

The House went into Committee on the University Federation Bill. Hon. G. W. Ross, in reply to Mr. Meredith, said he would explain the financial basis of the bill tomorrow, a bill in connection with the same having been introduced to-day.

Speaking of the fifth clause, which provides for a teaching faculty in medicine at the determination of the Senate, Mr. Meredith said such a faculty, if established, would be a standing menace to the existing medical schools.

Mr. ROSS said the Government would respect vested rights, and that the schools in question need have no fear.

Dr. McLAUGHLIN said the establishment of a medical faculty in connection with the University would no doubt have the tendency to raise the standard of the curriculum set by the Ontario Medical Council, a thing, in his opinion, much to be desired.

Dr. WIDDIFIELD saw no objection to allowing the clause to pass.

A. M. ROSS pointed out how much the establishment of a medical faculty in the University would strengthen that institution and argued that, so far from being a menace to existing schools, the existence of such a faculty would be an incentive to them to increase their efforts to raise their standards.

Dr. PRESTON thought the Minister of Education was attempting too much with his grand scheme, which, however, he admitted was a very good bill in some respects, and if the clause relating to the establishment of a medical faculty were omitted it would be a much better bill. As to the low standard which Dr. McLaughlin complained of in regard to the curriculum in medical examinations in Ontario, he believed the matriculation examination was higher at the present time than it

HAD EVER BEEN BEFORE,
and students from Ontario Colleges were not only recognised when they went to Great

Britain to take higher degrees there, but were able to hold their own there with the students from other countries.

Dr. McLAUGHLIN insisted that the medical matriculation examination was lower now than twenty years ago, and that as a consequence men were now drifting into the profession who were entirely destitute of a decent literary education.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton) would have preferred seeing all the present medical schools united rather than that anything in the shape of another medical school should be established. However, he thought the University would hardly be complete without a medical faculty, and he would vote for the clause, more especially because it was only permissive.

Dr. GILMORE said, replying to Dr. Preston, he was surprised that any gentleman of the medical profession should oppose this clause, for there was no class of men that would be more benefited by the establishment of a medical faculty in the University than would the medical men of the Province. The establishment of such a faculty would give young men a far better opportunity of studying medicine with advantage than existed so long as medical schools were run only for money. The speaker took objection to Dr. McLaughlin's remarks regarding the alleged low standard of the medical curriculum, and said that gentleman should remember that all young men had not the opportunities that he had enjoyed for the acquirement of an arts education.

Mr. MEREDITH said Dr. Gilmour slandered the gentlemen at the head of medical colleges when he accused them of running those institutions solely for money. He knew little of the Toronto schools of medicine,

though he believed it to be untrue even in regard to them, but he was sure it was wrong as applied to the Medical school at London, where a number of gentlemen were assisting the medical college without any pecuniary recompense whatever.

Dr. GILMOUR said he was glad to hear there were such gentlemen as those alluded to by Mr. Meredith.

The clause was then passed.

On the clause relating to the mode of election to the Senate,

Dr. McLAUGHLIN asked why art graduates should be allowed to elect one member for every hundred, and medical graduates confined to four for their whole body, while law graduates were limited to two representatives.

Mr. ROSS replied that he had considered that the graduates in art had really their personal careers more closely identified with the University than had medical graduates, who, as a rule, pursued their studies at a medical school and merely took their degrees at the University. He thought it but right, therefore, that art graduates should have the larger representation of the two.

Dr. McLAUGHLIN wanted a quorum of the Senate to be nine instead of five, as set by clause 32, but did not press the point.

On motion of Mr. ROSS, at 9.45 p.m., the committee rose and reported progress, the whole bill having been considered except a few sections, which were left standing.

ACTS RESPECTING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The House went into committee on the bill for consolidating and amending the Acts respecting insurance companies, Dr. McLaughlin in the chair. The committee rose and reported progress, almost all the clauses having been passed.

The House adjourned at 11 p.m.

COMMITTEES.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SEIZURE.

The committee on Mr. Gibson's bill extending the exemptions from seizure by execution was considered by a special committee yesterday. The bill was reported with some amendments. One of these provides that the bill is not to apply to any debt contracted before 1st October, 1887, at which date it is to go into force. Another provides that a debtor may accept \$100 in lieu of his right to exemptions on tools and other personal property in actual use. All the other amendments were in the direction of increasing the number of articles to be exempted. It was decided to exempt cash to the extent of \$100.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

Mr. Leys' bill relating to building societies was considered by a special committee and reported with some amendments.

Hon. A. W. Ross' bill to amend the Municipal Act was reported. It provides that reports of the auditors of the various municipalities shall be prepared and copies of them transmitted to the Secretary of the Bureau of Statistics, who is to tabulate them for the use of the House.

Mr. Freeman's bill, allowing the fencing of certain marsh lands in Norfolk County, was reported.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Fraser—On Friday next—Bill to further amend the Act relating to the erection of new Provincial Buildings.