

## MR. WHITNEY.

Mr. Whitney followed Hon. Mr. Ross and remarked, in opening, that the promoter of the bill had not had in mind the members on his (the speaker's) side, as they sat in the cold shades of Opposition and could not be affected by the bill. He had in mind, perhaps, the instance in Middlesex County, where the Patron candidate had been appointed to an office by the Government. Continuing, Mr. Whitney said he was not prepared to go the length of the bill. He repudiated the statement made by the promoter that the members of the Legislature came prepared to sell themselves. There had been many cases in which ex-members receiving appointments had filled those positions with credit to themselves and to the country. Mr. Whitney concluded by saying he did not believe in those occasional hysterical exhibitions of virtue. There was generally no foundation for them. He was willing to have the bill go to its second reading and be discussed in committee.

This concluded the debate, after which the division was taken, resulting in the bill being rejected by a vote of 48 to 39. The entire Conservative party, with the exception of Mr. Beatty (Parry Sound), voted with the Patrons, as did Mr. McCallum and Messrs. McNish and Garrow among the Liberals.

The House then fell with renewed vigor on the order paper and the following bills were withdrawn:—

Respecting contractors and workmen on Government works—Mr. Ryerson.

To amend the Ontario game protection act—Mr. Currie.

Respecting Justices of the Peace—Mr. St. John.

To regulate the overcrowding of street railway cars—Mr. St. John.

To amend the assessment act—Mr. St. John.

Respecting building societies—Mr. Carnegie.

Respecting the assignment and attachment of salaries of public employees—Mr. Meacham.

To amend the assessment act—Mr. Tucker.

To amend the Separate Schools act—Mr. Reid (Addington).

To amend the municipal act—Mr. Richardson.

To amend the registry act—Mr. O'Keefe.

## MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Hon. Mr. Hardy's municipal amendment act then came up and was discussed in committee. Nearly all of it went through. The section permitting City Councils by a three-quarter vote to issue debentures up to a limited amount for extension or repairs of water-works without taking a vote of the ratepayers was cut out, however. A prolonged debate arose over the clause relating to the election of the Board of Control in Toronto. Mr. German moved an amendment to permit of cumulative voting in the election of the board. The Toronto members, led by Mr. Crawford, opposed this strenuously. The member for West Toronto declared that he would stay there till the cocks crew rather than see the vote carried. Aided by Col. Matheson, Dr. Meacham and a few others, he put up a mild sample of obstruction for an hour and a half, and then, about 12.15 a.m., a compromise was effected by which Mr. German withdrew his amendment.

Hon. Mr. Ross offered opposition to the clause permitting the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee to sit on School Boards for the preparation of the estimates. The clause would lead to a great deal of trouble, he said, and it was accordingly dropped.

The clause permitting the holding of municipal elections on New Year's Day was attacked by Mr. Chapple, who moved to strike it out. Mr. Crawford observed that this would render nugatory the permission given to Toronto to use the schools as polling places. Mr. Marter defended the clause. Hon. Mr. Ross thought there were too few holidays already without taking New Year's Day. Finally the clause was struck out by an overwhelming vote.

Mr. Crawford secured the insertion of a clause permitting Toronto to grant a sum not exceeding \$25,000 to the Canadian Historical Exhibition. Mr. McKay (Oxford) secured the adoption of a clause permitting the erection of

C. W. A. danger signals on the highways. The bill was then reported. The assessment amendment act was then taken up in committee and passed without serious amendment. Then three third readings were given—Hon. Mr. Ross' bill consolidating and revising the laws respecting the Education Department, Mr. McKay's bill respecting the liability of the municipalities of Tilbury North and Tilbury West in respect to Government drainage works, and Mr. Middleton's bill respecting the Hamilton Electric Radial Railway Co. Then Hon. Mr. Gibson's bills respecting building societies and respecting the Industrial Refuge for Girls were passed through committee.

The House then went into Committee of Supply on the supplementary estimates. After the usual discussion these were passed and the House rose at 1.15 a. m.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

The supplementary estimates were presented this afternoon. They propose votes amounting to \$87,905 27, together with \$80,000 for expenses for January in 1897. The heads of expenditure are as follows:—

Civil government .....	\$ 2,350 00
Administration of justice .....	150 00
Legislation .....	500 00
Education .....	1,150 00
Public institutions maintenance .....	1,750 00
Hospitals and charities .....	1,000 00
Agriculture .....	4,027 00
Public buildings .....	28,542 00
Public works .....	1,200 00
Colonization roads .....	18,900 00
Crown lands charges .....	3,750 00
Miscellaneous .....	24,586 27

Total .....

The addition of \$500 under the head of legislation is an increase of the Speaker's salary. The increase under the head of education is for half a year's salary to the Vice-Principal of the Normal College. The chief item in the estimates for agriculture is \$3,200 for salaries and maintenance in the Eastern Dairy School, Kingston. For the Hamilton Asylum for the Insane \$8,700 is appropriated, \$4,500 for the purchase of land, and \$4,200 hot water heating, plumbing, etc., in the new infirmary. For the Kingston Asylum \$3,000 is voted, of which \$2,000 is to settle accounts for sewage disposal works. For the rebuilding of the chemical laboratory, recently burned at Guelph, there appears a vote of \$10,000. A vote of \$4,000 for additions to the jail, etc., at North Bay. In the charges on Crown lands appear \$1,000 for pulpwood exploration, and \$2,000 for surveys of pulpwood territory. There is a revote of \$5,000 for the Port Arthur Mining School; a vote of \$4,000 to defray the expenses of the commissions for dividing County Councils under the act to reduce the number of County Councillors; one of \$800 for a colonization house and wharf on Lake Temiscamingue; one of \$700 for art purposes; \$200 for the Lundy's Lane Historical Society; \$1,500 to complete the Pigeon River timber slide, and \$1,000 for the Canadian Historical Association.

A notable vote is the appropriation of \$250 for the removal of Hon. George Brown's statue to the front of the Parliament buildings.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Private Bills Committee held its final meeting this morning, dealing with Mr. Conmee's Port Arthur Gas Light and Water Co., bill, and the Aqueduct bill. There was an animated argument over the first bill, Mr. C. J. Holman opposing, and Mr. Conmee defending it, but, with the exception of an amendment to the preamble, it was passed. The Aqueduct bill was sharply debated, Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, Sir W. P. Howland, Mr. O. A. Howland, Mr. Crawford and others opposing the bill. The company's privileges were still further reduced; an amendment was introduced, providing that the main canal must be built before a branch may be constructed. Another amendment prohibits the damming up of the Humber River, unless it is shown that the ship canal is actually to be built. The bill was reported with these amendments.

The Government House Committee met this morning and decided upon its report, which will be, as already foreshadowed in The Globe, a recommendation that the whole matter be laid over for a year, and a suggestion