ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

To amend the Act respecting the federation of the University of Toronto and University College with other universities and colleges—Mr. Ross (Middlesex).

To incorporate the town of West Toronto Junction—Mr. Gilmour.

The following Bills were advanced a stage:

Respecting a certain by-law of the city of London—Mr. Meredith.

To enable the town of Cobourg to aid the Cobourg, Blairton & Marmora, or the Cobourg, Northumberland & Pacific Railway or other road—Mr. Field.

Respecting the consolidation of the debenture debt of the city of Toronto - Mr. E. F. Clarke (Toronto).

To revive and amend the Act incorporating the Sarnia & Lambton Southern Railway Company Mr. Graham.

Respecting the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company—Mr. Leys.

Mr. Tooley moved that Sessional Papers No. 74 of the last session, being a return of copies of the evidence taken by Æmilius Irving, Esquire, Q C., with reference to the Ontario Grain and Seed Company, together with his report, be referred to the Printing Committee with instructions to consider the propriety of printing the same.

The motion passed.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—To amend the Public Health Act; also, to amend the Liquor License Act.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

For enforcing orders under the Act respecting master and servant—The Attorney-General.

Respecting the powers of Electric Light Companies—The Attorney-General.

Mr. Gibson's (Hamilton) Bill to amend the Division Courts Act was read the second time.

The following Bills were advanced a stage:

Respecting a certain by-law of the city of London—Mr. Meredith,

To provide for the extension of the waterworks of the city of St. Catharines and for other purposes—Mr. Garson.

Respecting the Niagara & St. Catharines Street Railway Company—Mr. Garson.

Mr. Waters moved that in the opinion of this House the time has come when the Government of this Province should submit a measure for the approval of this Assembly having for its object the procuring of money from the capitalists of Great Britain upon the security of Provincial bonds or otherwise bearing interest at 3½ or 4 per cent. Said money to be advanced to the farmers of this Province to enable them to pay of existing mortgages at a very slight advance over first cost and not more than would cover the necessary expense of such loans; the farms to be the security for the money advanced, and the same to be repaid in such manner as may be devised. He explained how it was that a number of years ago settlers had borrowed money from loan companies with payments extending over twenty years, ostensibly at 6 per cent., but in reality at 11 per cent. Times were good then; wheat was selling at $1 to $1.25, and the farmers entered upon engagements which under the present conditions they were unable to meet. As a consequence many of them were losing their farms and leaving the country.

Mr. Ross (Huron) said that the object of the hon. gentleman was praiseworthy, but it would be only the revival of the municipal loan fund trouble. The object of the Government in lending money for drainage purposes was to encourage the improvement of the farms, but he doubted whether it would be advisable to encourage the farmers to go into debt, and the lowering of the rate of interest certainly would.

Mr. Blyth (Huron) opposed the motion. The matter would be too complicated and would get the Province into endless trouble. He thought the Government should accept the sinking fund money from the municipalities as a loan.

Mr. Gibson (Huron) opposed the motion.

Mr. Waters regretted that the Government had not promised to take the proposal into their serious consideration.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Garson moved that in the opinion of this House it is expedient to extend to married women, possessed of the necessary property or income qualification, the right of voting at municipal elections.

Mr Smith (York) seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. McMahon moved for a return of copies of any correspondence between the Ontario and Dominion Governments, or between the former and any corporation or persons, relating to the ownership, sale or lease of the Dundas & Waterloo macadamized road, together with copies of any papers in the possession of the Government relating thereto, subsequent to that already brought down in the year 1886.

The motion passed.

Mr. Dance moved that this House, recognizing that the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of this Province have in the past proved of great service to education, and while not questioning the necessity of their being maintained in an efficient condition, is of opinion that the time has arrived when such schools should be more largely supported by fees, and that the law be so amended as to make it compulsory that fees should be charged to parents sending such schools. He explained that he had brought the matter before the House for the purpose of having it discussed as he thought the time was ripe for such action. If not this session at least next session.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) explained that the imposition of fees was increasing. Many of those who enter the schools did so for the purpose of qualifying themselves for the teaching profession. The Government would consider the matter and perhaps take action.

