

tenance of canines, not counting the \$1,000,000 damage, or so, that they did during that period. The bill also proposes to give a man the right to kill a dog "which he finds straying on any farm, unless such dog is securely muzzled or accompanied by and under control of the owner or other person in charge." Mr. Dryden showed a marked antipathy to canines throughout, and rated them roundly, Mr. French, their friend, looking doggedly on meanwhile. Mr. Dryden so impressed him, however, that he, too, forsook the cause of the oppressed ones, making merely a gentle protest against one or two of its provisions, and the bill was read a second time and referred to a special committee.

The House then read a second time the bills of Mr. Craig and Mr. Clarke (Wellington) to amend the Municipal Act, and adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

### AROUND THE HOUSE.

ITEMS OF THE HOUSE, THE LOBBIES AND DEPARTMENTS.

Monday is not a very lively day in the House, which may account for the large number of chairs vacant, especially and conspicuously on the Government side.

Mr. Ferguson, in discussing the merits of Mr. Waters' bill regarding bridges, called attention to a great injustice done to the Town of Dresden, which built all its own bridges, while Wallaceburg, in the same riding, had all its bridges constructed at the expense of the county.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, in reply to Mr. Meredith, denied the rumors going round that the present supply of Credit Valley stone is giving way. This was the latest canard about the Parliament buildings that received its quietus from the Commissioner of Public Works.

### THE LAW OF WILLS.

As was foreshadowed in these columns, Mr. Freeman introduced an amendment to the Devolution of Estates Act. The object sought by the bill is to provide for the property of a deceased person going in case of no will to the heirs of the parent from whom the property was inherited.

### THE GAME LAW.

Mr. Morgan's amendment to the game law repeals the clause in the game law preventing the spring shooting of migratory ducks. This change was made in 1887, and was very objectionable to sportsmen in Western Ontario, as they were prevented from shooting certain species of these birds altogether under the change in the law.