

them opposed the Commissioner of Public Works in the last election, but no comment had been made upon the fact. Whatever sins he might have committed in this line in the past (and one learned as one grew older) he believed it unwise in an inspector or a teacher to take too active a part in party politics. At the same time he did not believe in them expunging themselves politically. Commenting on the side wind reference made to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ross said:— We have not complained of the course taken by the inspector for Toronto. We did not suffer politically through it. I need not say it was an unwise course, not in the interest of the Public Schools of the city and I think it was not in the education of this country. I do not think it was a good example. I would say that of any inspector who would take the same course. But that has nothing to do with the question of principle. If we are to pay our money for certain services, we must have certain control of those rendering those services. When Mr. Meredith wanted to know what Mr. Ross thought of a Minister of Education taking part in politics, Mr. Ross said he had his political obligations, and he had tried to fulfil them. He had taken up the cause of his party to the best of his ability, and he expected to do so again. But returning to the office of Minister of Education he would give as good consideration to the rights and interests of opponents as of friends, seeking to do justice to all. (Cheers.)

The bill was read the second time.

Liability of Directors.

Hon. Mr. Gibson, on a motion for the second reading of his bill respecting the liability of directors, explained that it was to make directors liable for false statements or the concealment of important facts in any prospectus they might issue. It was a copy of the English act, except that in making the fraudulent concealment of statements that should be made an offence the bill went farther. He saw no reason why the operation of the bill should be confined to companies incorporated by the Province, but that it should deal also with Dominion companies.

Mr. Meredith said there undoubtedly was room for legislation in the direction of the bill. He did not then discuss its provisions because they could be dealt with better in committee.

Mr. Bronson's bill to amend the act respecting Cemetery Companies was given its second reading.

Mr. Stratton asked the permission of the House to introduce a bill to incorporate the Nichol Hospital Trust. He explained that he did not know earlier in the day that that was the last day for the introduction of private bills; he had been under the impression that there was one more day for their introduction.

Mr. Meredith raised an objection. The Government had changed the whole policy of the House by refusing to allow two bills, one introduced by the member for Lincoln and another by the member for South Wentworth, to come before the House for discussion. If the Government was going to take such a course he would protect himself by objecting to the introduction of Mr. Stratton's bill in this irregular way.

Mr. Stratton explained that his bill had passed the Standing Orders Committee and

gone through all the forms required before introduction to the House.

Mr. Mowat said, in reply to the remarks of the leader of the Opposition, that members on both sides of the House would receive the same treatment from the Government.

Hon. Mr. Gibson pointed out that there was in Mr. Stratton's bill nothing objectionable, and there was not therefore a similarity between it and the bill of the member for Lincoln.

Mr. Meredith withdrew his objection and Mr. Stratton's bill was read.

The House adjourned at 10 o'clock.

During the 21 days of active campaigning in Selkirk Mr. Daly travelled 1,112 miles in all, 730 by rail and 382 by sleigh. He attended 25 meetings, four of which were Mr. Martin's, and at nearly all of them made two speeches, varying from half an hour to an hour and a half in length. Mr. Martin's record would probably equal this. A canvass of Selkirk is no light undertaking at any time; but to get over all that territory in winter, and within the limits of a short campaign such as the last, is enough to kill a horse.