

Applications for legislation next session are very light so far. Application has been made to incorporate "The Canada North-west Land Company" (Limited), for the purpose of acquiring the assets and carrying on the business in Canada of the Canada North-west Land Company (Lim.), a corporation now existing under the laws of the United Kingdom and to incorporate a company to construct irrigation ditches or canals from the Bow and Elbow rivers in the North-west Territories, and to incorporate the Automatic Telephone & Electric Company of Canada.

At the annual general meeting of shareholders in the Consumers Gas Company of Toronto, held on Monday, 31st Oct., the following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected directors for the ensuing year: Samuel Alcorn, James Austin, M. Baldwin, G. S. C. Bethune, Henry Cawthra, George R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Isaac C. Gilmor, George Gooderham, James Scott, Dr. L. W. Smith, Hon. Frank Smith, Thomas R. Wood. At a meeting of the board held subsequently, Mr. Jas. Austin was re-elected president and Dr. Larratt W. Smith, vice-president.

The controlling interest in the British America Assurance Company, held by Governor Morrison, who resigned, has been bought by a syndicate composed chiefly of three directors in the Western Assurance Company. It is intended to make the interests of these two companies identical in some important districts in the Western States by uniting the agencies and pooling business, so that in this way a large amount of money, which it was necessary to deposit at a lower rate of interest, will be available for better investment. It is not intended to identify the business of the companies here in any way, but it is believed a large amount of money can be saved in agencies. The change will bring the companies practically under the same board.

Notice was given by Mr. A. G. McLean at the last meeting of the Young Conservatives, Toronto, that he would at the next meeting introduce a motion dealing with the question as to the advisability of the provincial government borrowing a large sum of money to be loaned to the farmers of the province at the lowest rate. Mr. McLean hopes to be able to lay down a practical scheme by which the Government will be able to borrow money at three per cent. and loan it to the farmers at four per cent., without loss to the Government. If the scheme proves feasible it would do away with the necessity of loan companies, but Mr. McLean asserts that the majority of the stockholders in the loan companies of this province are either American or English citizens, and consequently their interests need not be seriously considered.

During the past few months the funds of the Bank of Hamilton have suffered to the extent of \$40,000 to \$50,000 through forgeries, one of the culprits being C. H. Davidson, of the well-known nursery firm of C. H. Davidson & Co., of Burlington. Two Pinkerton detectives have been in the employ of the bank for some time endeavoring to bring about the arrest of