IT WAS DECIDEDLY DULL

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. McShane Stirred Up a Bit of a Breeze Over the Administration of the Customs Department—The Bill in Regard to Detective Agencies Shelved for a Time.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special)—The proceedings in the House to-day were inexpressibly dull, being relieved only by a characteristic speech of the member for Montreal Centre.

Replying to Mr. McShane, Sir Adolphe Caron said it was not the intention of the Government at present to reduce the charge for drop letters to one cent.

Mr. Costigan informed Mr. Fraser that the bounties for fishermen in all the Nova Scotia counties had been paid for the past year.

International Arbitration.

A motion of Mr. Edgar's, requesting His Excellency to transmit to the Home Government a copy of the resolution adopted May 21, 1894, and affirming that the best interests of Canada and the United States would be promoted by the peaceful settlement by arbitration of any disputes or differences not adjustable by diplomatic agency, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. McShane Moves.

Mr. McShane (Montreal) moved for a return showing the proceedings of the conference held in Montreal in April, 1893, by the Minister of Finance with representatives of ocean shipping interests at the port, who complained of the adverse effect of the tariff on the import traffic from the United Kingdom to Canada, upon which they depended for west-bound cargoes for their steamships. In talking to the motion, he devoted most of his attention to attacking the administration of customs and to supporting the appointment of the Board of Customs experts, as proposed by the Montreal Board of Trade. He held that the rulings were arbitrary and lacked uniformity and gave no satisfaction whatever to the merchants of the country. To illustrate his argument he gave an instance in which the appraiser ruled that canary seed should be admitted free, because it was not used as human food, but two months after the same officer had ruled that it was dutiable, because it was eaten by the blacks of Africa. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ives pointed out the difficulty of adequately protecting the revenue and at the same time giving satisfaction to importers. Changes had recently been made in the Board of Customs and its membership now possessed thorough technical knowledge. They were men of life-long experience as importers and business men. As nearly as possible the spirit of the petitions for the Board of Experts had been met. There was a right of appeal from the decisions of the Board to the Governor-General in Council, but only a small number of appeals were ever taken. There was very little ground for the outcry raised against the administration of the Customs Department.

Controller Wood said there was no occasion to revive the discussion of last year on the Board of Customs experts, as the new board organized last year had proved more satisfactory than the board of experts as constituted in the United States. No representations had been received since Mr. McShane was elected complaining of the administration of the department, and if Mr. McShane had received any he had never laid them before the House. He (Mr. Wood) had visited Montreal a couple of times during the last three months, and had heard no complaints.

Ex-Controller Wallace said investigation proved that the system in operation in Canada was much more satisfactory than that of experts which was in operation in the United States. Decisions in the United States were no more satisfactory, and the only ones benefited were lawyers and a few importers who carried appeals from one court to another.

Mr. Laurier said he was a witness to the general complaint in Montreal against the administration of the Department of Customs. Mr. Wood was mistaken when he said there had been no complaints. The ground of complaint was that the present system led to inequality in appraising at various ports, some importers thereby being able to get in goods at less cost than others. The complaint was so general that there must be some ground for it. The only argument Mr. Wallace offered against the board of experts was that such a board in the United States did not work satisfactorily. If the American board was not composed of qualified experts, this might be a reason for its success, and if a board were organized here and proper appointments made, a remedy for existing complaints proposed by the Montreal Board of Trade might prove satisfactory.

The motion carried.

Mr. McLennan's Bill.

After recess Mr. McLennan's bill respecting the liability of Her Majesty and public companies for labor used in the construction of public works was given the third reading. It makes the Government liable for overdue wages of men employed on public works.

Detective Corporations.

Dr. Sproule moved the second reading of the bill respecting detective corporations and mercantile agencies.

Mr. Tisdale thought the legislation unnecessary, and that, anyhow, the House had not sufficient information on the subject to base action. Moreover, there were many more important measures on the order paper.

Mr. Masson thought the details of the bill were defective and asked Mr. Sproule to explain how he expected the measure to work out. He also questioned if the House had power to pass such a measure.