Mr. Metcalf considered that the imposition of fees would be a retrogressive step in public education. He believed the High Schools should be as free as the Public Schools.

Mr. Meredith said it would be unfair to compel High Schools that were willing to give free education to charge fees. At present the High Schools could charge fees if they wished. Many of the schools only charged fees to outsiders.

Mr. Wood supported the motion.

Mr. Gibson (Huron) wanted parish schools instituted like those in Scotland, where they taught the classics. He maintained that the High Schools should not receive any support from the Government. The High School in his district was twenty-five miles away from where he lived. It was no use to him.

Mr. Meredith—But the jail is seventy miles away from you.

Mr. Hardy—But that is not the point he is trying to get at.

Mr Gibson (Huron), continuing, said that he never knew of any person yet who had entered a High School to return to the farm. The money spent on High Schools would be much better spent in developing and building railways in the unsettled districts.

Dr. McLaughlin said he knew numbers of professional gentlemen who would never have occupied their present positions had it not been for free schools, free high schools and a free university. An hon. member had referred to Scotland. All he could say was at the time he visited Great Britain there was no chance of poor people rising. He believed in giving a perfectly free education, and would vote against such a scheme of imposing fees as that proposed. There was a growing disposition on the part of the farmers to give their sons and daughters a better education than had been the custom to give farmers' children. In Scotland it was not uncommon for university men to work farms.

Mr. Craig thought the people were very well satisfied with the present system. He was opposed to compulsory fees. He believed the teachers of the public schools were good teachers, and that their efficiency had been improving, a result owing to the high schools.

Mr. Dack thought that in Bruce the feeling was in favor of compulsory fees, and of increasing the grants of public schools, and the establishment of a fifth form.

The motion was withdrawn.

Hon. G. W. Ross introduced a Bill to amend the Free Libraries Act, which was read the first time.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Anatomy Act, which provoked a long discussion, the usual objections being raised to the proposal to permit bodies to be taken for dissection unless claimed by relatives within 24 hours after death.

Mr. Meredith said that it would be a shame if the Legislature of a civilized Province like Ontario passed such legislation.

Mr. Fraser also opposed these clauses, and proposed amendments which were acceptable.

Mr. Waters suggested that as there were at present six Bills before the House dealing with the assessment law, it was too late in the session to give them all proper consideration, and he thought it as well to let them lie over until next session, and for the Government to bring down a measure next session.

Mr. Mowat said that he concurred in this opinion, but suggested that two of the Bills be taken up and referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Wood (Hastings) withdrew his Bill to amend the Registry Act. He said that the Legal Committee had completely changed the spirit and intention of the Bill, and he could not accept it.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

Respecting the Ontario & Sault Ste. Marie Water, Light and Power Company and the town of Sault Ste. Marie—Mr. Lyon.

For the better protection of insectivorous and other birds—Mr. Clarke (Wellington)

Mr. Mowat moved that when this House adjourns on Tuesday next, it do stand adjourned until 11 of the clock on Wednesday next, and that each day for the remainder of the session the House do stand adjourned until 11 of the clock in the forenoon of the following day, Mr. Speaker to leave the chair each day at 1 until 3 o'clock, without the question being put. The motion passed.

Mr. McAndrew introduced a Bill to amend the Act respecting the office of sheriff.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

Respecting the consolidation of the debenture debt of the city of Toronto.—Mr. E. F. Clarke, Toronto.

To amend the Pharmacy Act.—Mr. Gibson, Hamilton.

Respecting the Niagara & St. Catharines Street Railway Company.—Mr. Garson.

Respecting the Boards of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.—Mr. Dryden.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Attorney-General's Bill respecting the administration of justice in certain cases. This Bill contained a clause making it permissible to appoint an assistant Police Magistrate on a majority vote of the Municipal Councils.

