

THE ASSEMBLY.

The House Adjourns at Six O'Clock.

MINOR GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Additions to the Charity Aid Act Schedule.

ALLUSION TO THE BURCHELL CASE

Mr. Meredith Thinks Detective Murray is Acting Unwisely—Report of Guelph Agricultural College and Fruit Growers' Association.

March 24, 1890.

Although so near the end of the session the House got a holiday this evening, the adjournment being made at six o'clock. The afternoon was chiefly spent in consideration of minor Government orders, a few public bills being taken towards the close to fill up the time.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

To amend the Act respecting conditional sales of chattels—The Attorney-General.

To amend the Free Grant and Homestead Act—Mr. Armstrong.

To amend the Act respecting oaths under the Manhood Suffrage Act—Hon. Mr. Fraser.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

The orders of the day gave precedence of Government orders to public bills and motions by private members, and Mr. Meredith insisted that this was contrary to his understanding of the agreement arrived at between himself and the Attorney-General last Monday. The Attorney-General said that was as he had understood it, but intimated that he would be pleased all the same to allow every possible opportunity for the business of private members.

THIRD READING.

The following bill was read a third time and passed:—

For the suppression of foul brood among bees—Hon. Mr. Drury.

The Attorney-General's bill to provide for the vacating of certificates of his pendens was down for third reading, but the Attorney-General moved the reference of the bill back to Committee that it might be amended, and when it was allowed to stand.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private bills were read a second time:—

Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah—Mr. Conmee.

To incorporate the Town of North Bay—Mr. Murray.

Respecting certain Railway By-laws of the Municipality of Neebing—Mr. Conmee.

Respecting the Toronto Street Railway Company—Mr. Lees.

Respecting the City of Toronto—Mr. E. F. Clarke (Toronto).

To amend the Acts relating to the Land Security Company—Mr. Leys.

Respecting the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Company—Mr. Woods (Hastings).

To incorporate the Arthur, Guelph & Ontario Railway Company—Mr. Clarke (Wellington).

Respecting the Hamilton & Dundas Street Railway Company—Mr. Awrey.

A good many private bills were also sent through Committee.

THE CHARITY AID ACT.

The Hon. Treasurer moved seriatim the confirmation of the following Orders in Council:—

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector O'Reilly, dated 6th March instant, and upon the recommendation of the Honorable the Treasurer, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this order by the Legislative Assembly "The General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood," be hereafter taken as named in schedule "A" of the "Charity Aid Act," and receive aid accordingly.

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Christie, dated the 12th day of March, 1890, the Committee of Council advise that subject to the ratification of this order by the Legislative Assembly "the Nicholls Hospital," Peterborough, hereafter be taken as named in schedule "A" of the "Charity Aid

Act," and receive aid accordingly from the first day of October, 1889. The Committee further advise that the sum of six hundred and seventy-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$679 20), for work done during the previous year, be provided for in the supplementary estimates of the present session.

Upon the consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Christie, dated 18th April, 1889, and upon the recommendation of the Honorable the Treasurer, the Committee of Council advise, that subject to the ratification of this order by the Legislative Assembly at the next session thereof, "The Haven," Toronto, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "C" of the "Charity Aid Act," and receive aid accordingly from the 1st day of October last, being the date of the commencement of the current statistical year. The Committee further advise that the sum of \$323 74 be placed in the estimates on account of work done by the Haven between the 30th May, 1889, and the 1st October, 1889.

Upon the consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Christie, dated the 9th day of December, instant, and upon the recommendation of the Honorable the Treasurer, the Committee of Council advise, that subject to the ratification of this order by the Legislative Assembly, the "General Hospital, Brockville," be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of the "Charity Aid Act," and that it receive aid accordingly from the date of its opening, namely, the 7th day of March last. The Committee further advise that the sum of \$391 20 be placed in the estimates on account of work done by the hospital between the 7th day of March last and the 30th day of September, 1889.

Mr. Meredith said that when a motion of this kind was brought down fuller information should be given the House regarding the increases proposed. The expenditure for hospitals was growing, 30 cents per head per day being paid to institutions similar to the one proposed. Some of the hospitals receiving aid were conducted more expensively than others, and the result was that sometimes the amount paid by the Province was excessive. He thought the Government should have a voice in the erection and management of these institutions, and quoted Inspector O'Reilly's report in support of this argument.

Hon. A. M. Ross said it had never been the custom to present the reports to the House in detail, as Mr. Meredith suggested. They were generally as to the character of the building and so forth. As to the suggestion that any discrimination should be exercised in dealing with such cases, he thought it would not be fair. If an institution was properly equipped, and appeared in every way satisfactory to the Government Inspector, it came under the "Charity Aid Act," and it would not be fair to discriminate.

Mr. Meredith still urged that both the Inspector's report and the information on which such report was based should be laid before the House, to enable them to form an intelligent opinion thereon.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

The Treasurer moved the House into Committee of Supply, but Mr. Meredith strongly objected, remarking that the Opposition intended defeating the Government on that motion—on another day. It couldn't have been done at this particular moment, because Mr. Meredith's followers just then were only about the same in number as the members of Mr. Mowat's Cabinet, who were all in their seats. Mr. Meredith thought the Government might take up Col. Clarke's bill to amend the Act for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals, and suggested that a thin House was the only sort of House it would ever get through. The Government obliged Mr.

Meredith, and the House went into Committee on the bill in question. Col. Clarke explained that the object of the bill is to prevent the actual sale of quail, or the sale of quail upon the pretext of giving. The first clause of the bill includes quail among the game that is not to be killed for exportation from Ontario. The second clause is an addition to the same section, as follows:—

(2) No person shall by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, expose or keep for sale, or directly or indirectly upon any pretence or any device sell or barter, or in consideration of the purchase of any other property give to any other person any quail, hunted, taken or killed in the Province of Ontario, and this sub-section shall continue in force until the day of 189 .

The bill was reported and a number of other public bills were also sent through Committee.

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

Mr. Fell's bill to amend the Act respecting landlord and tenant. The bill had a single clause as follows, which it is proposed to substitute for section 27:—

The goods and chattels exempt from seizure under execution shall not be liable to seizure by distress by a landlord for rent in respect of a tenancy created after the first day of October, 1887, except as hereinafter provided, but the person claiming such exemption may select and point out the goods and chattels as to which he claims exemption.

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Fraser showed that the point raised had been virtually covered by amendments already made to the law, and the bill was withdrawn.

LAND TITLES RETURNS.

Mr. Mowat's bill respecting returns by Registrars and Masters of Titles under the