Mr. Sproule said he had received much correspondence showing there was a strong public demand for the bill. Dozens of merchants who wrote him endorsing the bill refused, when asked by him, to allow the use of their names in the House. They felt that if the commercial agencies learned they were supporting the measure, their financial standing would be ruined. This was strong evidence that the bill was required. Leading detectives also endorsed the portion of the bill dealing with detective corporations. The House should give the bill its second reading and make whatever changes necessary in the committee stage. Two years ago the Montreal Board of Trade endorsed the bill, but the Toronto Board of Trade, he was told, at the influence of Bradstreet's, decided against the bill.

Mr. Cockburn said the Toronto Board of Trade was composed of men of such standing that they could not be influenced as Dr. Sproule had indicated. He said the bill was not necessary, and that the machinery it provided would not improve matters any. The bill provided for business men filling out schedules showing the value of their property in Canada. How, then, would the rating of a man like Mr. Massey, who died the other day, worth several millions, but who owned very little property in Canada, appear. If the House passed the bill and put an imprimatur on agencies, these agencies would be given a standing they do not now possess.

Mr. Coatsworth said he was in sympathy with the motives of Dr. Sproule, and also with the remarks of Mr. Cockburn. All were agreed that everything should be done to assist agencies in getting perfectly accurate information, and the agencies themselves were anxious to improve the accuracy of their reports. However, the bill before the House did not render any assistance of value.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Macdowall (Saskatchewan), Campbell (Kent), McGillivray, McGregor, McMullen and Boyle.

Mr. Foster said before the House undertook such important legislation as this it should be well assured of the existence of real and widespread grievance. He was convinced that with the bill in its present shape there would be many difficulties as to its working out. Probably Dr. Sproule would have done all he could this session by calling public attention to it through the discussion which had taken place. The circumstances were such that the bill could not likely get through this session, and moreover, before the enactment of such legislation, commercial agencies and business men should be given an opportunity to state their side. This could only be done by committee. It would, therefore, be well for Dr. Sproule not to press the bill further now, but to let it stand over till next session.

On motion of Mr. McCarthy the debate was adjourned.

Mr. McCarthy moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Elections Act. It makes the law clear on the question of transportation of electors by railways, and also provides for arrest by a returning officer, without warrant, of parties caught personating.

Mr. Foster said he did not object to the second reading, provided the bill will be sent to committee.

The House adjourned at 10.50.

York Township.

In the case of Dixon v. York Township, Solicitor Werritt has been granted leave to move for dismissal of the action. The hearing comes up on Saturday.

An attempt will be made to have the lights along the Kingston-road in Norway in working condition by the first of next month. The Gas Company's charter as it stood made no allowance for the fact that the road is a county thoroughfare.

A meeting of the ratepayers of Norway has been called for Friday evening at the school house to discuss the proposed enlargement of the building.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, '96.

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MRS. OLLIE LOGAN'S DEATH

HAMILTON POLICE WILL HOLD AN INVESTIGATION.

The Woman Complained of Severe Pains But Knew No Cause for Them—Another Suspicious Death—Most of Mr. Constable's Money Recovered—Minor Notes From the Ambitious City.

Hamilton, March 25.—(Special)—An evening paper published to-night a story about the death of Mrs. Ollie Logan, which occurred here on Feb. 3, alleged to be under peculiar circumstances. The deceased, with Logan, supposed to be her husband, came here from the States on Dec. 11 last, and after boarding for a short time at the Commercial Hotel, went to board at 105 Bay-street south. When Logan first came to this city he was employed with John A. Barr, druggist, but afterwards worked for A. J. Seguin, a fancy soap agent. Mrs. Logan was taken ill about Feb. 1, and Dr. Lafferty was called in, but the woman died on Feb. 3, the doctor giving a certificate of heart failure as the cause of death. Mrs. Logan complained of severe pains, but knew of no cause for them. A few days after her death rumors began to float around about the cause of it, and when her relatives who used to reside in Newcastle, Pa., recently began to make enquiries, the circumstances appeared more suspicious. Dr. Lafferty said this morning that the woman suffered from severe pains, retching a great deal, and was sick about three days. The boarders at the house said Mrs. Logan vomited a great deal. Logan left the city shortly after. As a result of all this an autopsy will probably be held, and any mystery that may be associated with the woman's death cleared away.

