

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

STENOGRAPHERS IN COUNTY COURTS.

Mr. FRENCH stated that on Wednesday he would move for the discharge of his bill respecting stenographers in County Courts. He had learned since introducing the bill that County Courts in Leeds, Grenville and other counties were employing stenographers in the manner provided for by this bill.

MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT asked leave to introduce a bill providing for manhood suffrage. (Applause.)

The bill was introduced and read a first time.

MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND.

A bill respecting Muskoka and Parry Sound was introduced and read a first time.

The House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

COMMITTEES TO-DAY.

The following committees will meet to-day :—

Public Accounts, 10.30 a.m. ; Private Bills, 10.30 a.m. ; Railways, 11 a.m. ; Municipal, 10.30 a.m. ; Fire Escapes, 10 a.m.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

On Wednesday next—Mr. Whitney—Inquiry of the Ministry whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present session legislation in the direction of increasing the severity of the penalties for corrupt practices at elections.

Also, Order of the House for a return showing the names of each person convicted of corrupt practices under the provisions of the controverted Elections Act of Ontario during the year 1887.

Also, Order of the House for a return showing the number of appeals from the decisions of the engineer under the Ditches and Water-courses Act during the year 1887, giving the amount of costs in each case.

Also, order of the House for a return showing the date of the appointment of Asa Beach as license inspector for the County of Dundas, the number of convictions in said county since said date for violations of the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, giving the name of each person convicted, the date of each conviction, the amount of penalty in each case ; also whether each conviction was for a first, second or third offence under said Act.

Also, the particulars of unsuccessful prosecutions since said first-mentioned date, giving the names of persons prosecuted and dates of dismissal of said prosecution.

Mr. Hardy—On Tuesday next—Bill respecting united counties.

The Attorney-General—Bill respecting benevolent and provident societies.

Mr. Lees—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

YESTERDAY WILL be a memorable day in the annals of Ontario, for on that day the Government introduced a measure making residential Manhood Suffrage the law of the Province. The measure is fully explained elsewhere.

THE STATE OF BUSINESS :—The measures promised in the Speech from the Throne are now pretty well advanced. The bills relating to the Revised Statutes, the Department of Agriculture, Ancillary Probates, Early Closing and Alimony have had their second reading ; the Franchise Bill and the bill relating to the judicial district of Muskoka and Parry Sound were introduced yesterday. The debate on the resolutions of the Inter-Provincial Conference will be resumed to-day, and probably concluded on Wednesday night. A day will no doubt be taken up in the debate on Mr. Meredith's mining and timber resolutions. The Municipal Committee has two weeks' work to do, and a week later will probably be about the date of prorogation. It is not likely that the Government will during this session announce their decision in regard to the question of re-opening the railway policy.

THE NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT :—The bill introduced by the Attorney-General yesterday provides for the establishment of "the provisional judicial district of Muskoka and Parry Sound." The judge of the district is to have the same powers as a county judge. A sheriff of Muskoka and a sheriff of Parry Sound are to be appointed. A District Court and a Surrogate Court are to be established. The Town of Parry Sound is to be the "district town," and there the officers of the Court are to reside, while a deputy clerk of the Court for Muskoka will reside at Bracebridge. Stipendiary magistrates, registrars, coroners, etc., are to continue in their offices. The sheriff of Simcoe is not to serve writs in the new district.

The second portion of the bill provides for separation of the municipalities in the two territorial districts from the counties to which they are now attached ; and also provides that in the month of February in any year, on a resolution passed by a majority of the Reeves in either of the territorial districts, the Lieutenant-Governor may issue a proclamation establishing such territorial district as a provisional county.

MR. MCANDREW is the promoter of a bill providing that no moose shall be hunted, taken or killed before October 15, 1890.

MR. ROBERT GIBSON, brother of Mr. Thomas Gibson, M.P.P., died at Wroxeter on Sunday.

COMPENSATION TO WORKMEN :—Last session the question was discussed whether the Grand Trunk, by reason of the establishment of an Insurance and Provident Association, should be exempted from claims made by its em-