

he believed there was a divided opinion as to its merits. He thought it might at least go before the Committee for their consideration.

Mr. HAY, in reference to the remark of the member for London, said if there was anything wanted to make the people appreciate this Chamber more than they did was to amend the laws whenever they required amendment.

Mr. BADGEROW said he had received thanks from the authorities of two villages for introducing the Bill. The people seemed desirous of this change in the law. He thought the Bill should go before the Select Committee on Municipal Amendments.

The motion passed, and the Bill was read a second time.

ORDERS.

The other orders to be brought forward by private members were passed without anything being suggested for discussion.

Next on the paper "Government Orders," but Mr. MOWAT said that as the private members did not appear to have anything to bring forward, and as this was the only day when the Government had no positive right to go on with their business, he moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. MEREDITH wished it to be understood that no objection was made from his side of the House.

THE BUDGET.

Mr. MEREDITH stated that the members had not yet been supplied with copies of the estimates. In view of this fact, he wished to know if it was the intention of the Treasurer to make his financial statement to-morrow.

Mr. MOWAT said the Treasurer was quite ready to go on with his statement, but if hon. members wished to see the estimates first, there was no objection to postponing it until they were distributed.

The House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Mowat—Bill respecting companies incorporated under Imperial statutes.

Mr. Hay—Bill to amend the Act respecting the assessment of property.

Mr. Gibson (Huron)—Question, whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce or consent to legislation to provide for the setting apart of any new counties during the present session.

Also—Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Provincial Railway Inspector.

Mr. Miller—Address for a return showing the manner in which the sum of \$10,000 granted by the City of Toronto for the purpose of exploring the line of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway was expended.