Died Suspiciously, Too.

There is also a degree of uncertainty as to the cause of the death of Joseph Pelletier, an 18-year-old son of W. Pelletier, 253 Mary-street, who was killed in Conneaut, O., last Saturday night, and whose remains were interred from his father's residence yesterday. It may be the lack of information attainable regarding his death that has caused the uneasiness among the deceased's friends, who to-day placed the matter in the hands of the local police to investigate. A couple of telegrams from Conneaut said the young man was killed by a railway train, but an examination of the body upon its arrival here revealed no marks, except that the skull was crushed in. From a letter found in his pocket to a freight agent, from his uncle, S. K. Barrett, who has a live stock agency in Indianapolis, Ind., and for whom young Pelletier worked, it is supposed the deceased was in charge of a load of cattle leaving Indianapolis, and in some manner was killed at Conneaut. The friends want an inquest held.

Part of the Swag Recovered.

Bryan Doyle, formerly a detective of the Hamilton department, was engaged by L. T. Constable to solve the mystery in connection with the disappearance of his $800 and Mrs. Constable's gold watch, and incidentally to return both. The ex-detective says he has recovered $703 and the gold watch, but declines to reveal the mystery, but it is supposed the robbery was committed by someone who well knew the lay of the house.

What the Committee Will Do.

The proposal to establish a stock market, the Grand Trunk's request to have its assessment fixed for a term of ten years, the application for a grant by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Single Tax Association's appeal for assistance in procuring legislation to permit of the reduction of taxation on buildings and improvements, the application for a grant for a motocycle exhibition, and the consideration of Mayor Tuckett's proposal to have school taxes collected separately, are matters with which the Finance Committee will deal on Thursday evening.

Want the Bridge Filled in.

Engineer Haskins wrote to Chief Engineer Hobson of the Grand Trunk today, pointing out the dangerous condition of the Burton-street bridge, which is narrower than the roadway. The erection of a new bridge, or the filling in of the present one, which is more desired generally, would overcome the difficulty.

Snap Shots

Ex-Mayor Roach and Miss Roach are enjoying excellent health in Nassau.

The Incline Railway directors are in favor of running Sunday trains in connection with the street railway service, and it is likely cars will run up and down the mountain on Sundays this coming summer.

Th fee of S. H. Blake, Q.C., for representing the corporation in the recent legislation respecting the Hamilton Gaslight Company, is $250.

Rescued From Insanity.

Gentlemen,—To say all I ought to in favor of B.B.B. would be impossible. It has been a great health restorer to me and I do swear by it. I am a different man to what I was ten years ago when it was expected I would be in the asylum, but now I am in perfect robust health, and it was the B.B.B. that did it. I suffered for five or six years from constipation, sometimes so severely that I went out of my mind.

I tried various doctors, both in the country and in the city, and took medicines too numerous to mention, but everything failed to have the desired effect. When I used Burdock Blood Bitters it succeeded beyond all expectations, requiring only two bottles to cure me. To make it still more certain that B.B.B. is the real cure for constipation, I may say that some two years afterwards I felt the symptoms returning and took one bottle more and from that time to this present day (over eight years) I have never had any returns of the disease.

I never knew any medicine to work so well. It does not seem to be a mere reliever, but a sure and certain cure, as I can testify to, for hundreds of dollars' worth of medicine and advice failed to do me any good, but three dollars' worth of B.B.B. made a permanent cure that has given me years of health and comfort.

Yours truly,

246 C. L. KILMER, Toronto.

AGONIZING, TRANSFIXING PAIN.

The most excruciating pain known is perhaps caused by Angina Pectoris, which is most to be dreaded of any of the diseases of the heart. It distinguishes itself especially by pain, and by pain which is best described as agonizing. The pain literally transfixes the patient, generally radiating from the heart to the left shoulder and down the arm. The face shows the picture of terror, and is either deathly white, or livid. To a person suffering from this species of heart trouble or from palpitation or fluttering of the heart, shortness of breath, or smothering spells, the value of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart cannot be estimated, as it will give relief in thirty minutes in every case, and, if judiciously used, effect a cure. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is the greatest life saving remedy of the age.

