

A POOR WOMAN'S FISH.

Feb 2

The Subject of Debate in the House.

Legislative Chamber, Feb. 26.

It was of a kettle of fish that the leaders in the House talked for a while to-day. The question was not as unimportant as the subject matter might indicate, as it involved the rights of a poor woman and the official action of a Deputy Game Warden, besides the position of the Province in regard to the inland fisheries. The methods of the Normal College were made the subject of an attack by Col. Matheson upon the Education Department. The member for Lanark spoke principally in the behalf of University graduates who have been unable to pass the examination for High School teachers' certificates. The Minister of Education effectively replied to the criticism offered.

Two private bills were introduced: one by Mr. Charlton to incorporate the Seine River and Fort Francis Telegraph and Telephone Company of Ontario, and one by Mr. Middleton to confirm an agreement between the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company and the City of Hamilton.

Col. Matheson asked this question:—What were the dates of the orders in Council making the following reductions in drainage assessments:—

Tilbury West.	\$ 9,520 32
Tilbury East.....	12,863 90
Mersea.....	790 69
Romney... ..	249 12

Mr. Harcourt replied that one order in Council covered the four municipalities. It was dated February 20, 1896.

THE FISHERIES.

Mr. Whitney introduced the question of the jurisdiction over the inland water fisheries, in regard to which he had both a question and a motion. He asked:—Pending the decision in appeal of the dispute between the Federal and Provincial Governments as to