

The owner ought to have some stake on the sheep as well as the public. The Council were also of opinion that no compensation should be due for sheep running on the commons.

Mr. LYON said, in his county they were not much troubled with dogs, and there was therefore little necessity there for the law. He hoped the Bill would be pressed. He was told many sheep had been paid for, as killed by dogs, which had been sold in the Toronto butcher-market. He thought it unjust to compel a municipality to pay for the damage done by a dog owned by a private individual. He would have the owner of the dog pay the damages, but, falling that, he supported this Bill as an improvement on the existing law.

Mr. MATCHETT supported the Bill.

Mr. LOUNT did not think the question should stand over till next session. The dog-tax had been a very prominent feature in the addresses of candidates at the late election. In fact most of the members had been elected on the dog-tax. He thought, therefore, they should seize the dog by the tail—(laughter)—and dispose of the question at once. He approved of this Bill. If the dog-tax was allowed to remain long on the statute-book, Simcoe would soon be over-run by bears and wolves, and would become a wilderness—a howling wilderness. (Laughter).

Mr. MONTEITH said there was a good deal of dissatisfaction in his constituency with the working of the existing law. In his own township, about \$400 had been paid for sheep killed during the past year—a much larger amount than had ever been known before, as the value of sheep destroyed. He was in favour of either doing away with the law altogether, or making it permissive.

Mr. SWINARTON would also like to see the law done away with, but was willing to support the Bill as a step in the right direction. So far as his experience went, he did not believe half the sheep paid for were killed by dogs.

The motion for the Committee to rise—destroying the Bill—was carried by a considerable majority.

AUCTIONS OF ESTATES.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE,

The House went into Committee—Mr. Boyd in the chair—on the Bill to amend the law of auctions of estates.

Mr. BLAKE explained the object of the Bill, which was to remove the doubts that now existed in consequence of a conflict of decisions, as to the effect on the validity of sales of puffers being employed.

The Bill was reported with amendments. The amendments were concurred in, and the Bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE,

The House went into Committee—Mr. Hays in the chair—on the Bill to amend chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, respecting Attorneys-at-Law.

Mr. BLAKE said he had allowed a considerable time to elapse since the introduction of the Bill, to elicit the opinions of those conversant with the subject. The opinions he had received were in every respect favourable to the Bill. When the Bill was formerly before the House, the Chairman (Mr. Hays), alluded to the inefficiency of the system of attending term, and suggested that it should be done away with. He (Mr. Blake) concurred to a large extent in that suggestion, but the Select Committee had not thought it well to engraft that on the Bill, which had a different object in view. As the law at present stood, persons who proposed to become attorneys, were obliged to pass an examination at the commencement of their service, and a second examination, which was an examination in law, at the close of the term of their articles. The object of this bill was to provide in addition, two intermediary examinations between those points.

The committee agreed to the Bill with some amendments, which were reported and concurred in—the bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

MUNICIPAL LAW.

Mr. RYKERT moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Municipal Act. Order of "carried".

Mr. BLAKE—Are we to understand that this Bill is to be proceeded with this session?

Hon. J. S. McDONALD—Let it go to committee of the whole.

Mr. BLAKE—Is it to be passed this session?

Hon. Mr. CAMERON—Some portions of it. The Bill was then read a second time and referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

SECOND READINGS.

Mr. COYNE'S bill to amend the Act respecting the partition of the Real Estate in Ontario, was read a second time and referred