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This medicine will not cure all the ills that flesh is heir to, but it will cure kidney trouble of whatever kind—no case too aggravated. It will cure speedily—sure relief in six hours. It is rich in healing powers, and whilst it quickly gives ease, where pain existed before, it also gives strength to the weak and deranged organs, making the cure complete and lasting. Thousands who know what South American Kidney Cure has done for them will tell you so.

A short road to health was opened to those suffering from chronic coughs, asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, lumbago, tumors, rheumatism, excoriated nipples or inflamed breasts, and kidney complaints, by the introduction of the inexpensive and effective remedy, Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil.

ON STAGE AND PLATFORM

Current and Coming Attractions at the Local Play Houses and Concert Halls.

Those who were attracted to the Grand Opera House during the "Brownies" engagement and like that class of entertainment, will perhaps see a far more ambitious one in the Hanlon Bros.' "Superba," which opens on Monday night for a week's stay at the Princess Theatre with matinees on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. This charming spectacle and pantomime is now in its seventh successful year. It was last presented here the season before last, but in its present form is said to be practically a new entertainment and will be found old in name only. Its many amusing tricks, its funny clowns, charming ballet, beautiful scenery and transformations should attract not only the masses but the best element in our community. It is a class of show that pleases all and especially the ladies and children. The sale of seats begins to-morrow morning.

"The Irish Alderman."

Seats for the matinee and evening performances at the Toronto Opera House on Good Friday are now on sale at the regular scale of prices. As Ald. McSweeney in his new farce entitled "The Irish Alderman," Mr. Kernell has made the hit of his life. The farce is a cleverly written satire on ward politics, abounding with many complicated and laughable situations. Some bright and up-to-date specialties are also introduced and next to Mr. Kernell in popular esteem will appear the well-known comedian, George Marion, in his singing specialty, "Sidewalk Trouble," and his popular recitation in Italian dialect on George Washington, Sam and Dave Marion will also appear in a new dancing specialty. The Sisters Urline, two charming vocalists, Phil and Nettie Peters in their new sketch, Robert Dellus as a new type of policeman, Emily Gardiner, Emily Vivian and Ren Shields, go to make up a very clever company.

A Toronto Heroine.

The city was billed by the management of the Crystal Theatre yesterday offering $100 to any woman who would enter the cage with "Old Rube," the monstrous man-eating python, now attracting the attention of the hundreds who daily visit that amusement place. It was not long before Manager Young had an opportunity to sign a contract with a young woman who announced herself as afraid of no living object. The young lady, Miss Hattie Livingstone of Queen-street west, will enter Old Rube's cage each day next week and endeavor to cultivate a friendly acquaintance with the monster who has a record of several sensational killings to his credit. Miss Livingstone insists upon it that she is acting in good faith in the matter and that she will positively keep her engagement with the theatre management. The hour of the young lady's bold venture has not as yet been determined upon, but will be duly announced in these columns.

"Old Rube" is not unused to such visits, but with the exception of a Miss Johnson at Pittsburg, he has invariably declined to permit his visitors to remain more than a few seconds within his reach.

Q.O.R. Concert and Assault-at-Arms.

The opening of the spring drill season was marked by a band concert and assault-at-arms, under the auspices of the Queen's Own Rifles. The Armoury galleries were well filled, about 1500 being present. The selections by the brass band were admirably rendered, and showed careful preparation for the season's band work, as did the marches and fancy drumming by the buglers.

Interspersed among the musical selections were contests of skill with the foils, sword and bill by Sergt. Page, R.C.D., Corp. Medhurst, R.C.D., Messrs. Keele, Sifton and Instructor Williams. The two latter, of Varsity A.A., gave an exhibition with the quarterstaff, a novelty duly appreciated by the audience, which seemed to enjoy thoroughly the whole entertainment.

