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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

SHARP DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHT TO SUCCEED

And the Natural Rights of Illegitimate Children—The Provincial Exhibition and Market Fees in Committee.

Government business took up the sitting yesterday. Mr. Lander in connection with an exhausted estate began a discussion which caused ladies to retire from the gallery, and led to his being charged with advocating free-love. The market fees bill led to a long discussion, representatives from cities opposing it, and those from rural constituencies favoring it. Mr. Bell made a "sarkastical" speech, speaking of farmers as "lords of the soil," but seriously charging them with dirtying the streets of Toronto, as if that were possible.

Mr. Mowat introduced a bill respecting the jurisdiction of the court of appeal. A number of bills were read a third time and passed. Mr. Mowat moved that the house approve of the distribution of a balance of the estate of Alex. McEwen among the creditors of a relative, who had obtained possession of it, and had credited given to him on account of it, although McEwen was illegitimate. He said the estate was a small one only \$705. He thought that they might thus deal with it, although the supreme court had decided against Ontario's claim to such a property.

Mr. Meredith said it would be better not to deal with the estate until the privy council had decided as to Ontario's claim. Mr. Lander said enquiry had been made as to another large estate, the Caviths estate, to see if it should not be such. Such enquiry should not be made unless there was something to go upon. He was glad a different policy had been adopted from that in the Herge case. A young lady in Scotland had inherited an earldom and a large estate whose parents were no more married than the parents of Andrew Mercer, because the father had said the woman was his wife. Illegitimate children should always inherit when there were no legitimate heirs.

Mr. Mowat denied that there was any parallel between the two cases. Mr. Mercer had never said the woman was his wife and she had never claimed to be such. Mr. Mowat said Mr. Lander was advocating free-love in saying illegitimate children should inherit where there were no legitimate ones. If he wished to find out the feeling in regard to that, let him bring in a bill providing for the descent of property in that manner.

Mr. Oughton said that the innocent children were punished for the sins of their parents, and although there was a power to do that, it was not for the Ontario government to do it. Motion carried. Mr. Wood presented the report of the Agricultural College. The house went into committee on the agricultural and arts act. Mr. Meredith and other members wished for some system of nominating members, so those electing them could know who were candidates. Mr. Wood explained the objections which there were to this, and no change was made. A long discussion ensued as to the place of holding exhibitions, members being of the opinion that the west was inclined to monopolize the exhibition. Jealousy of Toronto was especially shown because of its great advantages. Mr. Young said it was the influence of Toronto which had established the industrial exhibition, erected buildings, and

MARKETS AND HEALTH.

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Mr. Young opposed a proposal made for all resorting to the market to pay fees, some articles from tolls, and letting people make bargains and sell hay, straw, etc., without taking it to market or getting it weighed. Some considered that the cities had a vested right in market fees and these must be respected. Mr. Meredith said the rights of the minority should be protected. It was too much the habit of the government to benefit the farmers at the expense of the cities. He hinted that this might be for political purposes. He was sorry that the bill did not deal with tolls as well as market fees. Cities and towns had gone to great expense in furnishing market places, and the bill was unjust to them.

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