Mr. Meredith objected to a bare majority of the Council passing on the matter, and proposed an amendment to the effect that it would require a two-third vote of the Council present to pass such a resolution

Mr. Mowat said the clause dealt principally with the city of Toronto, and asked for Mr. E. F. Clarke's opinion on the clause.

Mr. E. F. Clarke said the city had not passed on the advisability of appointing an assistant magistrate yet, but he thought perhaps it would be as well to amend the clause as suggested by Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Mowat consented and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Gibson's (Hamilton) Bill to amend the Division Courts Act was passed through Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Meredith objected to clause 21, which authorized the summoning for debt, and the garnishee of their salaries, in the cases of young unmarried men, irrespective of the extent of their salaries. He said that in many of these cases a summons for debt would mean a dismissal by the employer. Tradesmen ought to be taught not to encourage these young men to take credit.

Mr. Hardy thought the young men ought to be taught not to run into debt.

The clause passed.

The committee rose and reported progress.

The debate on the motion for going into Committee of Supply, and Mr. Meredith's amendment thereto condemning the liquor license administration, was resumed.

Mr. Wylie said the Government control of the license boards worked injuriously in cases of close election contests. Partisan influence was said to be exerted in these instances. At his own election he found it difficult to get Conservative hotel-keepers to promise him either their votes or support, so apprehensive were they of disastrous results to themselves. He did not believe the same abuses would occur if the County Councils were again given control of the license boards.

Mr. McLaughlin challenged the hon. member for East Northumberland (Mr. Willoughby) to formulate his charges so that an investigation might be held. As to the retrogressive change proposed by the Opposition, the whole temperance and church sentiment of the country was opposed to it.

Mr. Awrey said that the hotel-keepers were the supporters of Dr. Willoughby in East Northumberland. His agents were hotel-keepers, and it was very amusing to see him call his supporters martyrs to the liquor license laws.

Mr. Awrey continued the debate. He taunted the Opposition with making vague charges in wholesale which they could not substantiate. For fourteen years in his riding there had not been a complaint against the administration of the Crooks Act.

Mr. Clancy said that the administration of the Crooks Act and the Scott Act by the Government had brought both into contempt. The principle contended for by the Opposition was that it was not possible to administer the Liquor License Act in an honest manner if the Government—any Government—had control of the license boards.

Mr. Ballantyne contended that the Crooks Act had been admirably administered. Under the previous system inspection of liquor places was a farce, everybody who applied got a license, and liquor was sold at all hours. As to the Scott Act it was impossible to enforce it because the people did not sympathize with the measure.

The House divided and the amendment was lost. Yeas 23, nays 43.

YEAS—Messrs. Blyth, Clancy, Clarke, E. F. (Toronto), Clarke, H. E. (Toronto), Craig, Creighton, Hammell, Hudson, Ingram, Kerns, Lees, Meacham, Meredith, Monk, Morgan, Preston, Rorke, Smith (Frontenac), Stewart, Tooley, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings) —23.

NAYS — Messrs. Allan, Armstrong, Awrey, Balfour, Ballantyne, Bishop, Blezard, Bronson, Caldwell, Chisholm Clarke (Wellington), Dack, Davis, Dryden, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Freeman, Garson, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Graham, Guthrie, Harcourt, Hardy, Lyon, McAndrew, McKay, McMahon, Mack, Mowat, Murray, Pacaud, Phelps, Rayside, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Smith (York), Snider, Sprague, Waters, Wood (Brant) —43.

The House then went into Committee of Supply and passed several items of the estimates.

Mr. Meredith asked if there was any truth in the rumor that the Government had changed its policy on the railway question.

Mr. Mowat said the Government policy would be found in the notice of motion given by Mr. A. M. Ross.

New Version of the Butter Joke.

New Boarder—Will you pass the butter, please?

Old Boarder—Every time. Haven't intercepted it in four months. You'll pass it when you get acquainted with it.

His Redeeming Fault.

Mrs. Harrison (fondling a pet dog)—"Such a dear little fellow as he is! I wish he could talk."

