

Canadian is granted such rights, then these would fall to the lot of the whole world.

Mr. Wood eulogised the ex-Commissioner of Crown Lands, but he was not favorable to certain schemes carried on by the Government, feeling that the grants in many cases were too large.

Mr. Armstrong defended the policy of the Government, claiming that as new districts became developed a larger expenditure was necessary. In his district there was no fault found with the manner in which money is spent for colonisation roads.

The debate was continued by Mr. Hudson, after which Mr. Meredith called attention to what he considered an excessive expenditure of \$3,000 on a bridge across the Kaministiquia River. Mr. Lyon, however, explained that the bridge twice gave way on account of ice and hence the necessary expenditure.

Mr. Clancy did not approve of the expenditure of money for surveys in the District of Nipissing, but the House was told by the Commissioner of Crown Lands that the territory embraces mines and is of a very wide and varied character. There is scarcely a portion of the country in which settlement is not going on. This view was supported by Mr. Murray in a vigorous speech, after which he entered into a lengthened explanation to show that Mr. Clancy's policy was absurd and impracticable. It was the duty of the Government to grant every facility for the settlement of the Province, and if Mr. Clancy should succeed in reversing that policy he would raise a storm about his head that would make him change his views.

Mr. Meredith maintained that the expenditure was excessive and ought to be reduced if a proper policy were pursued with regard to keeping settlers off special timber lands.

Mr. Fraser simply said that it was not the policy of the Government to proclaim to the world that Ontario had no more lands to be settled. (Cheers.)

Mr. Awrey said it was in the interests of the Province that the settlers should be told the character of the soil and their future surroundings. If the Government were to pursue any other course than what they are doing with respect to surveys the country would condemn them.

Mr. Fraser again rose to say that the surveys made in the past were the best possible, and were necessary if the Province is at all to endorse a vigorous settlement in the outlying districts. He made one of his best speeches, the conclusion of which was that the Government know more about the settlement of a new country than the Opposition.

Mr. Meredith made another attack on the policy of surveys and so did Mr. Clancy, after which Mr. Hardy rose to defend the policy of his department, maintaining that the Government were sometimes blamed for not doing enough for surveys.

Mr. Evanturel closed the debate by saying that Mr. Crosby, objected to by Mr. Meredith during the debate, is a licensed surveyor of the Province of Ontario, "and" continued Mr. Evanturel, "this same surveyor read a paper in reference to the surveys of this Province and was liberally complimented for his effort." The House adjourned at 10.40.

AROUND THE HOUSE.

ITEMS FROM THE HOUSE, CORRIDORS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. Conmee's bill in amendment to the Waterworks Act aims at making the machinery necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Act smoother and better adapted for unforeseen requirements.

TOLLGATES.

Mr. Wood (Brant) has introduced a very much needed amendment to the Act regulating tollgates. It provides that no toll-keeper shall collect tolls if he carelessly allow snow to accumulate on the roads so as to impede traffic or make travelling dangerous.

MARKET FEES.

Mr. G. B. Smith is again to the front with a bill proposing to protect vendors of poultry, butter, eggs, etc., in market places. The bill states that cities and towns cannot collect market fees from such persons unless ample shelter is provided them.

CHATHAM AND KENT.

It appears that the Town of Chatham (which is separate municipally from the county) and the County of Kent are about to erect buildings to be used by both municipalities. Mr. Clancy therefore has introduced a bill to enable them to purchase lands and erect buildings, and to enter into any other arrangements that may be deemed necessary.

TREE GROWING.

The bill introduced by Mr. Dack, to amend the Act to encourage the planting and growing of trees, provides that the Lombardy poplar be added to the list of trees regarding which Municipal Councils may grant a bonus for each tree planted on any highway. The Act as now on the statutes includes the following trees:—Ash, basswood, beech, birch, butternut, cedar, cherry, chestnut, elm, hickory, maple, oak, pine, sassafras, spruce, walnut or white wood. In many sections of the Province the Lombardy poplar is largely cultivated.

DEPUTATION FROM OTTAWA.

The Attorney-General, after the adjournment, was waited upon by a deputation in the interests of Mr. Bronson's bill providing for assignments in cases where the debtor lives in Ontario and the creditor in Quebec. The speaker was Mr. Mutchmor, of Ottawa, who was supported by Messrs. Evanturel, Murray, Robillard, Mack, Bronson and French.

PARKDALE ANNEXATION.

The bill annexing the Town of Parkdale to the City of Toronto was passed by the Private Bills Committee yesterday, the recent arrangement entered into between the two municipalities being satisfactory to all the parties concerned. The Parkdale representatives present were Mayor Booth, Reeve Lennox and Deputy Reeve Atkinson.

SPARK ARRESTERS.

Mr. Freeman rose yesterday with a twinkle in his eye to say that Mr. Waters and not Mr. Hardy should have been called upon to promote the bill entitled an Act for Spark Arresters.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

In the Municipal Committee the principal subject under consideration all morning was the Road Companies Bill. After hearing evidence it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to make full inquiry into the affair and make a report upon which legislation can be based. It is understood, however, that the Government will not introduce any legislation bearing on toll roads this session, and when the initiative is taken it is not likely that any compulsory clauses will be inserted in the bill. Several other bills were reported.