

ADVOCATES IN DIVISION COURTS.

After recess,

Mr. DEACON moved the second reading of a Bill to empower certain persons to appear as agents and act as advocates in the Division Courts of the Province of Ontario. The suits in these courts being limited to sums of \$100, it did not pay regular members of the legal profession to attend them. This Bill provided that students of the law and others might practise, under certain restrictions.

Mr. BLAKE suggested that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and that it would be well, if clerks were admitted to practise in Division Courts, that they be admitted only on behalf of their masters, so that there might be some check. The Government were not favourable to the proposal to allow the judge to tax the costs as in the Bill.

The Bill was then read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Deacon, was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Attorney-General Crooks; Pardee, Boulton, Macdonald, (Leeds), and Deacon.

SHORT FORMS OF MORTGAGES.

Mr. MACDONALD (Leeds,) moved the second reading of a Bill to amend the Act intituled, "An Act respecting Short Forms of Mortgages in Upper Canada and being chapter 31 of the Statutes of Canada, 27-28 Victoria." He explained the provisions of the Bill, the object of which was to simplify the procedure and render it less expensive.

Mr. BLAKE said it did not appear to the Government that it would be reasonable to vary the long form of mortgages in the way proposed, which would make the short form not a fair representation of the effect of the long one, and induce the mortgagor to sign under the apprehension that he was going to get real substantial notice before the sale. He admitted grievances existed, and the Government proposed to consider, though they would not be able to do it this session, whether it would not be possible to provide some shorter, simpler and less expensive mode of realizing by sale general mortgage securities. He hoped after these explanations the hon. gentlemen would not press his Bill.

Mr. MACDONALD agreed to withdraw his motion, and the Bill was discharged.

REGISTRATION.

Mr. MACDONALD (Leeds) moved the second reading of a Bill to amend the Act of Parliament of the Province of Ontario, intituled "An Act respecting the establishment of Registry Offices in Ridings, and to amend the Registration of Titles (Ontario) Act." He explained that the Bill provided that if an instrument, no matter where executed, was filed in Quebec, a certified copy of it when produced might be registered in this Province.

Mr. BETHUNE pointed out the evils arising out of the facility already existing of producing notarial documents from Quebec and he thought it impolitic to extend that facility.

Mr. BLAKE had no objection to a reference of the Bill to a select committee, but he pointed out that that committee would have to see that sufficient guarantees were provided of the genuineness of the original of notarial documents executed outside of the Province of Quebec.

The Bill was read a second time, and referred to a select committee, composed of the Attorney-General, Deroche, Bethune, Prince, Deacon, Lauder, and Macdonald (Leeds).

LAW OF PROPERTY AND TRUSTS.

Mr. HODGINS moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the law of property and trusts, and explained its provisions. (A summary of this Bill appeared in THE GLOBE of yesterday.)

Mr. CROOKS discussed favourably the provisions of the Bill, and pointed out its effects.

Mr. CAMERON pointed out some objectionable features in the Bill.

The Bill was then read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hodgins, was referred to a select committee, composed of the Attorney-General, Cameron, Bethune, Prince, Pardee, Macdonald (Leeds), Fairbairn and Hodgins.

ASSIGNEES OF CHOSSES IN ACTION.

Mr. HODGINS moved the second reading of the Bill to enable the Assignee of Choses in Action to sue at law in their own name, and explained its provisions. (A summary of this Bill appeared in yesterday's GLOBE.)

Mr. CROOKS spoke in favour of the Bill, and pointed out the evils which it would be likely to remedy. Some of the details of it might be amended.

Mr. BETHUNE suggested certain amendments to the Bill. It should provide for the right of set-off, and in some other respects should be amended by additional provisions.

Mr. CAMERON thought the Bill was a move in the right direction, though, in his opinion, it needed certain modifications.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN suggested an enlargement of one of the provisions of the Bill.

The Bill was then read a second time, and referred to the same committee to which his other Bill was referred.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE the House then adjourned at 9 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Crosby—On Friday—Enquiry of Ministry:—Whether or not it is their intention to bring down during the present session a Bill to regulate underdraining in this Province.

Mr. McDonald (Leeds)—On Friday—Enquiry of Ministry:—Whether they intend to bring down during the present session a Bill to abolish the payment, either by law, stamp or otherwise, of fees to the fee fund in suits or proceedings in the Division Courts of Ontario, leaving the fees payable to clerks and bailiffs as at present.