

more information upon various questions. Dr. McQueen was informed that the Government had received requests from twenty-six counties and four cities to take action to stamp out tuberculosis in Ontario. The Provincial Secretary gave a statement showing that for the five years from 1900 to 1905 the Government had given \$20,438 to assist local sanitariums, and in the five years from 1905 to 1911 \$160,073 had been appropriated. In addition the Government had appropriated smaller sums for tuberculosis and health exhibits. The statement showed also that Ontario had a smaller death rate from tuberculosis than nearly every European country, and that it was constantly growing less.

Sir James informed Mr. Udney Richardson that no arrangement had yet been made between the Federal and Provincial Governments with reference to promoting immigration to New Ontario, nor had any such arrangement been made with regard to the construction of permanent highways.

Hon. Mr. Hanna secured Opposition assent to present information regarding the enforcement of the liquor laws in northern Ontario in the form of a return of the House. To Col. Atkinson's inquiry about the Government's policy, Sir James stated that it would be made known from time to time.

Bilingual School Question.

Mr. Rowell voiced an objection to the manner in which Hon. Dr. Pyne answered Mr. Racine's question as to the number of bilingual schools in the Province. He considered that the Minister had not given an answer by stating that Dr. Merchant's report had not been received. If there were no bilingual schools that fact could be stated, and if there were such schools the Government should know of them and not have to depend upon Dr. Merchant.

The Opposition continues to be inquisitive. On Friday Mr. Munro will ask: "Was any request from any source whatever made in writing to the Government or any member or official thereof for the making or the increasing of the deposit of public moneys in the Farmers Bank of Canada? If so, from whom did any such written request come?"

Mr. Rowell also seeks information upon the assessment law, and on Tuesday next will ask: "How many petitions were presented to the Legislature or the Government in each of the years 1909, 1910 and 1911, praying for legislation enabling municipalities to levy a lower rate upon improvements than that levied upon lands, or to affix the assessment valuation of improvements at less than their real value?"

LIBERAL POLICY IS BEING FORMED

Promise to Temperance People Being Carried Out.

MAY COME THIS SESSION.

Mr. Rowell Informs Deputation That There Will be No Delay in Bringing in New Policy—Cold Comfort From the Government.

"I have nothing to say."—Sir James Whitney's reply to the temperance men.

"Let me first express my thanks to the Alliance for expressing itself in such a courteous and moderate way. . . . I think we all recognize the evil of the barroom. The question is the form of legislation to adopt. . . . We cannot come to a conclusion suddenly in view of present conditions. . . . It will be decided this session."—From Mr. Rowell's reply to the temperance men.

The temperance forces advanced upon the legislators in Queen's Park yesterday in considerably smaller numbers than the great deputation that demanded the abolition of the bars a year ago, but with the same strong array of arguments and the same convincing way of giving expression to them. The deputation, headed by Mr. Joseph Gibson, President of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, first paid their respects to Sir James Whitney and his Ministers, then not at all comforted by the reception their requests received in that quarter, marched down the corridor to the Opposition lobby and put their case before the Liberal leader, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C.

Their request came under three sub-heads: the abolition of the bar, of treating, and of the selling of liquor in clubs.

A Lesson From Mr. Hanna.

Sir James gave them no assurance that the Government would alter its present course, while Hon. Mr. Hanna read the temperance men a lesson in