dr. Merchant's report had not been received, but was expected shortly. He stated that there were two model training schools for English-French teachers, one at Ottawa and one at Sturgeon Falls.

To Mr. Munro's inquiry with respect to the Provincial deposit in the Farmers Bank the Provincial Treasurer said that the first deposit of \$1,035.50 was made on May 16, 1907. This was increased shortly after to \$1,798.75. He added that the Government was constantly being asked to increase deposits at the various chartered banks. At the time the bank suspended payment there was on deposit \$26,045.67. "Payment is expected," was the brief reply to the question of Ontario's chances of receiving any dividend from the liquidator of the bank with respect to this deposit.

Mr. R. J. McCormack was informed that there were fifty-five model schools in Ontario on January 1, 1905; four years later there were six. "No model schools have been established for 1912," was the Minister of Education's reply to a query as to the number in existence on January 1, 1912. A question as to the intention of the Government respecting the re-establishment of more schools of this class was turned aside with the statement that it was a matter of policy. Mr. Proudfoot was informed that Sir William Meredith had made no report regarding workmen's compensation, but that one was expected shortly.

Mr. Sinclair (North Ontario) was told that the Government had been taking steps to secure an adequate supply of farm laborers and would continue to do so.

Mr. Elliott (West Middlesex) was informed that neither Bromley nor Harry Moss was an employee of the departments. These two men had been taking part in the South Renfrew bye-election, and it had been stated that Bromley was a license inspector for the North Riding and Moss a road superintendent for the South Riding.

INSPECTION BEFORE AND AFTER KILLING

MUNICIPALITIES GIVEN NEW POWERS UNDER MEDICAL HEALTH ACT.

As a result of the consideration given the question by the special committee of Medical Health Officers appointed on Monday to draw up a proposed amendment to the medical health act respecting meat inspection, a new clause will probably be invested in the act. This will give municipalities power to inspect meats before and after killing, and will open the way, it is understood, for the establishment of municipal abattoirs.

The amendment will not require inspection before killing of meat marketed in small quantities by farmers, but will cover the product of the butcher in the various municipalities.

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