

Dr. Gilmour's Covenant Bill Strongly Objected to.

Dr. Ryerson's Motion Regarding Dr. Bryce.

Legislative Chamber, April 4.

Contrary to expectation, Mr. Meredith's separate School motion did not come on to-day, the Opposition leader being troubled with a sore throat. The House had a comparatively easy day in consequence, and adjourned before 9 o'clock. The features of the day were Dr. Ryerson's remarks on Dr. Bryce, touching his action in the case of the child Maton, a case already ventilated in the newspapers, and the brief discussion on Dr. Gilmour's bill to abolish the personal covenant in mortgages. The doctor's bill did not meet with very enthusiastic support from any quarter, and it was strongly opposed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the Government side of the House, and by Mr. Meredith on behalf of the Opposition. The point of attack was not so much the abolition of the covenant in future mortgages as the probable interference that would be caused by the bill with existing mortgages, and thereby with securities and the credit system generally. Before the House adjourned in the evening, Hon. Mr. Hardy mentioned to Mr. Meredith, in reply to a question, that the redistribution bill would probably be brought down to-morrow (Thursday).

A LICENSE DEBATE.

Mr. McCleary moved for an order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the granting of a shop license for the sale of liquor to one Joseph Aspinall of the Town of Tilsonburg, in the South Riding of Oxford, for the year 1893-4. Also, copies of all papers and documents in possession of the Government, or any official thereof, relating to the said license, together with a copy of the report of the chief inspector who inquired into the complaint that the license was fraudulently granted.

Mr. McCleary's charge was that the commissioners had granted a license in the face of grave irregularities connected with the certificate accompanying the application. In concluding he animadverted in severe terms upon the methods of the department regarding investigations, which he described as actuated by purposes which were unrighteous and not straight.

The Treasurer, in his reply, gave a full account of the circumstances connected with the license. The petition in favor of the license had been protested against, and the license inspector had transmitted the papers to the Town Clerk, as is the process in such cases. He had acted carelessly in not giving them personally, but in sending them by his son, instructing him if he could not find the Town Clerk to give them to ex-Mayor Wm. Macdonald, the owner of Aspinall's shop. The lad found neither and gave them to Wm. Macdonald's brother; while the Tow