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which lasted about two hours, was marked by a rather slim attendance of members. On the Government side only thirteen benches were occupied when the Speaker took the chair. The Opposition leader was absent, as were also some of the Ministers. The incident of some of the Ministers. The incident of seeling diseased hogs in this city.

destroyed, 163 being burned, and 97 dressed and sold after inspection.

A Very Serious Charge.

Mr. St. John afterwards moved for an order of the House for a return showing how much the Government realized from the sale of the 97 hogs sold, as acknowledged by the Provincial Secretary. In making the motion the member for West York pointed out that the Government had, in regard to this cholera outbreak, taken no care to guard the City of Toronto and vicinity against danger. The disease was of an exceedigly infectious character, and its poisson would be carried by the wind to hogs half a mile distant. The local Board of Health and those interested in hogs had tried to keep up the quality of the meat sold on the Toronto market, and he thought that the farmers of York had an unfair competitor in a Government which sold inferior and poorly fed pork.

Mr. St. John then proceeded to describe the slaughter of the hogs at the Humber piggery, as it was begun at 3 o'clock on the morning of a July day and carried out to the end. While the billing proceeded hogs were dying from

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Hon. Mr. Davis Replies.

Hon. Mr. Davis, speaking in reply, consented to the return being brought down, and in so doing made a few general statements regarding the history of the piggery in question. Among other things he said that the whole original cost of the institution was \$2600.

Mr. St. John pointed out that page 207 of the Public Accounts showed that in wages alone the construction of the piggery caused an outlay of \$1526. How cid the Minister make out that the whole establishment cost only \$2600?

Mr. Davis did not reply directly to this statement, but, proceeding, admitted that the institution, as reconstructed, with houses, wells, etc., cost over \$7000. Hon. Mr. Davis Replies.

Mr. Davis tried to exonerate the Ontario Government from blame in connection with the sale of the diseased hogs by asserting that the butchery was superintended by Dr. Andrew J. Smith, the Dominion Government inspector, or his assistant, Dr. Sweetapple.

Crawford Backs In St John. Dr. Meacham spoke briefly, and Mr. Crawford observed that it did seem that all the hogs in question were diseased, and if the hon, member for West York

the session was Mr. St. John's charge, to the effect that, on the outbreak of cholera at the Humber piggery in 1896, the Ontario Government had siaughtered the Ontario Government had siaughtered the outbreak of the Ontario Government had siaughtered the Crown. This is to provide for the garnishing of civil servants' wages.

Warden Wilmott's Salary.

Under the order of "Questions by nembers," Hon. J. M. Gibson informed Mr. Langford that Game Warden J. H. Wilmott receives \$450 a year,
Mr. Carnegie asked: Has any permit been granted for less than the usual license fee by any member of the Government or any officer thereof to any person or persons to hunt deer or other animal within the bounds of the Algonquin Park or any other part of the Province of Ontario?

The Attorney-General replied that no permits had been granted at all to hunt in Algonquin Park, as the law allowed for the issuing of no such permits.

Mr. Langford asked: Has the Government received a petition from the residents of the Township of Stephenson, in reference to W. J. Stimpson, J.P.? If so, what action has been taken by the Government in regard thereto?

The Attorney-General stated that his predecessor had received such a petition, but had dropped the matter.

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Was correct there had been gross negligence. In the case of an outbreak of cholera it was the custom to quarantine and slaughter the infected herd. In this case the hogs were condemned and so killed. There could therefore be no justification of the Government's could in this matter. It was a serious duet in this matter. The Government's could the in this matter. The Government's hould have acted differently in the public interests. He could not see how the Government could justify its conduct in this matter.

A Little Titl.

Mr. St. John added that he had information to the effect that no Dominion Government inspector was present at the killing of the hogs, and that, moreover, none of the 97 hogs sold were inspected until they reached the Central releasely.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: Who was the inspector?

Mr. St. John: I don't know his name. He was a short man, slightly lame and walked with a cane. The hon member



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