

ing the summer in cities at the option of local Boards of Education.

In reply to a question by Mr. T. Marshall (Monck), Hon. Mr. Hanna admitted that Charles A. Wilson had been appointed License Commissioner of St. Catharines on February 25, but the department had no knowledge whether Mr. Wilson was or was not Secretary of the Conservative Association of St. Catharines.

## MORE FAVORABLE TO MARRIAGE ACTS

Government Partly Converted  
to Dr. Godfrey's Bills.

RESTRICT DEGENERATES.

Mr. Hanna's Views on Conduct at Industrial School—Considers Use of Handcuffs on Spain Boy Unjustifiable—Tributes to Superintendent Ferrier and His Work.

The Government showed a half-way conversion towards the bills brought up by Dr. Forbes Godfrey (West York) last night to prevent the marriage of insane persons and the procreation of degenerates. Dr. Godfrey was almost read out of court when one of these bills was up three sessions ago. After a brief discussion in the House last night, in which Dr. McQueen (North Wentworth) supported both bills on the ground of public necessity, Sir James Whitney complimented Dr. Godfrey for a careful, illuminating address. It was not often that the Legislature was so strongly impressed in so short a time with so few words by two members. "The impression created by my hon. friends to-night has been greater than if a dozen members had addressed us on the same subject. They certainly have been doing their duty." They had done good work for the community they represented.

### Methods a Mistake.

During the discussion Dr. Godfrey threw an interesting light on the management of the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico, which arose out of a remark by the Provincial Secretary that while he was fully aware of the valuable work the institution was doing, such methods as were the subject of a recent investigation were a mistake.

Mr. Hanna remarked that he did not wish to say anything detrimental to Mr. Ferrier, whose position as head of that institution was fully justified by the excellent manner in which he had conducted it.

"I know of no circumstances in this modern day which could justify the form of physical restraint that was used in the particular case which has engaged so much attention lately in the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico," said Mr. Hanna.

### Boy Was Not Hurt.

"The treatment the Spain boy received never hurt him physically, mentally or morally. He is just as well now as he ever was. I don't approve of it. Neither does Mr. Ferrier. But I believe the Government ought to do something to assist the city and the Industrial School Association, and to segregate those boys who are mentally defective," declared Dr. Godfrey in explanation.

### Cannot Replace Ferrier.

"In Mr. Ferrier," said Dr. Godfrey in rising to withdraw his bill, "that institution has a man they cannot replace." He pointed out that this boy

was a particularly hard boy to manage, and had given the authorities at the school a great deal of trouble.

"I would ask the Government to increase the grant to that school, and also the number of helpers. I would ask them how they would detain that boy Spain without any means of detention other than the watchfulness of the officials."

### To Regulate Marriage.

Dr. Godfrey sought to secure a second reading for his bill to amend the marriage act, which is designed to prevent insane persons marrying, and compels the issuer of the license to secure a certificate from a qualified physician that neither of the parties insane, an epileptic or an imbecile. If public opinion had progressed far enough he would have added tuberculosis as a further impediment to marriage. He would also like to compel three weeks' residence of one party where the license is issued.

Hon. Mr. Hanna commended the principle of throwing restraints around the marriage act to prevent the marriage of incompetents. He gave an instance at Orillia Asylum of a woman who was the mother of three children, who would not have been there had she been taken in charge by the State when her condition was first known.

### Some Startling Figures.

Some startling figures were presented by Dr. Godfrey in moving the second reading of his other bill. Insanity was on the increase in the Province. During 1909, 1910 and 1911 there were 1,824 male patients admitted to the asylums of the Province and 1,782 females. In the same period 982 males were discharged and 870 females. He submitted further statistics to show the number of patients discharged as "recovered, improved, and unimproved."

## SALARY OF \$6,000 FOR HON. ADAM BECK

### PRIME MINISTER INTRODUCES BILL FOR FUTURE REMUNERATION.

Following his announcement on Monday of this week that legislation will be brought down providing for remuneration to Hon. Adam Beck, Chairman of the Hydro-electric Commission, Sir James Whitney moved the first reading of a bill yesterday to give Mr. Beck a salary of \$6,000 per annum hereafter.

The statement of the Prime Minister was received with applause. It was, he said, a fact well known to the members of the House, and to a large portion of the people of the Province, what had been going on in power circles during the past seven years, and of the energetic, absorbing services which Mr. Beck had rendered to the movement. In discussing the matter with him from time to time, Mr. Beck had always deprecated the idea of receiving remuneration for what he had done, and he occupied that position to-day.

His colleagues on the Commission, Hon. J. S. Hendrie and Mr. W. K. McNaught (North Toronto) took the same stand, and declined also to receive remuneration for their services. "This reflects great credit upon them," remarked the Prime Minister, who continued: "We have come to the conclusion that so far as the Chairman is concerned, in future he shall receive remuneration, and we propose with this bill to do away with the effect of the law which, without this bill, would render his seat vacant. The bill will provide, notwithstanding anything in any other statute, that he be allowed to retain his seat in the House, and will be paid a sum of \$6,000 per annum."