The President—"I don't. He might ask for an office."—*Philadelphia Record.*

A Personal Question.

"We would like to rent a house," said a nervous young man, accompanied by a blushing maiden.

"Double or single?" asked the agent.

"Married," stammered the young man.

Metaphorical Only.

He—I am carried away with my passion for you. I ——

She—I wish you were, but you are not; you are still here. *The Quaker.*

Is It Edited by a Lady?

A new periodical bears the name of the *Tongue.* As a rule, there is not much in a name, but this is one that is bound to tell. —*Harper's Bazar.*

Things That One Would Rather Have Expressed Otherwise.

"Well, I must say good-bye, Miss Green. I've got my sermon to prepare."—"Oh, surely your sermons need no preparation!" —*Punch.*

A Transformation.

Flub—He isn't so attentive to her as he used to be.

Snub—She's jilted him, eh?

Flub—No; she married him.

A Doctor's Inadvertence.

It is said a busy doctor sent in a certificate of death the other day and inadvertently signed his name in the space for "cause of death."—*Sanitary Era.*

Moral, Don't Drink Late.

William Wild, of Newark, N. J., arose from bed to get a glass of water on Sunday night and broke his neck by falling over something in the room.

The friends of Mr. Seymour Porter, who disappeared from Toronto on the 1st of January last, are offering $200 reward for news concerning him.

It is estimated that there is fully $5,000 worth of hides stored in Kingston and for sale. "There were more hides brought to this city," says the *News*, "this winter than for several seasons. The prices are low."

MRS MONA CAIRD and Mr. Oscar Wilde are editing a curious little book of sketches. A friend of Mr. Wilde's amused himself while the "Is Marriage a Failure" question was raging in London by making imaginary sketches of the writers of the published letters. These sketches are very curious and Mr. Wilde will make good use of them.

JAMES CAMPBELL, of Parkersburg, Maryland, appreciates the wisdom of old Sam Weller's advice "Beware of the vidders." Some time ago he was out riding and when passing the house of Mrs. Chas. Osborne, a dashing young widow, he pulled out his handkerchief to blow his nose. Mrs. Osborne thought he was trying to flirt and, drawing a revolver, fired four shots at him, two taking effect in his face. The fighting lady is now on trial for attempting to kill.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Mr. John Bright has taken a fresh cold and has suffered another relapse.

The condition of Mr. J. H Pope is critical, and very little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Advices brought by the steamship Zealandra to San Francisco say that all is quiet at Samoa.

There is an exodus from North Carolina of negroes, who intend settling in Arkansas and following agriculture.

Mayor Grant, of New York, yesterday ordered that the sunburst of Erin be hoisted on the City Hall on Monday.

The Czarewitch will visit Darmstadt in May, when his formal betrothal to Princess Alice of Hesse will take place.

Atlantic City, N. J., was flooded by an unusually high tide on Friday, and railway traffic for some hours was interrupted.

The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Quebec has passed a resolution strongly protesting against the Jesuit Estate Act.

Forty million francs have been advanced by the Bank of France and other parties to keep the Comptoir d'Escompte from going into liquidation.

The trial in Montreal of Benson for wife murder resulted on Saturday in an acquittal, the jury holding that the conduct of the woman justified the act.

There was another tumultuous scene in the French Chamber of Deputies on Saturday, caused by M. Laguerre making an attack on Minister Constans.

The First Chamber of the Swedish Diet has rejected the Bill for the imposition of an export duty on iron ore. The Bill had before been rejected by the Second Chamber.

It is stated that the French Government have warned wealthy foreigners, who are Boulangist sympathisers, that if they financially assist Gen. Boulanger they will have to leave France.

The British Channel squadron has arrived at Tangier to support England's claims regarding the cable and other matters. The fleet will not depart until the Sultan's reply has been given.

The Duke of Cambridge, commander of the forces, has issued a royal warrant, declaring the Queen is convinced of the Honorable Artillery Company's loyalty and restores to the company its ancient privileges.

