

the qualification for councillors in rural municipalities. Read a second time and referred to Municipal Committee.

Mr. GUTHRIE moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipal Act. The bill reduces the qualification for councillors, and provides that where a municipality is cast in damages for an accident occasioned by the defective state of a road and the defective state is caused by the action of a third party, the municipality shall have a remedy over against that third party. The bill also contains some new provisions regarding the control of bridges. Bill read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. BIGGAR'S bill to amend the Assessment Act was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following bills were passed in committee:—

Respecting the debt of the City of Kingston—Mr. Metcalfe.

To declare and define the correct boundary between the Township of Smith and the Town of Peterboro'—Mr. Stratton.

To legalise and confirm an agreement entered into between the Municipality of Dysart and the Canadian Land and Immigration Co. (Limited.)—Mr. Guthrie.

To amend the Act incorporating the Queen City Fire Insurance Co.—Mr. Smith.

To consolidate the debt of the City of Guelph, and for other purposes—Mr. Guthrie.

The following bills were read the second time:—

To amend the Act respecting the incorporation of the Village of Huntsville—Mr. Marter.

To amend the Act incorporating the Brockville Gas Light Company—Mr. Fraser.

Respecting the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton.)

To authorise the Corporation of the City of London to borrow certain moneys for Public school purposes—Mr. Meredith.

TILBURY CENTRE.

Mr. BALFOUR moved that the order for the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Village of Tilbury Centre be discharged, and the bill referred back to the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. MEREDITH asked with what object.

Mr. BALFOUR explained that the village was partly in Kent and partly in Essex, and the objection was to have it annexed to Essex instead of to Kent.

Mr. MEREDITH said the object was to escape the operation of the Scott Act, which was in force in Kent and not in Essex.

Hon. C. F. FRASER said that this was only an incident of the proposed change. The people of the village had a right to be heard on the question of whether they preferred to live under the Scott Act or not.

The bill was referred back to the Committee on Private Bills.

STATE OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Mr. MEREDITH suggested that business might be expedited by not holding any session of the House on Friday next, but devoting the whole day to committee work.

Hon. O. MOWAT accepted the suggestion.

Mr. MEREDITH said he hoped the members of the House would not go home.

Hon. O. MOWAT said he could answer for his friends attending to their duties. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. HARDY brought down the report on immigration, a return relating to schools in Prescott and Russell, and the papers connected with the new Parliament buildings.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved that the last return be printed. Carried.

The House adjourned at six until Monday.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Fraser—On Thursday next—Bill "An Act to amend The Workman's Compensation for Injuries Act, 1886."

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Tuesday next—House in committee to consider a certain resolution respecting the reduction of interest on drainage loans made to certain municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Freeman—Bill to amend the Municipal Law.

Mr. Hess—On Monday next—Order of the House showing the number of warrants and summonses issued by any Justice of the Peace of the County of Perth during the year 1886, and the residences of the persons against whom the same were issued, and the distance which they were required to travel in order to answer the charge preferred against them.

Mr. Fell—Order of the House for a return of all correspondence received by the Government, or any member thereof, regarding the conduct of the Registrar for the provisional County of Haliburton, and any correspondence asking for an investigation into his general conduct. Also copies of any report made to the Government by any officer who may have been instructed to investigate charges preferred against the said Registrar, if any such exist.

COMMITTEES.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Private Bills Committee met, Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) in the chair. The bill relating to the Western Fair Association was passed, the clause giving the association power to expropriate lands being restored. The bill confirming the annexation of New Edinburgh to Ottawa was reported, after two amendments had been made. One of these had reference to a bridge joining Edinburgh and Ottawa, and gave the arbitrators power to consider the claim of the County of Carleton to be recouped a portion of its share of the cost. The bill contained a provision authorising the City of Ottawa to make an arrangement with the Dominion Government whereby the latter should control the city police. This legislation was asked for at the suggestion of the Dominion Government. A large majority of the committee were indisposed to surrender this jurisdiction to the Dominion, and the provision was struck out of the bill. The following bills were reported:—Respecting the town of Sault Ste. Marie; authorising M. B. Mallory to practise as a dentist; authorising Adelia Gould as trustee to execute a certain conveyance, and authorising the trustees of Warwick church to sell certain lands; respecting the Fort George Assembly, to be hereafter known as the Niagara Assembly; amending various Acts relating to the Long Point Company.

MUNICIPAL LAW.

The Municipal Committee met this morning, Mr. Hardy presiding in the absence of the Treasurer. It was agreed that the bills increasing the exemptions on salaries be the first order for the day (Friday); that Thursday next be appointed to consider the bills relating to ditches and watercourses, and to hear the representations of ditches and watercourses engineers and municipal engineers in regard thereto, and that on Tuesday next the bill relating to bridges be taken up.