

The Attorney-General's Bills.

The Attorney-General introduced two bills yesterday. One of these relates to justices of the peace and provides for the disqualification of those officers who become bankrupt, and also for the dropping from the list of the names of those appointees who do not qualify by taking the oaths within a certain time. It is provided also that county Crown attorneys may supply justices of the peace with necessary forms, the costs to be a charge upon the county funds.

Another bill amends the Ditches and Watercourses Act by providing that the amendments made to the law last year shall apply to railways.

West Toronto Junction Bill.

There was a lively discussion in the Private Bills Committee to-day on the bill respecting West Toronto Junction. Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, M. P., and Mr. Wallace Nesbitt were in attendance to represent the property-owners interested in opposition to the proposal to allow the closing of Weston road at the C.P.R. track so as to avoid the construction of a subway. Mayor Clendenan and Town Solicitor Going spoke on the other side, voicing the views of many town councillors. The clause was struck out, as was also the clause confirming a by-law to grant \$3,000 bonus to a factory which had not the necessary popular vote. The issue of \$75,000 to build a subway without a popular vote was passed, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The Railway Committee.

Some interesting facts were brought out in the meeting of the Railway Committee this morning in the discussion on the bill to incorporate the Port Arthur & Fort William Railway Company. Mr. Thomas Marks is the chief promoter of the bill. Mr. Marks was also president of the old Prince Arthur's Landing & Kaministiquia Railway, now no more. This road had a bonus of \$12,000 from the Province, one of the conditions being that the rails should not be removed without the consent of the Lieut.-Governor. Notwithstanding this, however, the road having been sold to the Canadian Pacific, the rails were torn up and the road is now no more. Hon. Mr. Fraser said that the facts must be reported to his colleagues, and the bill was postponed for consideration later. The bill to amend the charter of the Parry Sound Railway by giving the company power to amalgamate with another railway making connection with Ottawa, was passed, as also was the Fort Erie Railway Company's bill.

New Bills.

Dr. Gilmour has introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act so as to extend to township municipalities further powers in respect of local improvements.

Mr. Connee has a bill before the House to reduce the minimum length of road for the construction of which a company may be incorporated from two miles to one and a half.

The new bills introduced to-day were four in number and all are brief. Mr. Fraser presented a bill respecting railways, which provides that where the time limit for the construction of a railway expires between 1st March and 31st December, 1891, the time is extended to 1st June, 1892.

Mr. Whitney has a bill intended to provide that in the university the terms shall be the same as in the High Schools under the present law. The present terms are from 7th January to the Thursday before Easter, from the Tuesday after Easter to the first Friday of July, and from the last Monday in August to 22nd December. These dates are being altered in the bill now before the House, and it is to be presumed that if Mr. Whitney's bill passes it will be made to conform to the law as it will be.

Mr. Wood of Brant has a bill to amend the Municipal Act so as to provide that in

the case of the discovery of mineral under a public road the shaft or tunnel made to get it out shall be so made as not to interfere with traffic on the road.

Mr. Bronson's bill to amend the Municipal Act corrects a clerical error in the act as published.

Mr. Davis' Bicycle Bill.

Mr. Davis' bill "respecting the use of velocipedes on public highways" is printed. It has only two clauses, which read as follows:—

"(1) In case any difficulty shall arise from any person using or propelling on any highway or bridge a bicycle, tricycle, velocipede or any other contrivance for travelling, in which the propelling or motive power is produced by the hands or feet of the person upon the same, in passing or attempting to pass any vehicle or mounted horseman upon the highway or bridge, it shall be the duty of such person to stop and in every reasonable way to assist such mounted horseman or the person in charge of such vehicle to pass him and proceed in safety.

"(2) Any such bicycle, tricycle, velocipede or other contrivance running after dark over any highway shall carry a bright red light in a conspicuous place, so that it may be seen by the person in charge of any vehicle or by any horseman approaching from behind or in the direction from which such bicycle, tricycle, velocipede or other contrivance is being propelled."

Notes.

Ald. Atkinson and Orr, accompanied by City Solicitor Biggar, waited on Provincial Secretary Gibson yesterday to ask for the insertion in the city bill of a clause authorising the expenditure of \$200,000 for the purpose of widening the Queen street subway and opening Dufferin street north of the subway. Mr. Gibson pointed out that no by-law had been submitted to the people, but the deputation contended that this was not necessarily final, and asked that the legal and other bearings of the case should be considered.