In Lennox and Addington 105 convictions under the Scott Act have been obtained, and $6,500 imposed in fines. Of this amount $5,396 55 has been collected. Four of the fined were committed to jail and nine absconded.

Charles Nanjack, an attendant at the city hospital, Savannah, Ga., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head with a horse pistol. He stood in front of a mirror and aimed the pistol. He was believed to be insane over spiritualism.

Mr Fred Ingram, of Dun, Wiman & Co., London, was walking along Dundas street on Saturday with a friend. The two young men were "fooling" with a knife when by an unlucky accident Ingram received a severe stab in the side, which required the attention of a doctor.

A messenger who has arrived at Wady Halfa reports that a battle between the followers of Senoussi and the Mahdists has taken place at Sinan, to the southwest of Bara, and that the former were victorious. Both sides suffered heavy losses. Among the killed were two Mahdist chiefs.

Maloney, the Montreal gambler, was arrested on Saturday on a charge of having stolen $14,000 worth of jewellery from a commercial traveller named Reinhaltz, representing Messrs. Ellis & Co., of Toronto. Maloney, although the empty jewel cases were found in his safe, came back voluntarily from the States and denies the charge.

An imposing service was held in the Belgrade Cathedral yesterday in honor of the accession of King Alexander. The King, the ex-King, the Regents, the Cabinet Ministers, and all the diplomatic representatives were present. The city was decorated with flags, and the celebration closed with illuminations and a torch-light procession. In the course of the day officials were received in a farewell audience by ex-King Milan.

Peter Nearshalsky, after fifty hours' imprisonment in the Black Diamond Colliery, near Mount Carmel, Pa., was hoisted to the surface at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. His appearance was the signal for cheers from thousands of throats, which were heard for miles. He had been half buried, and had given up all hope when his rescuers reached the "breast" in which he was imprisoned. Strange to say, his injuries, aside from nervous prostration, are not serious.

Last evening about 10 o'clock, while Mrs. (Judge) Horne was driving to the Michigan Central depot at Windsor to meet friends, the horse became frightened at the express coming in and backed over the platform in front of the engine. The driver jumped from the carriage, leaving Mrs. Horne alone. The engine struck the carriage, completely wrecking it and knocking Mrs. Horne out. She was found between the front trucks and the driving wheels of the engine. She was only slightly injured. Only for the depot detective signalling the engineer she would have been killed.

In the British House of Commons yesterday W. H. Smith moved cloture on the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's Speech. The motion was carried by 247 to 66.

A despatch from Zanzibar says that a fight took place between Arabs and the Germans on March 3rd, and the Germans reoccupied Bagomoyo without loss. Bushiri, the Arab leader, was wounded.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the new British Minister to the United States, will start for Washington about the end of this month. After a short stay he will return to London for the summer. In the autumn he will take his family to Washington for a permanent residence.

In the Lower House of the Danish Rigsdag yesterday the Minister for Foreign Affairs stated that the British Minister at Athens had consented to act as arbitrator in the dispute between the United States and Denmark regarding the claim of Mr. Butterfield against Denmark for the loss of a number of vessels near St. Thomas many years ago.

J. H. Baker, employed to make public exhibitions with a self acting fire escape, fell from the Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minn., yesterday and was fatally injured.

Robert Garrett, the insane millionaire, left Ringwood, N. J, yesterday morning in care of his physician and attendants *en route* for Mexico. Mr. Garrett's condition is greatly improved by his sojurn at Ringwood, but he is not considered out of danger of a relapse.

Mrs. Ann Driscoll decapitated her sleeping husband, Timothy, with an axe during a temporary fit of insanity, near Delafield, Wis., yesterday morning. She attempted to murder her son also, but was restrained by her daughter, who awoke in time to prevent the act. The woman has recovered her reason. She says she was impelled to murder her entire family in order to save them from some unknown calamity.

