

of the Government to introduce any measure during this session with reference to the fees of sheriffs.

Mr. Creighton—On Thursday next—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the form of ballots used at elections of members to the Legislative Assembly and at municipal elections should be assimilated to those used at the elections of members to the House of Commons of Canada, so as to avoid the confusion caused by having three separate forms of ballots in use. That the Legislature having adopted the principle of the ballot in the election of its members, the principal object in so doing being to protect the electors by keeping secret the manner in which they have voted, the secrecy of the ballot ought to be preserved by discarding a form.

Mr. Chisholm—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Private Bills Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, with the Hon. C. F. Fraser in the chair. The first taken up was a Bill respecting the Gatling Gold and Silver Mining Company, seeking to confirm the sale made to the Canada Consolidated Gold Mining Company, and authorizing the winding up of the affairs of the Company. It was agreed to report the Bill.

The next to receive consideration was a Bill respecting the separation of the township of East Luther from the county of Wellington, and to annex the same to the county of Dufferin. Messrs. Parke and Muir appeared on behalf of East Luther, and Mr. Jelly on behalf of the county of Dufferin. The question as to the terms to be imposed upon the township of East Luther was discussed. It was decided to amend the Bill and impose an additional term providing that East Luther should pay all costs in connection with registration incidental to the change. A section was also added making Justices of the Peace now in East Luther Justices of the Peace for the county of Dufferin instead of for the county of Wellington. Bill to be favourably reported.

Upon consideration of Tax Bill to authorize Gilmour & Co. to make certain improvements on the River Moira, it was decided that clause three should be amended making it necessary that the consent of the Councils of the Municipalities through which the river runs should be obtained, and in the event of refusal of such consent an appeal to be had to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. It was agreed to report the Bill as amended.

A Bill respecting the Hawkeye Gold and Silver Mining Company asking to have the conveyance to the Canada Consolidated Gold Mining Company confirmed, and to authorize the winding up of the affairs of the Company, was considered and reported with slight amendment.

A Bill to reduce the stock of the Civil Service Building and Savings Society was reported without amendment.

Also a Bill respecting the Wesleyan Female College of Hamilton, to reduce the number of Directors and otherwise alter the provisions of its Act of incorporation. It was agreed to report the Bill.

The Committee adjourned.
