

the hon. member for East Toronto's objection. He suggested that such matters as this should be included in an "omnibus" Bill, such as the hon. the Attorney-General had given notice of.

Mr. DEACON said it had been thought before that unless there was something very urgent, the statutes should not be tinkered. He did object to members taxing their ingenuity to interpret Bills. He hoped the hon. member would withdraw the Bill.

Mr. MILLER said that sub-section 13, section 431 of Municipal Act, Revised Statutes, II Vol., p. 1726, met the case.

Mr. BISHOP moved, "That the Bill be referred to the same Committee as the preceding Bills." Carried.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were passed through committee:—

To amend the several Acts relating to the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company.—Mr. Cameron.

Respecting the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company.—Mr. Cameron.

To incorporate the Toronto Stock Exchange.—Mr. Cameron.

The following Bills were read the second time:—

To incorporate the Whitby and Bobcaygeon Extension Railway Company.—Mr. Wilson.

To incorporate the Brant Memorial Association.—Mr. Hardy.

Respecting the estate of the late Nicholas Sparks.—Mr. O'Donoghue.

To enable Isaac Brock Burwell to sell certain lands in Westminster.—Mr. McCraney.

Relating to the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway Company.—Mr. Williams.

Relating to the Midland Railway Company of Canada.—Mr. Rosevear.

SUPPLY.

The House went into Committee of Supply. On the item of \$9,960 for miscellaneous, under the head of Civil Government,

Mr. MERRICK asked if the Government intended continuing the office of Inspector of Division Courts, which he thought was a useless office, although it cost the country \$2,000 a year.

Mr. HARDY considered that Division Court Inspectors were doing a good service, and it was not the immediate intention of the Government to discontinue the office.

Mr. MEREDITH thought the duties should be performed by County Judges.

Mr. HARDY pointed out that the report of the Inspector contained a great deal of valuable information as to the management of Division Courts, and this officer was indispensable for the prevention of overcharges and other abuses in those courts.

After some further discussion,

Mr. CAMERON contended that the office ought to be abolished. If Division Court clerks were guilty of abuses and could not be trusted, the House had no guarantee that an Inspector would always do what was right either. There was no means of checking that officer's report.

Mr. FRASER repudiated this imputation upon the honesty of the Inspector, and thought the utility of Division Courts, and the necessity of suitors being protected as to the charges of costs, the payment of money due them, etc., justified the Government in retaining that officer.

The item was passed, the Committee rose and reported, and the House adjourned at 11:40 p.m.