

amended so as to make registration permissive with the council of the College of Pharmacy.

The horse bill which Mr. Sol. White has in charge, which is aimed at punishing any person entering a horse in a race in a class for which it is not qualified, was passed by the select committee this morning, with a couple of amendments. The penalty was altered from a minimum fine of \$200 to \$50, and from a maximum fine of \$1,000 to \$200. A provision was inserted that the prosecution of an offence under the act must be instituted within two years.

The Municipal Committee.

At the Municipal Committee a number of bills were considered. Mr. Tait's amendment to the Municipal Act to relieve municipalities from the necessity of twice registering local improvement debentures, was passed.

Mr. Clancy's bill gives to townships the power to improve public roads on the local improvement plan where a petition is sent in signed by all the property owners affected. It is giving effect to a scheme which is known in the west as the road scheme of Judge Woods of Chatham. It was favorably reported.

Hon. Mr. Bronson's bill to correct an error in an amendment to the Municipal Act which was made at the last session, was passed.

Mr. O'Connor's amendment to the Municipal Act was passed. It provides for the election, in any portion of a township which may have bought a fire engine, of trustees to look after the engine; also it provides for the raising of a sum of money for the care of the engine and appliances.

Mr. E. A. Macdonald appeared before the committee to ask for reconsideration of the bill of Mr. G. B. Smith to increase the number of resident petitioners necessary to obtain the incorporation of a village. The petition for the incorporation of the Village of Chester, he said, was before the County Council of York, and Mr. Smith's measure, he urged, ought not to interfere with it. The matter will come up to-morrow at the meeting of the committee.

Mr. Stratton's bill, providing that towns and cities may establish public bathing houses, was passed.

Mr. Meredith presented to the committee a proposition that the Municipal Act ought to be amended so that the thirty-year debentures clause be extended to include harbor debentures, which are now limited to twenty years. The suggestion found favor and will come up to-morrow.

Mr. Conmee's bill to amend the General Road Companies Act to allow roads less than two miles in length to be made toll roads, had the feeling of the committee against it. It will come up to-morrow again.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Fraser gives notice that he will to-morrow (Friday) move that there be referred to committee of the whole House on Monday next the resolutions following:—

Resolved (1) that in addition to the sum of \$1,050,000 heretofore appropriated and set apart from and out of the moneys forming part of the consolidated revenue fund of this Province for the purpose of erecting new legislative and departmental buildings for the public service of this Province, there be appropriated and set apart for the same purpose and from and out of the same fund the further sum of \$150,000, so as to make the whole of the moneys appropriated for said purpose amount in all to the sum of \$1,200,000.

Resolved (2) that it is expedient that the act passed in the 43rd year of the reign of her Majesty and entitled "An act to provide for the erection of new buildings for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature and the Public Departments," as the same is amended by chapter 6 of the act passed in the 48th year of the reign of her Majesty and by chapter 3 of the act passed in the 50th year of the same reign, should be further amended by omitting therefrom the words "ten hundred and fifty thousand dollars" wherever the same occur in the said act as so amended and inserting instead thereof the words "twelve hundred thousand dollars."

Mr. Fraser—Bill to further amend the act relating to the erection of new Provincial buildings.

Mr. Allan—Return—Copies of the judgments of Chief Justice Galt quashing the local option liquor by-laws, adopted by the municipalities of Oakland, South Norwich and London West, under the authority of section 18 of chapter 56 of the statutes of Ontario for 1890.

Notes.

In the Public Accounts Committee this morning Mr. R. Christie, inspector of asylums and prisons, was further examined as to the prices of certain supplies. Mr. Smith, superintendent of colonisation roads, was also further examined as to certain bridges built by Overseer Wickott, to whose work nearly all the examination related. In neither case was any information of special importance elicited.

Three representatives of the County of Grey listened to yesterday's debate. They were Dr. Horsey of Owen Sound, the standard-bearer of the Liberal party in North Grey at the recent Dominion elections; Mr. John Thompson, ex-reeve of Sydenham Township, and Mr. R. McKnight, registrar of the county.

Rev. G. M. Milligan had a seat on the floor of the House during the speech of the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands this afternoon.

Rev. T. G. Smith, the travelling representative of Queen's University, was about the House to-day.