

Another Brief Sitting at the Queen's Park.

THE FIRST THIRD READING.

Half a Dozen Bills Advanced a Stage.

Batch of Bills Promised by the Attorney-General - A Twenty-Minute Sitting.

Monday, March 9.

The private members, to-day lost many opportunities for advancing their bills a stage. There was a very slim attendance, and the House went through the entire order paper with no greater results than one third reading and half a dozen second readings. After bill was called, only to be as its promoter was not present. The House, consequently, had finished the work which it could do in twenty minutes, and had nothing to do but adjourn.

At the opening of the House Sir Oliver Mowat moved that the name of Mr. Matheson be added to the select committee, having the control and management of the library. The Premier also introduced a bill respecting bills of sale and chattel mortgages in unorganized districts.

Hon. Mr. Gibson laid on the table a copy of the agreement between the Government and the City of Hamilton respecting the removal to that city of the School of Pedagogy. The terms of this agreement, which are highly satisfactory, have already been published.

BILLS ADVANCED.

The first third reading of the session followed; it was Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the Hospital for Sick Children, and it went through the final stage, the only change being the addition of the words "at Toronto" to the title.

The following private bills were read a second time:-

Mr. Harty—Respecting the Roman Catholic episcopal corporation of the Diocese of Kingston.

Mr. Truax—To confirm by-law No. 486 of the Town of Walkerton.

Mr. Middleton—Respecting by-laws Nos. 680, 792 and 823 of the City of Hamilton.

Mr. Platt—Respecting the jail of the County of Wentworth.

Mr. Middleton—Respecting St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton.

In reply to a question by Mr. Little, Hon. Mr. Gibson said he was not aware that the two chaplains in the Penetanguishene Reformatory were engaged in any outside work other than in connection with their duties in the institution.

Mr. Mutrie's bill providing that County Councils may grant aid to roads in township municipalities which communicate with county roads was given its second reading.

The House adjourned at 3.40.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting bills of sale and chattel mortgages in unorganized districts provides for the registration within ten days after the execution of bills of sale and chattel mortgages in Muskoka and Parry Sound with the Deputy Clerk of the District Court at Bracebridge and with the Clerk of the District Court at Parry Sound. The act takes effect on September 1, 1896.

Mr. Marter has introduced a bill to amend the drainage act, 1894. It deals with the operation of drainage works by commissioners where pumping or other machinery is used.

Mr. Taylor's bill to amend the municipal act repeals the provision of the municipal act, inserted in 1894, requiring notice in writing of an accident to be given one month after its occurrence to the Clerk of the municipality before an action can be brought for damages.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Langford will ask several questions relating to the flooding of the lands on Mary Lake.

Mr. Cleland will ask what progress has been made towards a final determination of the jurisdiction of the Dominion of Canada and the Province in the matter of the inland fisheries.

The Attorney-General is giving notice of the following bills:—Respecting landlord and tenant; respecting dower; respecting the quieting of titles; to amend the judicature act, 1895, and the law relating to the procedure in the courts, and respecting the solemnization of marriages.

Mr. Hardy is giving notice of two bills: For the better protection of Justices of the Peace and other public officers, and respecting the estates of insolvent deceased persons.

Mr. Conmee—Bill to amend the woodman's lien act for wages; also bill to amend the mechanics' lien act.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Bill to make further provisions respecting Industrial Schools.

Mr. Ferguson—Bill to amend the act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day.

Dr. Meacham—Order for return showing the amounts paid to Warwick Bros. & Rutter for printing and binding for the years 1894 and 1895 respectively, in terms of the agreement of 1893.

TWO DEPUTATIONS.

A deputation from the Toronto Collegiate Institute Board, composed of Mr. T. A. Hastings, ex-Ald. Oliver and Dr. John Ferguson, waited upon Hon. Geo. W. Ross this morning with reference to the High School bill now pending. They suggested several amendments looking towards the grouping of the Toronto Collegiate Institutes, so as to permit specialization of work on their parts. They also made some suggestions as to the teaching of drill, saying that it is useless as at present taught, and suggesting that there might be fifteen minutes per day of physical exercise. The Minister promised to consider the suggestions made.

A deputation of members of the Commercial Travellers' Association, headed by Mr. R. L. Patterson, waited upon the Provincial Secretary to-day, asking for certain concessions as to the registration of the agents of their accident insurance society.

Mr. C. S. Hyman and Mayor Little of London were around the buildings to-day.