Catherine Taylor, a widow about 50 years of age, was brutally murdered in her bed at her home, No. 330 Third avenue, West Troy, about 9.30 o'clock on Tuesday night. She was struck on the head with an axe, a terrible wound being inflicted. One of the fingers of her left hand was cut off, as if she had tried to stop the blow. The assassin is unknown. A son, William, 25 years of age, is under police surveillance.

The Washington Inaugural Committee has achieved an unprecedented financial success. There were 12,000 tickets to the ball sold, netting $60,000, and it is expected that the receipts from the sale of tickets to the promenade concert held in the ball room on Tuesday and from the sale of souvenir ball tickets will bring this amount up to $70,000. The $50,000 guarantee subscribed by public-spirited citizens will be returned.

Nathan A. Wilson, Secretary of the Cleveland Stove Company, shot himself dead yesterday morning while sitting at his desk. His father is President of the company. Yesterday afternoon the company assigned. The nominal assets are $200,000, liabilities nearly $90,000. The assignment was made, it is said, to tide the company over the excitement caused by the Secretary's suicide and to prevent hasty action by creditors. It is thought Wilson was depressed because of too close attention to business.

DISCOLORED JEWELLERY.

Sometimes the Gold, Sometimes the Wearer Causes It.

Sometimes it is the gold and sometimes the girl that makes jewellery crock, as is evidenced by the following from the *Jewellers' Weekly*:

Shortly after the holidays there came into my place a pleasant-mannered young man who expressed a desire to look at some gold necklaces. It is needless to say that I sold him one. It was fourteen carats and very pretty. Two days later the door was flung open and in rushed the same young man, boiling with rage. He threw the necklace on the counter, demanding the return of his money, and threatened to expose me as a swindler. It took half an hour to learn his story. It seems that after presenting the necklace to his lady love he had taken her to a reception ornamented with his present. After the first dance there was a commotion in one corner of the room, and the rivals of our customer's best girl were tittering among themselves and whispering about her. The young lady looked in the glass and almost fainted at the sight. Her beautiful neck was almost black from the friction of the necklace. She changed her mind about fainting, returned home with her brother, and sent the necklace back to her young man with a note that she did not like the brass. I tested the necklace in his presence, and proved to him that it was full 14 carats. About that time a young physician called to purchase a scarf-pin. He had overheard part of the story and asked to hear the balance, as he believed he could throw some light on the subject. Pretty soon he laughed outright and said: "Why, sir, the trouble is with your girl and not the necklace. She has too much sulphur, iron, mercury, salt or acid in her blood, and as any of these substances has an affinity for gold the explanation is clear. I have patients for whom mercurial medicines have been prescribed, and the result is that their fingers upon which rings are worn discolor at once." My customer cooled off and carried his purchase away.

Time Evens Things up.

Plumber (1889)—"Where are you going?"

Wife—"To sell my diamond necklace. We must have bread."

Householder (next door)—"Where are you going?"

Wife—"To look at a diamond necklace which, I hear, is for sale cheap."

Householder—"Well, the pipes haven't frozen once this winter. If you like it buy it."

A Blunt Conclusion

He—What a charming woman Mrs. Barblue is.

She—Oh, she's a bluestocking.

He—She may be, but she is sensible enough to wear her dresses so long that the fact is never unpleasantly perceptible.

The Difference.

"It's eating between meals that's giving me the dyspepsia," said Bilious.

"It's working between meals that's giving it to me," answered Bonly.

Miss Oldham, who is not so young as she used to be—"Speaking of fine laces, Mr. Jackson, here is a lace handkerchief made expressly for me on my 16th birthday." Mr. Jackson, gallantly—"Simply beautiful? Ah, Miss Oldham, one sees nothing so fine as that nowadays. Things were made much better in those good old times, weren't they"

—Persons puzzled by the word "ohm," as a term of measurement for electric force, will be glad to know that the original ohm was George Simon Ohm, born in Bavaria, March 16th, 1789 A statue will be unveiled in his honor at Munich on the 16th of next month.

—Some men "live and learn." Others devote their time exclusively to forgetting all that they ever knew.