

A DAY OF THIRD READINGS.

The Legislature Clears Off the Order Paper.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES VOTED,

No Government Bonus for Mining Concerns.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES—THE NOXON MATTER AGAIN—LETTER TO LICENSE INSPECTORS.

Thursday, May 25.

The members of the legislature met at 11 o'clock this morning, and put in a day of good hard work. The order paper looked formidable when first approached, but it speedily shrank from four to less than two pages, in which state it remained until nearly midnight, the debate on the public accounts and the government's mining policy occupying a good deal of time. The house kept steadily at work until all the business was disposed of, and it was 1.30 this morning before the government reluctantly gave up the effort to clear up the business before them. The house will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and formal prorogation will not be reached until Monday, or even Tuesday afternoon.

The following bills were read a third time:—

To amend the act to incorporate the Kingston Street Railway company—Mr. Harty.

To amend the act respecting compensation to workmen in certain cases—Mr. Sprague.

To make further provision respecting the registration of land under the land titles act—The attorney-general.

To further facilitate the enforcement of the just rights of wage-earners and sub-contractors—The attorney-general.

To amend the acts relating to the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg railway—Mr. Balfour.

Respecting certain duties, liabilities and fees of sheriffs—The attorney-general.

To confer certain powers on the town of Strathroy—Mr. Ross.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Bowmanville—Mr. Lockhart.

To incorporate the Hamilton Radial Electric Street Railway company—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

To amend the registry act—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

To amend the act relating to the Central prison—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

Respecting building societies—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

To amend the judicature act—Mr. Guthrie.

To amend the act respecting limited partnerships—Mr. Sprague.

To amend the division courts act—Mr. Wood (Brant).

To amend the agriculture and arts act—Mr. Stratton.

To amend the act to impose a tax on dogs and for the protection of sheep—Mr. Bishop.

To amend the municipal waterworks act—Mr. Ferguson.

To amend the act respecting pounds—Mr. Waters.

Respecting agricultural societies in Nipissing, Parry Sound and Manitoulin—Mr. Sharpe.

Respecting polling places in the electoral district of Algoma West—The attorney-general.

To consolidate the acts respecting the registration of instruments relating to lands—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

For the relief of loan companies incorporated out of Ontario—The attorney-general.

To amend the high schools act—Mr. Ross.

For the better protection of free libraries—The attorney-general.

For the better prevention of certain diseases affecting fruit trees—Mr. Dryden.

Respecting the judges of the supreme court of Ontario—The attorney-general.

To prevent fraud in the sale of milk—Mr. Ryerson.

Respecting the town of Port Arthur—Mr. Conmee.

To amend the liquor license act—Mr. McKenzie (Lambton East).

To amend the act for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals—Mr. Gibson.

To consolidate the acts respecting the registration of instruments relating to lands—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

For the relief of loan companies incorporated out of Ontario—The attorney-general.

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For the better prevention of certain diseases affecting fruit trees—Mr. Dryden.

Respecting the judges of the supreme court of Ontario—The attorney-general.

Respecting sales for taxes in the free grant territory—Mr. Hardy.

To amend the jurors act—Mr. Hardy.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

When Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the report of the public accounts committee Mr. Marter made another speech on the table supplies of the public institutions and rather wearied the house with the monotony of his tale. He claimed that the quantity of milk used by Dr. Clark was excessive, objected to the appointment of Mr. Noxon as unnecessary and accused the government of creating offices merely to satisfy the demands of party supporters. He brought up the case of Mr. Scott, a foreman in the Central prison for a year, who after being removed was paid several months' salary and then offered \$600 compensation, although only a little over a year employed. The Wheler matter was also revived, and he complained of the failure of Mr. Wheler to appear before the public accounts committee when notified.

In reply Hon. Mr. Gibson said it would be necessary to correct the inaccuracies of the last speaker. There had been much misrepresentation, both in the house and through the press, regarding Mr. Noxon's appointment. That gentleman was not an official of the Central prison, but in an industrial institution of that kind more attention was required than could be given by the regular inspector. It was also desirable in the general interests of the province that more attention should be paid to the table supplies in the various institutions, and much saving might be effected in this way. The very fact that the Brandon Manufacturing company was so largely indebted to the province was an evidence that closer supervision of the affairs of the institution was desirable. Then with regard to Mr. Scott, the fact was that his office was abolished with a view to economy, and it was considered better to pay a gratuity than to continue an unnecessary position. Mr. Wheler had attended several meetings of the committee ready to be questioned and was not called. He had not been notified of the last meeting because it was only a meeting hastily called for the adoption of a report to be submitted to the house. The opposition have liked very much to attack certain features of the administration that were peculiarly open to attack, but they did not seem to think the government at all justified in making a defence or putting in any contra statements.

Mr. Gibson (Huron) defended the effort made to compensate Mr. Scott for the loss he was put to when deprived of his position.

Mr. Fraser claimed that there should be no discussion on the reception and adoption of the report of the committee, as it contained no recommendation of any kind. The discussion was, therefore, he thought, out of order, and he quoted authority for this view. The speaker con-

cluded in this and the debate therefore concluded.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

The supplementary estimates were taken up at 5.20 and adopted after the various items had been discussed for about half an hour. Among the principal items were:—Expenses of maintaining Ontario exhibit at the World's fair, \$57,000; to provide for superintendent, rangers, etc., Algonquin park, \$3,500; expenses under children's act, \$1,500; mining school Port Arthur (re-vote), \$5,000;