

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.
