

### **Municipal Amendments.**

Mr. Monk moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Municipal Act by giving power to pass by-laws for insuring property of ratepayers. Hon. Mr. Hardy objected to the bill and urged upon the hon. member to withdraw it. Mr. Meredith appealed that it should be allowed to go to committee on the question of the principle. The second reading was negatived.

A bill introduced by Mr. Waters to amend the Assessment Act by providing for the partial exemption of farm lands in cities and towns passed the second reading, although it was mildly protested against by Mr. Meredith as retrograde legislation.

Mr. Guthrie moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Assessment Act. The measure, he explained, was intended to provide for the exemption of horses, cattle and implements to the value of \$1,000 held by an owner or tenant engaged in the business of farming. The present law discriminates against the poor farmer and in favor of the rich. There was a clause in the bill providing for an additional rate chargeable where taxes on non-resident lands were unpaid. The bill was read the second time.

A bill introduced by Mr. Stratton to amend the Public Parks Act was read the second time.

Mr. McKay, Oxford, moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Municipal Waterworks Act by providing that section 5 of the Municipal Waterworks Act be amended by striking out the words "the Municipal Act" in the eighth line of the section, and substituting the words "Section 20th, Railway Act of Ontario." Mr. McKay remarked that the measure would tend to simplify a phase of waterworks administration which was somewhat complicated at present. Mr. Meredith doubted whether the law would enable the House to make the change contemplated by the bill; but the feeling of the House was that the matter should go before the Municipal Committee, so the second reading was agreed to.

A bill introduced by Mr. Tait to amend the Municipal Act by enacting that irregularities in form shall not invalidate debentures in certain cases, and that telegraph or cable companies shall be compelled to place in cables the wires heretofore stretched upon poles, was read the second time.

The House rose at 10.20 o'clock.

### **The Speaker's Dinner.**

Mr. Speaker gave a dinner this evening, to which the following gentlemen were invited:—Hon. C. F. Fraser, Dr. J. McKay, Mr. Glendining, Mr. Kerns, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Tully, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Christie, Mr. Hammell, Mr. H. McKenzie, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Blezard, Mr. Mack, Mr. Maclean, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Barr, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Stratton, Mr. McCleary, Mr. Dack and Mr. Conmee.

### **Lieutenant-Governor's Dinner.**

The following is the list of invited guests at the Lieutenant-Governor's dinner this evening:—Hon. O. Mowat, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Hon. C. F. Fraser, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, Archbishop Walsh, Rev. Father Walsh, Rev. Provost Body, Judge Osler, Judge Maclellan, Dr. Richardson, Prof. VanderSmussen, Lieut.-Col. Grasett, Mr. David Creighton, Judge Robertson, Judge Burton, Prof. Chapman, Mr. J. Herbert Mason, Sheriff Mowat, Mr. Glackmeyer, Major Delamere, and the following members of the Assembly:—J. F. Dowling, J. Conmee, J. Loughrin, Dr. McMahan, A. Evanturel, A. Robillard, Sol. White, J. Clancy, J. Glendining, W. A. Willoughby, A. F. Campbell, O. Bush, J. Potter and W. R. Meredith, Q.C.; Mr. Charles Moss, Q.C., Mr. James Massie, Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, jun., M.P.

### **Notices of Motion.**

Mr. Fraser—Bill relating to certain railway charters.

Mr. Conmee—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Monk—Bill respecting returns by registrars and masters of titles under Lands Titles Act.