"Sidewalks of New York."

There will be a matinee at the Toronto to-day. "The Sidewalks of New York" is brim full of broad humor and lively comedy, and, unlike the traditional melodrama, it reddens the eye with laughter rather than with weeping.

Boys' Brigade Concert.

Under the patronage of His Excellency Earl of Aberdeen, the Boys' Brigade of Canada will hold their annual concert at the Pavilion Friday evening, March 27. One of the principal features of the evening will be an exhibition of movements of the combined companies. Mr. James Fax will render a new song entitled the "Wrong Side of a Fence."

The Arctic Regions.

Lieut. Peary's lecture on Saturday evening in Massey Hall is going to be a great success. Seats are now on sale at the box office at the hall.

Paderewski.

Paderewski has been drawing the largest audiences and the greatest amount of money in the United States since last November that any pianist has ever done. He plays in Massey Hall on Thursday, April 9. A subscribers' list opens at the box office of the hall on Saturday morning. There seems to be no doubt but that the vast hall will be crowded upon that occasion.

Pupils' Concert.

People desirous of spending a very enjoyable evening should take in the concert by the pupils of Lansdowne school in the Pavilion this evening. They will be assisted by Mr. Ramsay, the Verdi Quartette and others. The pupils will present a variety of fancy drills and marches, to conclude with a series of national tableaux in costume.

ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Convention Will Meet in Hamilton Next Year—Officers Elected.

The Canadian Order of Chosen Friends concluded their session late last night. The following officers were elected: W. P. Bell, Kingston, grand councillor; T. G. Davis, London, grand vice-councillor; W. F. Montague, Hamilton, grand recorder; S. Broadfoot, Guelph, grand treasurer; A. Wolverton, M.D., Hamilton, grand medical examiner; M. T. Stewart, Toronto, grand prelate; J. P. Ross, Exeter, grand marshal; Dr. E. Buchanan, Zurich, grand warden; A. Mitchell, Bowmanville, grand guard; A. M. Legg, London, grand sentry; Chas. Kister, Chippewa, three years trustee; representatives on the Executive Committee, James Dixon, Hamilton; the Rev. H. I. Allan, Columbus; John Kane, Toronto. Hamilton was selected as the place of meeting of the Grand Council for 1897.

The Numidian's Passengers.

The Allan Line steamship Numidian arrived at 4 o'clock Monday morning with the following cabin passengers: Major Atkinson, Mrs. Atkinson and maid; Mr. H. Baird, Mr. W. E. Blackwall, Mr. Canns, Mr. C. C. Farr, Mr. Farrow, Mr. F. F. Fearnley, Mother Marie Fidle, Mr. F. Gibberd, Miss J. Gibson, Mr H. E. Greaves, Mr. G.A. Harding, Miss Hooper, Mrs. Kent, Miss Learmonth, Mother Marie Leon, Mr. Maunder, Mr. H. Merrick, Mrs. A. Mitchell, Mr. Ramsey Nash, Mr. Paterson, Capt. Pollard, Mrs. Pollard, Mr. Rodgers, Madame Rossaire, Mr. W. T. Sheard, Dr. J. P. Silver, Mr. Thurlow, Miss Muir, Mr. H. H. Wilson, and 68 intermediate and 247 steerage passengers.

Remenyi is Very Ill.

Davenport, Ia., March 25.—Remenyi, the famous violinist, is very ill at the home of Henry Sarterious, in this city. His wife, who is in New York city, has been telegraphed for and is expected to arrive here to-day.

VOTING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

NOMINATIONS MAY BE HELD DEC. 20 IN CITIES.

The Permissive Bill Regarding Municipal Elections is Favorably Considered by a Committee of the Local Legislature—Voters' Lists—Succession Duties—Government Measures Progress a Stage—The House in Committee of Supply.

Considerable business was got through by the Local Legislature yesterday, some measures being given their final reading, and others advanced a stage. The Municipal Committee passed the bill permitting cities to hold municipal elections on New Year's Day, Dec. 20 being in that case fixed for nominations.

The T., H. & B. Railway Bill.

