

pass in its present form, it is undoubtedly framed to cover many difficulties and to meet particular cases which have arisen by reason of the large additions to our population, both from Europe and the Orient.

The Criminal Code comes in for its share of amendments, to which Mr. Lewis, of Huron, makes his contribution. One amendment requires a permit from a chief of police or a magistrate before a revolver can be purchased. Another amendment in the same bill deals with bodily harm inflicted by a revolver, knife, stiletto or razor. The Italian and the negro would seem to be sufficiently indicated. An unobtrusive clause would, in effect, prevent a public hanging, by requiring that a prisoner convicted of a capital crime be removed to a penitentiary. A bill respecting assaults and offences to persons is in line with previous bills on the same subject. It authorizes the arrest of a person believed to be carrying a knife or revolver, and authorizes the arrest of vagrants. Further, it imposes upon a vagrant a sentence of an indefinite period, subject to liberation upon a favourable report by the inspector of prisons, and provides that "if, after liberation, he commits any criminal offence he shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to be confined in a prison or penitentiary, with hard labour, for a term of not less than five years, nor more than ten years, in addition to the sentence for the crime last committed." Another bill authorizes the search, without warrant, of any person believed to possess or carry an offensive weapon.

Every law-making body is now engaged in dealing with motor vehicles. The matter being, in most cases, a question of civil rights, Mr. Lewis is confined to amending the Criminal Code by making the owner, driver and person in charge guilty of an indictable offence when his automobile causes a horse to run away, and thereby to occasion bodily injury.

As the author of a legal work on shipping we might expect Mr. Lewis' interest to be continued, and he has shewn it by a comprehensive bill respecting load lines on ships, modelled on the English Act, and following on the lines of a bill he introduced last session. Two other bills by Mr. Lewis deserve par-