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Mr. Middleton Withdraws His Departmental Store Bill—An Inquiry to be Made—New Laws—Aid to Hospitals—Mr. Stratton's Bill—The Election Day Soon to Come.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Probably the most important bill that has come before the Legislature this year was that of Mr. Caven, which passed the Municipal Committee yesterday. The bill provides that every town of a population of 5,000 or under shall have a mayor and not more than six councillors by a general vote of the electors. This does away with wards in the towns. The office of reeve and deputy reeve is also abolished, and each voter may vote for mayor and also for six councillors. In the case of villages there shall be a reeve and not more than four councillors elected in the same way and by general vote. The bill also provides that township councils shall be composed of a reeve and four councillors. At the end of two years the electors may decide by a majority vote whether or not they shall go back to the ward system, with this exception, however, that one councillor may be elected in each ward and the other members of the council by general vote.

Departmental Stores. Mr. Middleton last week moved the second reading of a bill which provides that departmental stores having more than three departments shall be taxed. The debate was hot and was not finished at the hour of adjournment. Yesterday the debate was resumed. Mr. Haycock wished to know the line should such a bill become law. Why not make it more than one department, why not more than ten? Why had the figures been selected? He thought Canada was a free country and that any man should feel that he could engage in any honest legitimate business he pleased. (Cheers.) Mr. Haycock said the bill was a very important one and he was sorry it had not been introduced at an earlier stage of the session. Such a bill had passed in several of the United States. He withdrew the resolution, but had been thrown out by the Representatives. There was a good deal in what Mr. Haycock said, but it must be remembered the bill did not prohibit departmental stores handling all classes of goods, it would simply act as a check. The matter was serious. The natural current of trade was to be respected. He would not say, however, that these currents could not be disturbed when they tended to bring out of existence the smaller merchants. He advised that the bill should be withdrawn the same line should be moved at an early stage in the session, that deputations should then be heard upon both sides by a select committee and all the facts of the case should be obtained. Then if it possible should be introduced. He had suggested there should be a royal commission appointed to gather evidence upon the subject. He thought a special committee could do the work just as well. In any case he did not think such a law should be applied to the merchants of Ontario until it was made only of the large institutions of this character in the larger cities.

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New Laws. These bills were read a third time and now only await the Lieut.-Governor's signature to become law: Respecting the syndicate of Ottawa; respecting the city of Ottawa; to prevent general agricultural exhibitions; respecting water powers; respecting the Sydenham Glass Company of Wallaceburg; respecting the town of Walkerton; respecting the city of Toronto; relating to Victoria; respecting the village of Huntsville; respecting the city of St. Thomas and the St. Thomas Street Railway; to confirm bylaw No. 385 of the town of Berlin, and incorporating the Sisters of Loretto.

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