

bill was then reported with slight amendments.

The following bills were discharged:—To amend the Assessment Act, Mr. Balfour; To amend the Municipal Act, Mr. Gil-mour.

Mr. Clarke's bill to amend the Registry Act, also his bill to amend the act respecting sheriff's offices, were read a second time. They provide for the closing of these offices on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Conmee's bill to amend the railway laws of Ontario and to provide for the qualification of locomotive engineers, conductors and brakemen, was next taken up, and as Mr. Conmee declined to withdraw it the House took the liberty of discharging it.

The House then adjourned at 11.30.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

THE BILL TO REORGANISE THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS ADOPTED—THE MEDICAL ACT UNCHANGED.

Mr. Allan's bill to amend the act respecting dentistry came before a select committee to-day. Mr. A. S. Henderson, Ottawa, representing the Eastern Ontario Dental Association, which is promoting the bill, explained the provisions and said that 224 out of 422 dentists in the Province had pronounced in favor of it. Dr. Wilmot, representing the college, thought the matter should be deferred until next session in order that it might be more fully discussed by dentists in the country, but said that if the committee decided to go on with the bill he had certain amendments which he would propose. The bill provides that the Board of Directors of the college shall consist of seven members, who shall hold office for two years, and that the Province shall be divided into seven electoral districts. After some discussion the committee adjourned until to-morrow to give the two parties a chance of agreeing on a bill. Ultimately the directors of the college agreed to the provisions of the bill, provided the faculty was given representation on the board, making the board consist of eight members instead of seven as proposed. This was acceptable to the promoters, and the bill will now go through the House.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

The Public Accounts Committee held its final meeting this morning at 9.30 by questioning briefly Mr. Tracy, the Toronto Asylum bursar, as to the allowances to officials at that institution. The committee held 21 meetings during the session, which the chairman stated was the largest number of any session except one since Confederation.

A TEMPERANCE DEPUTATION.

The deputation of temperance advocates that waited upon the Government at 7 o'clock was so large that one of the prominent divines present remarked to some of those in attendance, "All they need is to look at us." Mr. J. J. Maclaren headed the visitors, and among those who attended were:—Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Carman, Frank S. Spence, W. H. Orr, Rev. James Gray, W. G. Storm, Daniel Rose, Rev. W. L. Scott, Rev. W. Kettlewell (Oakville), Alex. Wills, D. F. Milne, I. T. Mills, E. Roberts, Henry O'Hara, James Thomson, Thos. Lawless, E. Falconer, J. S. Coleman, E. Stephenson, Inspector Archibald, R. Rae, Mrs. McDonell, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Forster, Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Lytle, George Spence, Rev. H. S. Matthews, G. Hogarth, T. H. Gales, A. Chamberlain, Lewis C. Peake, Edward Galley, G. McConnell and James Dobson. Mr. Ross and Mr. Harcourt received the deputation, and owing to the press of business the proceedings were brief. Rev. Dr. Carman and Mr. F. S. Spence were the only speakers. They stated that their original intention was to oppose the selling of liquor on railway trains, but as this proposition had been withdrawn they would only refer to one or two other points. They asked that brewers should be

prohibited from selling a smaller quantity than five gallons; that no local option law should be repealed within five years of its adoption, and the temperance people should have power to oust a saloon from any neighborhood by a majority petition of the ratepayers interested. Mr. Ross replied that he was favorably disposed towards the legislation asked for, particularly the last proposition. He assured the visitors that the subject would receive the best consideration of the Government.

FROM VICTORIA COUNTY.

The following deputation from Victoria County waited upon the Government to explain their position relative to the maintenance of bridges between their county and Peterboro':—Dr. Vrooman, T. Stewart, D. R. Anderson, F. C. Taylor, E. H. Hopkins, Wm. Lownsboro and J. R. McNeillie.

STREET RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

A civic deputation waited upon the Government before the evening session to oppose the clause inserted by counsel regarding the taking over of the road on the expiry of the 30 years' franchise. Among those present were Mayor Fleming, Ald. Hallam, Burns, Bell, Wm. Carlyle, David Carlyle, George Verral, City Solicitor Biggar, ex-Mayor Clarke, Mr. Laidlaw, Q.C., and Mr. McWilliams. Mayor Fleming and others stated the city's case, and expressed a desire to have the original arrangement adhered to. Mr. Laidlaw, on behalf of the street railway company, said that there were many clauses in the bill, mutually agreed to by counsel, to which similar objection might be taken. Mr. Mowat asked the deputation if they would be prepared to give up all the changes made in this way for the sake of the one, and Mayor Fleming said he believed they would. The subject was then left over for further consideration.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TAXES.

A deputation from the Separate School Board, consisting of Vicar-General Rooney, Father McCann, Charles Burns and Charles T. Long, waited upon the Attorney-General with reference to the clause in the Street Railway Bill providing for the disposition of the school taxes payable by the company. As originally drawn the bill contained a clause similar to the one in the agreement providing that "all the railway property liable to be assessed for school purposes shall be assessed for public school purposes, and that the rates levied in respect thereof shall be payable to the public school funds of the City of Toronto." At the instance of Mr. Foy, solicitor of the school board, the railway committee amended the bill as follows:—"Notwithstanding anything in the said agreement or in this act contained, all school taxes and rates payable by the said company shall be subject to and be governed by the general law respecting school taxes of incorporated companies as to all holders or owners of the stock thereof other than the present owner or holders." The deputation pointed out that the amendment saved only the stock held by subsequent purchasers, but said nothing of holders of street railway property other than the present. They wanted the bill again amended in that regard. Mr. Mowat promised to take the matter into consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Attorney-General—Bill to confirm a certain agreement made between the Niagara Park Commission and the Canadian Niagara Power Company, and to enable the said company to carry the same into effect.

Mr. Meacham—Resolution—That instructions be given the select committee appointed to consider bill No. 26 that said bill be reported to the House containing a clause declaring that "all actions by the Medical Council passed upon section 41 (a) of the Ontario Medical Act, as enacted by section 8 of the Medical Act of 1891, shall be suspended for one year."