Mr. James Trow, M.P. for South Perth, the best known of all the Parliamentary whips in Canada, the genial presiding spirit of the Liberal room "No. 6" at Ottawa, visited the Legislature yesterday. He was cordially greeted by many old friends, some of whom reminded him of the time, years ago, when he was a member of the Local House. Mr. Trow was warmly congratulated on all hands upon his splendid run in the gerrymandered riding of South Perth.

Messrs. J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., ex-Ald. Fleming and Mr. F. S. Spence waited on Hon. Mr. Harcourt yesterday concerning liquor license questions. Mr. Harcourt intimated to them that the Government did not propose to introduce any license legislation this session.

Three members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Markham High School interviewed the Hon. G. W. Ross yesterday, introduced by Mr. G. B. Smith. They were Messrs. Sylvester of Markham Township; Hugh Clarke, Scarboro' Township, and H. R. Wales of Markham. Their interview was with regard to the new High School regulations.

In an article in Saturday's issue of THE GLOBE referring to members of the Legislature it was stated that Dr. Gilmour defeated Dr. Clendenan at the last general election, whereas the defeated candidate was Mr. D. W. Clendenan, mayor of West Toronto. Dr. Clendenan is a Reformer, a brother-in-law of Dr. Gilmour's, and a cousin of the defeated candidate.

Representatives from Warton waited on the Government yesterday. They were Messrs. D. M. Jermyn, James Hunter, James Walmsley, A. J. Kyle and M. Devitt. Their mission is to oppose the granting of aid to the projected short line of railway from Owen Sound to Parkhead which will connect the G. T. R. with Owen Sound. Warton's objection is based on the likelihood, if the line be constructed, that instead of their

getting all the Grand Trunk's lake freight trade, Owen Sound will divide the profits. As an offset to the Warton deputation a second deputation from Owen Sound interviewed the Attorney-General this afternoon. It urged that the grant asked for by the large representation of Grey County and Owen Sound a little time ago for this connecting link be granted. To-day's deputation was composed of Messrs. B. Allen, M. Kennedy and John Wright. They were introduced to the Premier by Mr. Cleland.

Messrs. W. H. Parr, D. J. O'Donoghue and C. March, representing the Trades and Labor Council, and Mr. A. F. Jury representing the Knights of Labor, waited upon the Attorney-General and wanted legislation extending the hours for keeping polls open so as to be from 9 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m.; to give the City of Toronto cumulative voting if the proposed rearrangement of wards under Ald. McDougall's scheme be carried out; also that aldermen may be paid.

The meetings of the Public Accounts Committee for some time past have been of a rather unusual character. In former sessions the rule has been for members of the Opposition to call for papers respecting some matter in which there was an appearance of irregularity, and, if necessary, to take the evidence of public officers and others in explanation of the documents. This year, however, most of the meetings have been of a mere formal and most uninteresting character. The members assemble, but there is no discussion and the time is spent simply in looking over vouchers of public expenditure. This is doubtless a wise and necessary thing to do, but it might be done more conveniently under some other plan. The members of the Public Accounts Committee are to visit the Mimico Asylum cottages on Tuesday next.

Notices of Motions.

Mr. Campbell (East Durham)—Resolution—(1) That legislation respecting denominational schools in Upper Canada was adopted by the Parliament of the lake Provinces of Canada at a time when Upper and Lower Canada were joined in a legislative union; (2) that this legislation was adopted by the Parliament of Canada against the wishes and opinion of a large majority of the representatives of Upper Canada in the Legislative Assembly; (3) that by the passage of the British North America Act, 1867, the Imperial Parliament imposed on certain Provincial Legislatures restrictions in dealing with education; (4) that in consequence of these restrictions the people of Ontario are not free to make such laws respecting education as they may from time to time deem necessary and prudent; (5) that such restrictions are contrary to the principles of proper responsible government as conferred on the Dominion of Canada and on the several Provinces composing it, and to the autonomous powers which were in other respects granted to the Provisional Legislatures; (6) that the Province of Ontario and Quebec are the only Provinces of the Dominion of Canada which are so restricted; (7) that in the opinion of this House the interests of the country require such change in the British North America Act, 1867, as will place education under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Legislature completely as the various subjects assigned to Provincial jurisdiction under section 91 of that Act; (8) that a humble address be presented by this House to her Most Gracious Majesty, embodying the foregoing resolutions, and praying that she will be pleased to have them brought to the notice of the Houses of Parliament with a view to securing the change desired.

The Attorney-General—Bill respecting disputes under the Drainage Act.

Mr. Biggar—Bill respecting companies for steam and heating, or for supplying electricity for light, heat or power.

Mr. Garrow—Bill to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act.