

Mr. Monk—To facilitate the registration of mortgages.

Dr. McKay—To amend the pharmacy act. (Laughter, and cries of "Lost.")

All the questions on the order paper were allowed to stand.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) laid on the table the annual report of the Toronto General Trusts company.

PROPOSED PRIVATE LEGISLATION.

The Rideau club of Ottawa, which has upon its membership roll the names of more distinguished men than any other social organization in the country, has a bill before the legislature increasing the limit of its borrowing power from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Dr. Gilmour has a bill before the house providing for an issue of debentures for the completion of public works to the amount of \$100,000, and confirming all previously passed local improvement by-laws.

Mr. Smith (York) has introduced a bill to enable the Toronto & Scarborough Electric Railway, Light & Power company (limited) to carry out successfully its undertakings, the principal of which is to construct and operate an electric railway and works for the production, sale and distribution of electricity upon the Kingston road, within the county of York, upon the highways in the village of East Toronto and the townships of York and Scarborough, and within the city of Toronto, from the southeasterly limit of the city westerly along the north shore of Lake Ontario and Ashbridge's bay to the Don, and up the river to the north city limit. The limit of the capital stock of the company is fixed at \$500,000. Power to bond the road to the extent of \$20,000 a mile is asked. It is proposed that the company shall charge fares at the rate of three cents a mile, provided that no fare shall be less than five cents.

A serious loss to the town of Strathroy has resulted by the destruction by fire of a large industrial establishment by which many of the inhabitants have been thrown out of employment. In order to repair the loss it is proposed in a bill introduced by Mr. Ross that Strathroy shall have power to grant aid by way of loan or bonus to the extent of \$20,000.

Mr. T. B. P. Stewart, barrister, who died in Toronto on Feb. 2, 1892, left a will bequeathing to the Law society of Upper Canada all his real and personal estate, amounting to about \$20,000, the annual income of which he desired a committee of benchers to invest in the purchase of law books for the Law school. If the Law society should not have power to take any of the property, the income should go to the University of Toronto for two years. If the Law society should become empowered during this time to take the property, it should go to it for the purpose stated; but if it failed in obtaining the necessary power, the property was to go to the trustees of the Sick Children's hospital. Mr. Guthrie has brought in a bill in which it is proposed to give the Law society power to receive the bequest. The proposed authorization reads:—

"Notwithstanding any law or usage to the contrary, the Law society of Upper Canada is hereby declared to have the right to accept the devise and bequest of all and singular the property, whether real or personal, or savoring of realty, which by the will of the said T. B. P. Stewart, dated the 6th day of June, A.D. 1891, is expressed to be devised and bequeathed to the said Law society of Upper Canada, and the said devise and bequest is hereby confirmed; and the property, real and personal, of which the testator died seized or possessed, and by the said will devised and bequeathed to the said Law society of Upper Canada, is hereby vested in the Law society of Upper Canada."

NOTES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Notice of the following bills has been given:—

Mr. Meredith—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Clarke—To amend the registry act; to amend the land titles act.

Mr. Ross—Respecting the Industrial School association of Toronto.

Mr. Ryerson—To amend the public health act; to prevent fraud in the sale of milk.

Mr. Davis—Making provision for the taking of a plebiscite on the question of prohibition.

Mr. Balfour has given notice of this resolution:—

"That this house hereby places on record its disapproval of the growing amount of special legislation sought for the consolidation of floating debts of municipalities contracted without the authority of law as tending to extravagant expenditures by municipal corporations and the growth of irresponsibility among the individual members of said corporations, all of which is contrary to the spirit and intent of our municipal laws; and is further of the opinion that such legislation should only be granted under very exceptional circumstances."

THE SHORTEST SITTING YET.

Monday, April 17.

The shortest meeting of the legislature so far this session was held to-day, the whole proceedings occupying only about ten minutes. The reception of petitions was the chief business, and nearly all of them were praying for temperance legislation. Dr. Ryerson made his maiden speech in presenting a petition from a temperance body. Among the bills read a first time was one to amend the pharmacy act, practically prohibiting the sale of patent medicines outside of drug stores. When Dr. McKay introduced it he was greeted with cries of "Lost," and laughter.

The bills introduced and read a first time were:—

Mr. Rayside—An act to amend the municipal act.

Dr. Barr—To amend the real property limitation act.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—To enable the city of Brantford to issue certain debentures to retire the debentures issued for the payment of municipal loan fund indebtedness.