

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

A Long and Busy but Uneventful Sitting.

COLONISATION ROADS.

The Curious Arguments Used by Mr. Marter.

THE FREE LIBRARIES ACT AMENDED—RAILWAY SUBSIDY WANTED—THE PROTECTION OF BEES.

TORONTO, April 5, 1892.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the following bills were introduced and read a first time :—

Mr. Guthrie—To amend the act respecting municipal institutions in outlying districts.

Mr. Clarke—To amend the Registry Act; also, respecting police officers.

Mr. Mowat—To amend the law of evidence.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) presented the report of the inspector of houses of refuge, etc.

The following bills were read a third time :—To amend the law relating to mortmain and charitable uses; to confirm by-laws 76 and 77 of North Toronto; to incorporate the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Co.; to amend the act respecting limited partnerships; for the protection of persons employed in places of business other than factories; to incorporate the Town of Sudbury; to incorporate the Town of Mattawa; to incorporate the Carp, Lanark & Almonte Railway Co.

Mr. Mowat's bill respecting the use of tobacco by minors was amended by adding a clause to the effect that the act shall not apply to a sale to a minor for a parent or guardian at the written request of such parent or guardian.

Mr. Gibson's insurance bill was amended by the addition of several clauses relating to the insurance of minors. One clause provided that the contract of insurance made by a minor over fifteen years of age shall not be invalid by reason of such minority. This was inserted because a great many insurers in friendly societies are minors.

Mr. Guthrie suggested that the bill should be amended so as to give an easy and cheap appeal from the decisions of the inspector of insurance to a Divisional Court. The bill was so amended. The committee then rose.

Mr. Tait moved the third reading of the bill to incorporate the Toronto & Ashbridge Bay Improvement Company. Mr. Meredith objected because he had not had time to read it yet. Mr. Tait said it was some time since the bill left the committee, and it was necessary that the bill should go through as soon as possible. Mr. Mowat said the request to allow the bill to stand was not unusual, and suggested that the third reading should be postponed, which was done.

Mr. Ross moved that the House approve of certain agreements between the Education Department, the Township of York and the City of Toronto regarding the use of sewers, etc. The motion was adopted.