

Mr. ROBILLARD thought that there was no difference between the man who supplied 1,000 bricks and the one who supplied work to the same amount.

The bill was read the second time and referred to a Select Committee.

#### ACQUIREMENT OF LAND.

Mr. BALFOUR moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipal Act. He explained that it was one to meet several difficulties found in working out the Act relating to the acquirement of land for municipal purposes. The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

#### COUNTY AUDIT.

Mr. WATERS moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting the expenditure of county funds in certain cases. He pointed out that he did not intend to interfere with the principle of the Act. He proposed by the amendment to have the Auditors report to the County Council, and that the auditors be appointed to act during the pleasure of the Council instead of annually.

Mr. MEREDITH objected to the bill being referred to a committee until the Government had stated their views on it. He thought that bills should not be passed their second reading without discussion.

Mr. FRASER stated that no question of principle was concerned, and that the House was quite free to discuss the question if they chose.

Mr. CARNEGIE opposed the bill.

Mr. BALFOUR supported the bill on the same grounds as its author, that a greater permanence would lead to auditors being more qualified to detect irregularities in accounts and improper claims.

Mr. WOOD objected that the bill would make auditors as permanent as county clerks, and as difficult to get rid of.

Mr. HARDY pointed out that the Municipal Committee was as a rule very conservative in regard to new legislation, and they would not very willingly pass measures for the simple reason that a change would be made. He thought this bill was one that the Municipal Committee could well talk about round the table better than it could be discussed here. The bill, in his estimation, was not one about which one would be likely to hold strong views.

The Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Municipal Committee.

#### COUNTY BRIDGE BUILDING.

Mr. LEES moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Municipal Act, having for its object the taking away of the liability of counties to build and repair bridges passing through villages. It was read a second time.

#### QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Mr. MOWAT, in reply to Mr. ROE, stated there are four policemen at Rat Portage and one at Fort Frances in the pay of the Province; one, who also acts as detective with special qualifications, gets \$100, the sergeant \$85 33, and three \$75 per month. They are just now under the general supervision of the Stipendiary Magistrate. The sergeant's name is William Coker. The Manitoba special police who were sent down received \$2 50 a day and had their board and travelling expenses paid, while Ontario's had \$2 a day and boarded themselves.

Mr. MEREDITH rose to a point of order.

The SPEAKER stated that he had attentively followed the Attorney-General and he did not hear him say anything out of order.

Mr. MOWAT contented himself with remarking that considerable latitude was allowed to a Minister when answering a question. He had merely been showing that the Province had not been extravagant in the pay of the police as compared with the other Province.

#### THE KINDERGARTEN.

Mr. ROSS (West Middlesex) stated, in reply to Mr. Harcourt, that arrangements were now being made for permitting the students of the Model School in Toronto to obtain the benefit of the Kindergarten already established in this city. He hoped arrangements would be made before the next session of the Ottawa School by which they would get similar benefits.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

#### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Gould—From Reach Township Council, praying for the abolition of exemptions with a few exceptions.

By Mr. Wood—From the Township Council of Dungannon and Faraday, praying for aid for the extension of the Midland Railway into the Free Grant districts.

By Mr. Ross—From the Council of the Town of Goderich, praying for an Act to simplify the laws for the transfer of real estate.

By Mr. Hardy—From the township of Humphrey, for an Act to authorize the Midland Railway Company to build a branch to Gravenhurst.

By Mr. Badgerow—From the Queen City Assembly Knights of Labour, for an extension of the franchise.

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By Mr. Hardy—From the Township Council of Tilbury East, praying for an Act to simplify the law for the transfer of real estate.

By Mr. Wood—From W. Harnyett, praying for aid to extend the Midland Railway into the Free Grant districts.

By Mr. Drury—From the Township Council of Morrison, praying that the municipal and parliamentary franchise be extended to women holding the necessary property qualification.

By Mr. Balfour—From the Town Council of Amherstburg, praying for relief on account of their engagements with the Canada Southern Railway Company.

By Mr. Ferris—From the Municipal Convention, praying for amendments to the Municipal Act.

#### STANDING ORDERS.

The Committee on Standing Orders reported a number of Private Bills as having complied with the Standing Orders.

Mr. FRASER explained that there were some questions with reference to bills of which proof had not been given, and he made a motion, which was carried, that the time for the Standing Orders Committee to present reports be extended till Wednesday next.

#### REPORTS.

Mr. Hardy presented a report from the Queen's Printer showing the disposal of sessional papers and revised statutes; and another report showing the number of High School teachers, their salaries, and the amount of Government grant to each school.

#### ESTATES BILLS.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received the report of the judges on the Estates Bills.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Mr. WILMOT—Bill to amend and consolidate the Act respecting the Napanee River Improvement Company.

Mr. MORRIS—Bill respecting the city of Toronto.

Mr. McINTYRE—Bill to incorporate the village of Woodville.

Mr. FERRIS—Bill respecting the Yorkville Loop-Line Railway Company.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton)—Bill for the transfer of securities of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Company to the Omnium Securities Company.

Mr. CALDWELL—Bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.

Mr. SILLS—Bill to amend certain by-laws of the town of Trenton.

Mr. BADGEROW—Bill to incorporate the Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of Canada.

Mr. NEELON—Bill respecting the St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway Company.

Mr. ROSS stated that the Estimates would be laid on the table of the House on Monday next, and the financial statement would be given on Tuesday.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Ferris—On Monday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Tuesday next—Resolution—"That the House concurs in the agreement laid before the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the 27th day of December, 1883, and expressed to be made between John R. Barber, of the village of Georgetown, in the county of Halton, of the one part, and Her Majesty the Queen of the other part."

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.

Mr. Badgerow—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act of Ontario. Also—Bill to amend the Act respecting pawnbrokers and pawnbroking, cap. 148, R.S.O.

Mr. Hardy—On Monday next—Bill respecting license duties.