

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Apples Are Not Injured by
Spraying Blossoms.

FISH AND GAME LAWS.

Supplementary Estimates Pre-
sented to the House.WOMEN MAY PRACTISE AS SOLICITORS BUT
NOT AS BARRISTERS—LIQUOR LICENSE
LAW CHANGES.

TORONTO, April 7, 1892.

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

Mr. Hardy—The Municipal Amendment Bill, 1892.

Mr. Hardy—An act to amend the act respecting certain railways.

Mr. Ross moved the third reading of the bill "Respecting the fees of certain public officers."

Mr. Wood (Hastings) moved that the bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to a committee of the whole House to be amended so that any surplus income derived from these offices may be paid to the county or city and applied to the reduction of registration fees.

Mr. Ross said he would certainly have to resist any such resolution. During the past five years the County Councils had received a quarter of a million dollars from this source, and it was manifestly unfair and unreasonable to expect the Province to provide all the machinery for inspection, to undertake the responsibility and guarantee for these officers, and then that there should be nothing to reimburse the Province for this expense.

Mr. White and Mr. Meredith opposed the measure.

Mr. Mowat said that it was not right in the discussion of this question to place the Province on one side and the counties on the other. The Province consisted of the counties, and the revenue was raised for the benefit of the whole people. He considered that the measure was a reasonable one, in that where the registry offices did not come up to the minimum amount of the statute they received benefit from the more prosperous offices.

A division was then taken on Mr. Wood's amendment, which was defeated by a vote of 52 nays, 31 yeas, as follows:—

Yeas—Barr (Dufferin), Bush, Campbell (Algoma), Campbell (Durham), Clancy, Clarke, E. F. (Toronto), Fell, Glendinning, Godwin, Hammell, Hiscott, Hudson, Kearns, McCleary, McColl, McLenaghan, Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Preston, Reid, Rorke, Smith (Frontenac), Tooley, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings)—31.

Nays—Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Baxter, Biggar, Bi-hop, Blezard, Barr (Renfrew), Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Chisholm, Cleland, Conmee, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Dryden, Evan-turel, Ferguson, Field, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Guthrie, Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Kirkwood, Lockhart, Loughrin, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McKechnie, McMahon, Mack, Mackenzie, C., Moore, Mowat, O'Connor, Paton, Rayside, Robillard, Ross, Sharpe, Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Waters, Wood (Brant)—52.

Mr. Kerns then moved an amendment in almost the same terms as that of Mr. Wood, which had just been defeated.

Mr. Meredith said that he would consent to the amendment being lost on the same division, as he did not see the use of wasting the time of the House unless some member wished to change his vote. Mr. Meredith's suggestion was acted upon.

Mr. Clancy then moved in amendment that while approving of the reduction of the incomes of certain of these officials, it was the opinion of the House that no legislation would be satisfactory that did not provide for the conferring upon County Councils the power of appointment and of fixing a salary instead of fees.

This was defeated by the same vote.

Mr. Preston then moved an amendment that the bill be referred back to amend the same so as to provide that the maximum net income of these officials should be as follows:—Clerks of Division Courts, \$1,500; registrars of deeds, \$2,500; sheriffs, \$3,000; local registrars of High Courts, deputy clerks of the Crown, County Court clerks and Surrogate registrars, \$2,000; the surplus fees to be applied to public uses. This amendment was lost on a division of 50 nays and 32 yeas. No more amendments being forthcoming the bill was read a third time.

The following bills were read a third time:—

To confirm a certain agreement made between the West Ontario Pacific Railway Company, the Ontario & Quebec Railway Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Corporation of the City of London, and to declare valid certain debentures issued by the said Corporation; to amend the General Road Companies Act; respecting the Town of Port Arthur; respecting the Municipality of Neebing; to provide for the division of the Township of Sandwich East; to incorporate the Toronto & Ashbridge Bay Improvement Company; respecting the City of Toronto; to amend the act respecting the federation of the University of Toronto and University College with other universities and colleges; to amend the act respecting the taxation of patented lands in Algoma and Thunder Bay; to consolidate the acts respecting compensation to workmen in certain cases; to amend the Debentures Registration Act; to amend the Land Titles Act; respecting the Toronto & Mimico Electric Railway & Light Company (limited); to incorporate the Town of Thessalon; to amend the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act; to further amend the law respecting mortgages and sales of personal property; respecting the use of tobacco by minors.

The House then went into committee and passed a resolution to provide that any judge, sheriff, stipendiary or police magistrate while engaged in preparing or revising the voters' lists required by the act respecting voters' lists in unorganised territories, shall be entitled to receive out of any money voted by the Legislative Assembly for this purpose the sum of \$4 per day and expenses, and any person acting as the deputy of such person aforesaid for any purpose required by the said act shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$2 per day and expenses. All expenses for preparing such list of voters and incident thereto shall be paid by the Province out of any moneys which may be appropriated for that purpose. Another resolution was passed to provide that the compensation of the secretary and the chief warden and other wardens—to be appointed under the provisions of the act for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals—be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and paid out of the license fees and fines collected under the provisions of the said act and such moneys as may be appropriated for the purpose by the Legislative Assembly of the Province, not exceeding in the whole, exclusive of travelling expenses, the sum of \$1,200. A third resolution was adopted to grant a subsidy, not to exceed \$21,000, for the construction of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway from Gunflint Lake to Magnetic Lake, and a subsidy, not to exceed \$7,000, for the Kakabeka branch.

The House went into committee on the bill relating to Provincial fisheries. The clause respecting the close season was struck out, the close season being regulated by the laws of Canada. The remaining clauses were adopted.

Mr. Dryden's bill to protect bees by providing that poison shall not be sprinkled on