

to anyone by the passage of the Bill.

Mr. HAMMELL said the valuation of the parties in the petition against the Bill was two-thirds of that in favour of the Bill.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton) said there were no facts placed before the House which had not been placed before the Committee. The Committee by a large majority decided in favour of the Bill.

Mr. ERMATINGER thought it was an unwise proceeding to interfere with the action of the courts.

The Bill was read the second time.

#### SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read the second time:—

Mr. Ferris—Respecting the Women's Christian Association, of Belleville.

Mr. McGhee—To consolidate the debt of the Town of Orangeville.

Mr. Balfour—To authorize the Law Society of Ontario to admit Delos R. Davis as a barrister-at-law.

Mr. Mulholland—To authorize Walter D. Coate to practise as a chemist.

Mr. Awrey—Respecting the Hamilton and Dundas Street Railway Company.

Mr. Widdifield—To incorporate the King Loop Line Railway Company.

On the second reading of the Bill to allow the Law Society to admit Delos R. Davis to practice as a barrister-at-law, Mr. Meredith asked for a declaration of the Attorney-General as to the Government's policy on this class of Bills. He was not opposed to this individual case.

Hon. O. MOWAT—I am glad to know that my hon. friend agrees with me as to the propriety of general laws, and dispensing with private acts in all possible cases. I take the same view in this matter that I have frequently expressed in the House, and I am quite sure it is in the public interest that all cases should be dealt with under the general laws unless the circumstances are very exceptional. Cases are always arising in which there are some circumstances of exceptional difficulty, and the present case is exceptional in this respect, and indeed so exceptional that I am quite satisfied that the same can never occur again. For this reason I am in favour of the Bill passing.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### AGRICULTURE AND ARTS.

Mr. MEREDITH asked if it were the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation relating to the Agriculture Association.

Hon. A. M. ROSS replied that he had already given notice of a Bill on the subject.

The House adjourned at 10:5.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Baxter—Resolution—That sessional paper No. 43 of 1881, containing minutes of the Senate of the University of Toronto for 1880 be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing, in order that the advisability of printing the same may be considered.

Mr. McLaughlin—For a return containing the minutes of the Senate of the University of Toronto from the date of last return to the present time.

Mr. Ballantyne—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Awrey—Bill to amend the Surveyors' Act.

Mr. Awrey—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

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

The Attorney-General—Bill to further amend the law respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors.

Mr. Ermatinger—For a return of the number of convicts confined in the Central Prison and employed at work, which competes with the work of other citizens of the Province; the kinds of work, the number employed at each kind of work, and the amounts received by the Government for each convict so employed.

Mr. Clancy—Bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1883.