

to guard against cases of a similar kind recurring.

The House adjourned at 5.45.

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

##### DEPUTATIONS OF INSURANCE MEN, FRIENDLY AND OTHERWISE, INTERVIEW THE GOVERNMENT.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. James Beaty, Q.C., W. C. Macdonald, W. F. Burton (Hamilton), representing the Canada Life and Standard Insurance Companies, and W. H. Orr of the Aetna Life, waited upon the Government to-day respecting the insurance bill, asking for the insertion of a clause prohibiting rebates, and also an explanation of some of the technical points of the bill.

##### WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Mr. Wood (Brant) introduced to Mr. Gibson to-day a deputation consisting of Hon. J. C. Root, Omaha, Nebraska; W. A. Rampton, London; T. H. Luscombe, London; W. S. Campbell, Dr. Harrison and E. R. Laing, Brantford, who asked for an amendment to the insurance bill so that the friendly society known as "The Woodmen of the World" might register under it. The bill excludes from registration any foreign fraternal society which began operations here since March 11, 1890. The Woodmen of the World, which is chartered in Omaha, Nebraska, began a few months after that date, and, the deputation stated, had now sixteen lodges and 700 members in Ontario.

##### COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The following committees will meet to-morrow (Tuesday):—Railways 10, Public Accounts 10, Private Bills 10.30. The following bills will be considered by the Railway Committee:—Bill to incorporate the Niagara Falls Park and Queenston Electric Railway & Steamboat Company, and the bill to incorporate the Ontario Ship Railway Company.

##### NO FEMALE LAWYERS.

Mr. Gibson presented to-day the correspondence relating to the application of Miss Clara Brett Martin, daughter of the late Abraham Martin of Toronto and a graduate in arts of Trinity University praying for admission to the Law Society of Upper Canada as a student at law. The application was referred to a special committee of the Law Society, which reported that the question to be determined is not whether it is desirable that women should be admitted as students of laws as is asked in the petition, but whether the Law Society of Ontario is permitted to allow a woman to be entered as a student of the laws as a step to her becoming a member of the Law Society. The committee submitted after an examination of the statutes, rules and orders of the society that authority was not intended to be given to the society to admit women as members thereof, that the statutes, rules and regulations do not authorise it, and that the prayer of the petition should not be granted. The report was adopted by the society.

##### TO PROTECT WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MEN.

A deputation from the dry goods section of the Board of Trade, consisting of Messrs. G. B. Smith, M.P.P., James McMaster, R. H. Gray and T. M. Bayne, waited upon the Government to-day to ask for an amendment to the Conditions of Sales Act, chap. 19 of the statutes of 1888. This act they said now protects an innocent purchaser from the consequences of any underhand agreement, and they wanted it amended so as to protect innocent creditors in the same way, by providing that all agreements with reference to the sale of chattels and future possession shall be in writing and filed with the county clerk.

##### THE FEES OF OFFICIALS.

In the brief notice of the bill introduced by Mr. Ross, respecting the fees to be paid by registrars, Surrogate clerks, sheriffs and others, it should have been stated that these fees are in addition to any fees paid by these officers to the municipal Councils of the counties in which they do business. The fees under Mr. Ross' bill will go to the consolidated revenues of the Province to meet the expenses of audit and instruction.

##### DR. GILMOUR'S BILLS.

Dr. Gilmour introduced a bill to-day to amend the Street Railway Act by providing that County Councils may give a 30-year franchise instead of a twenty-year one, as at present. The object of this is to enable a road to extend to points that might pay in the first fifteen or twenty years, but which would pay in 30 years. He also introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act by permitting assessment by the acre for local improvements; by extending water mains on the local improvement system; by enabling local municipalities to realise on lands in arrears for taxes, in place of going to the County Council machinery, as at present.

##### VISITORS TO THE HOUSE.

The visiting members of the Knights of St. John, to the number of about twenty, spent an hour this afternoon listening to the proceedings of the House.

##### NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Conmee—Bill to amend the General Mining Act.

Mr. Wood (Hastings)—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Whitney—Bill to amend the proof for registration in the Registry Act.

Mr. Gilmour—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.