

Three Divisions Taken at Mid- night.

A MAJORITY OF THIRTY-FOUR.

Animated Discussion on the Game Laws.

Another Change in the Clause in the City's Bill Relating to the Gas Com- pany's Suit.

Tuesday, March 31.

The House to-night closed a day of hard legislative work by holding three divisions at midnight. The first of these, on a motion to strike out Inspector Noxon's salary, resulted in a victory for the Government by a vote of 50 to 32; the second, relating to expenditures on Brockville Asylum, resulted in a vote of 54 to 28 for the Government, and on the third the Opposition, challenging the Government's succession duties, was snowed under by a vote of 56 to 22, the Patrons voting with the Government. In the course of the day the clause in the City of Toronto bill relating to Mr. Johnston's suit against the Gas Company was amended once more, and there was a lively debate over Hon. Mr. Gibson's game protection bill.

On the orders of the day being called the following third readings were passed:—

Respecting St. Andrew's Church, Belleville—Mr. Biggar.

Respecting the waterworks of the City of St. Catharines—Mr. German.

As to certain proceedings under the act respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons—The Attorney-General.

Relating to dower in certain cases—The Attorney-General.

Respecting antecedent unregistered agreements for bills of sale and chattel mortgages—The Attorney-General.

To amend the electric railway act, 1895—Mr. Bronson.

Respecting the law of landlord and tenant—The Attorney-General.

Respecting Justices of the Peace in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Rainy River—The Attorney-General.

Respecting Provincial municipal auditors—The Attorney-General.

Respecting the Town of Sarnia—Mr. Biggar.

Hon. Mr. Gibson then secured the ratification by the House of the order in Council granting \$1,000 to the County of Elgin House of Industry, making the total payment to it \$4,000. Hon. Mr. Gibson then got passed through committee his resolution to pay to certain municipalities the amount paid or payable to the Provincial Treasurer up to December 31, 1895, by way of percentages on Registrars' fees, under the provisions of last year's act.

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The House then went into committee on the Attorney-General's bill respecting travelling shows, circuses and other exhibitions, Sir Oliver Mowat inserting an amendment providing that the act

is not to apply to shows in connection with industrial exhibitions. After some discussion the amendment was carried.

The Attorney-General's bill respecting high and county constables was then put through Committee of the Whole. The schedule of this bill provided for considerable increases of fees to constables, and Mr. Whitney and Mr. Marter urged that fees paid to constables should not, as at present, depend on the effecting of the arrest. It was pointed out that this would lead to a great increase of expense and might lead to abuses, and after a good deal of discussion this view prevailed.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting liens of mechanics, wage-earners and others was passed through committee and the House then took up in committee Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the registry act, 1893. One clause in the bill was to strike out the provision in the act which permits medical men who are Registrars and were appointed before 1893 to practise as consulting physicians at home. Mr. Marter, Dr. Willoughby and Mr. Whitney took exception to this, and it was after some discussion withdrawn by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Howland objected to the schedule regarding the fees of the Registrars of Toronto, denouncing the division of the office. "I wish that this Government would have some mercy on the City of Toronto," he added. "I wish that the City of Toronto would have some mercy on this Government," observed Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Howland's objection was not followed up and the bill passed.

Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill affecting the timber slide companies act, Hon. Mr. Hardy's County Courts bill, the Attorney-General's bill making further provisions respecting the solemnization of marriage, the Attorney-General's bill respecting the costs of seizure of goods under chattel mortgages, the Attorney-General's bill to amend the judicature act, 1895, and the law relating to the courts, were then passed through committee. Dr. McKay's bill to allow the Canadian Wheelmen's Association to erect danger signals on the highways was given its second reading, and the House then rose.

EVENING SESSION.

On the House reassembling Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill to confirm an agreement relating to Osgoode street, Toronto, Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting building societies, and Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting the Industrial Refuge for Girls were given their second reading. Hon. Mr. Gibson secured the second reading of his bill respecting the incorporation and regulation of joint stock companies by letters patent; he explained that he did not intend to press the measure this session, but is in favor of revising and modernizing the present letters patent act, and wishes to get a draft bill printed and distributed.

Hon. Mr. Ross' bill consolidating and revising the Public Schools act was recalled from its third reading and passed again through committee, two or three amendments being inserted. Amendments were also inserted in Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill affecting the timber slide companies act. Hon. Mr. Ross moved the ratification of the agreements as to the printing of a number of school books, viz., the High School physical science, parts 1 and 2, High School chemistry, High School botanical note-books, parts 1 and 2, composition from models for High Schools, the Public Schools writing course according to the vertical system of writing, and the Public School readers, between the Government and W. J. Gage & Co., the Canada Publishing Co., and Copp-Clark Co. Hon. Mr. Ross explained that the agreement provided for substantial reductions in the cost of these books. Col. Matheson opposed the granting of a monopoly, as he described it, and at the request of Mr. Marter the matter was left over for a day to provide for a more careful examination into the agreement.

THE GAS SUIT AGAIN.

When Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the City of Toronto was called Hon. Mr. Hardy moved that it be referred back to committee of the whole for amendment. The amendment passed the other day, he said, had provided that the city should enter into an agreement with the Gas Company before advancing any costs to aid in the carrying on of Mr. J. T. Johnston's suit against the company. He had a