

and not by men acting in the interests of their own localities.

Mr. Haycock strongly supported the bill, saying that if submitted to the people it would be carried by 90 per cent. Everyone was tired of the present system. The division by the Judges he thought a generous act on the part of the Government, and a guarantee of the Government's desire to keep partizanship out. If the bill were laid over till next year he would oppose it, for it would then be too close to the general election.

Major Hiscott opposed the bill, describing the present system as satisfactory. Mr. Moore was opposed to the bill, which he thought not likely to result in much benefit; he suggested that it be tried in a few constituencies; say, those whose Councils exceed 40 members. Mr. Taylor wanted to see the bill left over for a year. Dr. McKay said that he had received ten or fifteen letters from men of municipal experience all over his riding in favor of the bill. There was no use in referring it back to the County Councils.

Mr. Whitney held that the bill would effect a municipal revolution. The ratepayers were not asking for this bill, which was to destroy the system of the Provinces, and establish another link in the endless chain of office.

Hon. Mr. Dryden was in favor of the reduction. The number of County Councillors was too large, he said, and the expenses incurred were very great. Mr. Magwood said that the passing of the bill would mean the establishment of a new legislative body. Mr. McDonald was in favor of the bill. Dr. Baxter said that the Council in his county was rather in favor of the abolition of the Deputy Reeves and the giving of additional votes to the Reeves. The first clause was then passed, and the rest of the short time remaining before 6 o'clock was spent in discussion of the details of the bill.

#### EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the discussion of the details of the bill was continued, it being finally reported about 9 o'clock. The members of the commission were announced by Hon. Mr. Hardy as follows:—Judges Benson of Northumberland, Dean of Victoria, Wilkinson of Lennox, Senkler of Lanark, Creesor of Grey, Jones of Brant, Home of Essex, Ball of Kent, O'Brien of Prescott, or Vallin of Nipissing, Mackenzie of Lambton, and Senkler of Lennox, the latter two to fill any vacancies.

The House then went into committee on Hon. Mr. Dryden's bill revising and consolidating the acts to encourage the planting and growing of trees; Hon. Mr. Ross' bill respecting certain proceedings under the Separate Schools act; Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill relating to the law of life insurance; Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to make further provision respecting industrial schools; Sir Oliver Mowat's bill to secure payment of wages for labor performed in the construction of public works; Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting the quieting of titles; Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting travelling shows, circuses and other exhibitions; Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting Surrogate Courts, and his bill respecting bills of sale and chattel mortgages in unorganized districts, all of which were passed, with the exception of the bills respecting travelling circuses and Surrogate Courts, on which the committee reported progress.

Hon. Mr. Gibson then moved the second reading of his bill respecting liens of mechanics, wage-earners and others. He moved for the second reading in a comprehensive speech, in which he outlined the present condition of this law, and described the changes proposed by him. The bill was discussed by Mr. German, who objected to money being paid into court in Toronto, saying that any place where there is a branch of the bank employed would do; and by Mr. Conmee, who proposed that shop-keepers be added to the list of persons benefited by the bill. It was then passed. The Attorney-General's bill to correct a clerical error in the debenture registration act was also given its second reading. Hon. Mr. Harcourt then moved the second reading of his bill to make further provision for the payment of succession duties. He explained that the greater part of the newer sections in the bill have been taken from English legislation, which has been in existence for some

time, and that the rest of the newer sections have been tried with success in Pennsylvania and New York; the bill was consequently by no means revolutionary. Mr. Harcourt then explained the details of the bill. Col. Matheson spoke in opposition, and it was then given its second reading.

Hon. Mr. Ross' bill to improve the law respecting public libraries, and Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill to authorize the transfer of certain Provincial land occupied by the Canadian Pacific Railway, were read a second time, and the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

#### COMPULSORY ABATTOIRS.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt's bill, No. 192, to provide for the inspection of meat and milk supplies of cities and towns, enables the Municipal Councils of cities and towns by by-law to provide for the establishment of public slaughter houses or abattoirs within the limits of the municipality or in an adjoining municipality, and for the construction of cattle pens and yards and for the proper keeping therein of animals intended for slaughter. The control of these slaughter houses, yards or pens is to be vested in the local Board of Health. The expenses are to be borne by the fees charged for inspection and for the slaughter of animals at the slaughter house. The local Board of Health is to employ one or more veterinary surgeons to inspect the slaughter houses and carcasses of meat and animals brought into the municipality for human food. The act further provides for the inspection of every milch cow kept in the city as to its general health, and of every cow kept in byres in the city for the diagnosis of tuberculosis.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to make further provision for the protection of game provides that no person shall at any time kill or capture deer while in the water. That no person who is a resident of Ontario or Quebec shall hunt moose, elk, reindeer, cariboo or other deer without a license signed by the chief fish and game warden and counter-signed by the Provincial Treasurer or his deputy. The fee for such license is to be \$5, and in the case of hunting without a dog the sum of \$2. The license is to continue in force for one season. Two shipping coupons are to be attached to each license, and when it is intended to ship deer out of the Province one of the coupons is to be detached by the licensee in the presence of the shipping agent and attached to each deer or part of a deer about to be shipped. The act prohibits common carriers from transporting deer without the shipping coupon being attached. The act further empowers the Lieut.-Governor by order in Council to designate certain counties or portions of counties in the Province in which the hunting of deer shall be prohibited, subject to certain reservations in favor of the residents of the county, as the Lieut.-Governor in Council may see fit. The Lieut.-Governor in Council is also empowered to make certain regulations respecting the shooting or hunting of deer protected by the game act within a certain distance of Rondeau Park and Rondeau Harbor.

Hon. Mr. Ross' Bill, No. 194, to amend the act respecting voters' lists in unorganized territories, suspends the operations of the act passed in 1892 for one year from the date of the passing of this act, and enacts that until a new voters' list has been prepared under any other act of the Legislative Assembly the voters' lists prepared and certified under the said act in the year 1895 shall continue to be the voters' lists in any election to the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill, No. 196, to amend the municipal arbitration act, provides for the extension of the notes of a shorthand writer upon the request of any person interested in the inquiry, such person to pay the proper fees. It also provides for the extension by the Lieut.-Governor, at the request of the County of York or the County of Peel or any municipality therein, so that the act shall apply to the county or the municipality from the time specified in the proclamation.

#### MEDICAL MATRICULATION.

Hon. Mr. Ross' bill respecting matriculation in medicine provides:—

(1) Notwithstanding any by-laws or regulations which may have been passed by the Medical Council under the Ontario medical act, any person who presents to the Registrar of the Medical Council a certificate that he has passed the examination conducted by