When the Private Bills Committee reported to the House a number of measures, Mr. McKay of Oxford moved that the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Bill be referred back. He said that the bill had been rushed through the committee without certain interested parties being heard. This bill permits the City of Hamilton to bonus the railway to the extent of $225,000.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) opposed Mr. McKay's motion, saying that the committee had not been guilty of any sharp practice, and adding that he understood Mr. McKay simply represented somebody who had a claim against the road for materials supplied.

After further discussion, Mr. McKay's motion was lost and the committee's report was adopted as read.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:

Respecting by-laws Nos. 680, 792 and 823 of the City of Hamilton. To further improve the Agriculture and Arts Act—Mr. Dryden. Respecting the London Street Railway Company—Mr. German. Respecting the floating debt of the village of Markham—Mr. Richardson.

The House laughed heartily when Mr. Caven, Patron, asked that his notice of motion regarding county officials "stand at the request of the Government."

The following bills were dropped: To amend the Ontario Architects Act—Mr. Garrow. To amend the Act respecting mortgages of real estate—Mr. Biggar. To amend the Assessment Act—Mr. Magwood.

These bills were given a second reading: To amend the Assessment Act—Mr. Ryerson. To amend the Act to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and of diseases affecting fruit trees—Mr. Charlton.

City of Toronto Bill.

Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the City of Toronto occasioned a lengthy discussion in committee of the whole. The talk was chiefly over the clause allowing the city to aid Mr. Johnston in his suit against the Consumers' Gas Co.

Mr. Biggar moved an amendment providing that before being enabled to financially aid Mr. Johnston the corporation should enter into a written agreement with the company whereby they shall become liable for costs that may be paid by the plaintiff. Mr. Biggar said Mr. Johnston wanted such an amendment and the city should not object to it.

Mr. Marter understood the city asked to pay only what costs had been already incurred.

Mr. Balfour thought Mr. Johnston was as much the agent of the Legislature as the City of Toronto in this action and surely the House had a right to assist in enforcing its own legislation. He thought this should be made a test case.

Mr. Whitney said the merits of the case were not now being considered. The question was whether the city should be allowed to dodge the results of an action to which it was a party. Now that the city had gone so far it should not be allowed to back out of its agreement or shirk its responsibility. Mr. Johnston, he understood, was satisfied with the amendment.

Mr. Marter said his objection had been directed only to the city withdrawing from future responsibility. The city was not to be held liable for past expenses incurred by Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Crawford observed that he seemed to be alone in the matter. If the city consented to the amendment he would not object to it.

The amendment was carried and the bill reported as amended.

A Saturday Session.

Upon the House resuming business after recess the Attorney-General moved that after to-day Government business shall have precedence over all other business, in every day of the session, except Wednesday, for Private bills, and that there shall be a sitting of the House on Saturday next, to begin at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Mr. Speaker to leave the chair at 1 of the clock without the question being put to.

The motion carried.

What Was the Inducement?

Mr. Whitney asked for an order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. Murdock as Farmer or Assistant Farmer of the London Asylum. In doing so he said that he was credibly informed that the Government, having discharged two men to make way for him, had seduced Mr. Murdock from the position of a Patron standard-bearer in the last electoral campaign.

Mr. Gibson, in consenting to bring down the correspondence, said he was sure the papers would disclose no act of seduction on the part of the Government.

Bake Shops Act.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on Mr. Dryden's Bill to provide for the inspection of bake shops and Mr. Whitney objected to sub-section two of clause two, if it meant the appointment of a new inspector at extra expense.

Mr. Dryden said there was no intention of appointing an extra inspector.

Mr. Kerns moved that the bill should not apply to places of less than 4000 population, but the motion failed and the bill was reported.

Succession Duties.

Mr. Harcourt's amendment to the Succession Duties' Act, providing that it shall not apply to amounts covered by insurance policies, passed the committee stage.

Mr. Matheson spoke again in favor of a more moderate succession duty, for fear of driving capital and men out of the country. He also proposed that the bill should make adopted children to rank on the same footing as ordinary children.

In Supply.

