

Third readings came first. Mr. Tait's Sunday car bill was the first dealt with, but was referred back to committee, and some amendments inserted, limiting the registration of the manhood suffrage voters. The amendment presented provided that in addition to those entered on the last revised voters' list those persons entitled to vote whose names are entered on the last lists of manhood suffrage voters for the municipality under the 1894 city manhood suffrage registration act shall have votes. Mr. Meredith objected that this might entail a vote on lists several years old, so that there might be a great amount of personation. He proposed that new lists should be prepared if either party proposed it and agreed to pay the cost. Mr. Tait explained that the amendment was the result of an agreement between both parties, Mr. Meredith's expedient having been considered. The amendment was inserted, in order to be further considered and possibly amended.

Mr. White's bill respecting the Windsor waterworks was slightly amended and given its third reading. Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to secure prompt punishment of personators came up, and Mr. Meredith moved to strike out the sections providing that the County Attorneys shall be paid \$4 for each returning officer to whom forms and stationery are furnished. Hon. Mr. Gibson opposed the amendment, and Mr. Meredith insisting upon a division it was defeated by a vote of 48 to 28. The division was a straight party one, Mr. McNaughton voting with the Government and Mr. McCallum being absent on county business. The bill was then read a third time.

Several other bills were read a third time. Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the registry act and Mr. Garrow's bill respecting writs of execution went through without opposition. Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the Division Courts act came up, and Mr. White moved an amendment to abolish imprisonment for debt by making the powers of Judges of committing for contempt of court the same as those of higher courts. He supported this in a brief speech. The Provincial Secretary opposed this, and Mr. Meredith, while agreeing with Mr. White that the present law is unjust in that it exempts wealthier persons from provisions which fall heavily on poor men, yet declared that the amendment should not be pressed this session. The motion was then declared lost on division.

Some discussion arose over Mr. Balfour's bill amending the street railway act. Mr. Meredith thought that the clause forbidding municipalities to enter into contracts with railway companies granting franchises of more than twenty years' duration was not explicit enough, and that it should be made clear that companies incorporated by special act cannot hereafter obtain franchises for more than twenty years. The bill was amended accordingly.

The bill of Mr. Guthrie to amend the judicature act so as to give increased powers to local Judges of the High Court to hear and determine motions and proceedings in that court was passed, and was added to the bill of the Hon. the Attorney-General "to facilitate the local administration of justice in certain cases."

Mr. Whitney's bill respecting witness fees, Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the game protection act, and Dr. Barr's bill amending the law respecting contracts in relation to goods entrusted to agents, were passed without debate. Mr. White moved to insert in his bill respecting Police Magistrates a clause forbidding all salaried Police Magistrates from voting. Hon. Mr. Gibson opposed the clause.

Mr. Meredith held that officers to whom such great powers had just been committed by the bill to secure the punishment of personation should be non-partizan. Mr. Awrey held that few men would be disfranchised for a small salary, and that the result would be a deterioration in the personnel of the Magistracy. Mr. Whitney contended that gross partizanship has in the past characterized the rural Police Magistrates of the Province. The Attorney-General pointed out that the amendment merely deprived the officials of their votes, and did not prohibit them from taking part in elections. He coincided with the arguments against the amendment. Mr. Clancy and Mr. McCleary spoke, and then the House divided, the amendment being rejected by a vote of 47 to 25. Dr. Barr (Dufferin) voted with the Government, and neither Mr. McNaughton nor Mr. McCallum were present. The bill was then read a third time.

Mr. Awrey's bill to amend the agriculture and arts act was passed. Some slight amendments were inserted in the Attorney-General's bill respecting the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park.

It being 1 o'clock, the Speaker left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Third readings occupied the House for a short time after it reassembled at 3 o'clock. The Attorney-General's bill to facilitate the local administration of jus-

Municipal Committee Bills Considered All Day.

Mr. Tait's Sunday Car Bill Amendment.

Chairman Awrey and the Public Accounts Committee—A Session on Saturday Likely Necessary.

Legislative Chamber, April 26.

To-day was spent in real legislation, and was consequently very dull from the point of view of the many spectators who came to witness the doings of the Legislature in the last days of its last session. The Municipal Committee's bills were being considered in committee most of the day, and the proceedings generally were very quiet and harmonious. Good progress was made with the work on the order paper, but it is likely a session will have to be held Saturday to enable the House to finish this week.