

as official stenographer to the Public Accounts Committee, and the numerous calls of philanthropy, meant daily duties of an arduous character, occupying at least seventeen of the entire twenty-four hours. When the press representatives assembled at the beginning of the session of 1893, the election of officers for the Press Gallery of the Ontario Legislature resulted as follows:

President—J. J. Kelso, Globe.

Vice-President—J. M. Jackson, Mail.

Secretary—Roden Kingsmill, Telegram.

Executive Committee—C. T. Long, Empire; A. Bremner, Free Press; A. M. Burns, News; J. W. Wilkinson, World, and C. F. Hamilton, Star.

LEGISLATION GRANTED.

In the latter part of 1892 Sir Oliver Mowat made the announcement that the Ontario Government had decided to introduce the best law for the care and protection of children that could be devised, and that the Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. M. Gibson, had been entrusted with the task of preparing it. The work was wisely and faithfully done, and when the Ontario Legislature met in February, 1893, Mr. Gibson introduced a bill "for the prevention of cruelty to and better protection of children." It proved acceptable to all parties, and was finally sanctioned by the Lieutenant-Governor in May, 1893.