Several other bills were put through the committee stage, and the House went into Committee of Supply, the expense in connection with the conduct of the Agricultural College at Guelph being freely criticized by the Opposition.

Toronto Exhibition.

Mr. Matheson suggested that as an important exhibition was to be held in Toronto this year, the Government should see that the Exposition grounds were put in proper shape for such an affair. He suggested a levelling or terracing of the grounds in certain parts.

Mr. Hardy said the Government had last fall done its part in fixing up the grounds, and the rest of the work devolved on the city.

Mr. McKay asked permission of the House to introduce a bill regarding the planting of sign posts on country roads, and at the tops of dangerous hills by the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

The House adjourned at 11.30.

ELECTIONS ON NEW YEAR'S.

Municipal Bills Considered—Yesterday's Work in the Committees.

In the Municipal Committee yesterday morning Mr. Hobbs' bill providing that elections may be held in cities on New Year's Day was reported. The measure fixes Dec. 20 as nomination day.

Mr. Garrow's bill to give votes in municipal elections to holders of $400 worth of stock in companies was lost. The principle of the bill was that the large amounts of money locked up in corporations should be vote-producing.

Mr. Mutrie's bill to enable County Councils to grant aid to township as well as county roads when the township roads ran into county roads, was passed.

Another bill was passed providing that licenses to hold land sales must be taken out by persons other than sheriffs, assignees and municipal officers.

A measure was passed providing that distress for taxes can only be levied on the goods of persons assessed for the property on which the arrearages exist.

A bill absolving municipalities from liability for accidents occurring on railway lines running through the thoroughfares of a corporation was lost. The measure also relieved municipalities of liability for accidents occurring during the repairing of streets unless negligence were proven.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

The Cost of Their Maintenance in Adjoining Counties.

A deputation consisting of the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, chairman of the High School Board, Trenton, and Messrs. Haggarty, Maclaren and Biggar, members for the ridings of Hastings, waited upon the Government yesterday. Their object was to secure a change in the High Schools Act so as to provide for payment by the Council of any county their fair proportion of the cost of maintenance of pupils attending a High School in an adjoining county. At present County Councils only pay for pupils attending High Schools in their own county; and those pupils who by reason of convenience are forced to attend a school in the adjoining county have to pay the fees out of their own pockets. The matter has been repeatedly brought to the attention of the Government for some years, but is a difficult one to settle. It looks, however, as if the Government were now inclined to do something to remove the injustice.

Notes About the House.

A deputation from the Pickerel River Co. yesterday again interviewed the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

A deputation from the Builders' Exchange will wait upon the Government at 6 o'clock to-morrow evening.

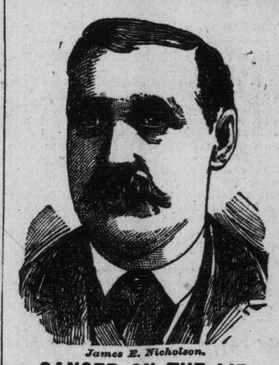
At the at home to be given in the Speaker's chambers from 4.30 to 7 p.m. to-day Mrs. Balfour will be assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Brodhead, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. J. M. Gibson and Mrs. E. H. Bronson.

On Friday Mr. Marter will move a resolution protesting against the Imperial embargo against Canadian cattle, and asking that all present restrictions against the entry of Canadian cattle into Great Britain be removed.

Mrs. Thos. Errett, Port Burwell, Ont., says: "I had been weak and miserable two years. I took Miller's Compound Iron Pills and never felt better than I do now."

Fancy Goods Sale.

A large sale of fancy goods will be held at the rooms of Dickson & Townsend, auctioneers, on Friday, March 27, at 3 p.m., which should attract the attention of those in the trade, and the general public, as there is a great variety, and everything must be sold to close out the estate.



James E. Nicholson.

CANCER ON THE LIP

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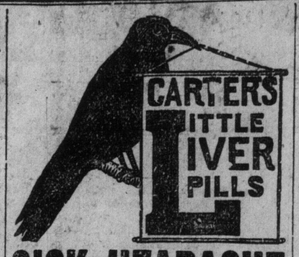

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