

legalize a by-law of the Town of Collingwood.

Mr. Dryden—To prevent gambling and games of chance at agricultural exhibitions.

Mr. Stratton—To confirm a certain agreement between the G. T. R. Co., the St. Clair Tunnel Co. and the Town of Sarnia; also respecting the corporation of the Town of Midland; also respecting the Town of Trenton.

Mr. Hobbs—Respecting the City of London.

Mr. Davis—To amend the acts relating to Victoria University.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Respecting water powers.

Dispute Between City and County.

Mr. Kidd's bill, though dealing with the municipal act generally, is intended to apply specifically to the dispute now pending between the City of Ottawa and the County of Carleton. The city and county are separated municipally but not judicially. It has been held by the courts that there being no judicial separation, Ottawa should not be called upon to pay the county for the use of the court house and jail unless the city has some use of the buildings which other municipalities do not enjoy. Mr. Kidd's bill relates to the matters to be considered by the arbitrators in determining the amount of compensation the city should pay the county. It provides that the arbitrators shall take into consideration the original cost of the site and the erection of the buildings and assess the city or town a reasonable amount for the use of these.

Mr. Dryden's bill prohibits gambling or games of chance at agricultural and horticultural fairs or within half a mile thereof, under a penalty of from \$20 to \$100.

The bill of the Commissioner of Crown Lands authorizes the reservation from sale of any water power or privilege on Crown lands, and of a sufficient area of land in connection therewith for the erection of buildings and plant. It also empowers him to make the terms on which water power and land so reserved may be sold or leased and developed.

Mr. Brower put this question:—On what business does C. A. Sippi travel for the London Asylum? What do his travelling expenses amount to? Is the amount over and above the sum of \$1,166 60 he receives as bursar in the London Asylum for ten months' service?

Mr. Harcourt replied: It is only on very odd occasions that Mr. Sippi finds it necessary to travel. His travelling expenses this year amounted to \$33 90, occasioned by his being subpoenaed by the hon. gentlemen on one or more occasions to attend before the Public Accounts Committee. This amount is over and above the \$1,166 he received in salary as bursar.

Mr. Kidd protested that the answer was not in accordance with the statement of the public accounts, but Mr. Harcourt soon convinced him that he had been looking at the wrong line of figures in the book and that Mr. Sippi's travelling expenses were \$33 90, and no more.

Replying to another question by Mr. Brower, the Treasurer said that butter is not made at the Mimico Asylum.

The consumption last year amounted to 20,966 pounds, all of which was bought by contract, creamery butter at eighteen and three-quarter cents a pound and dairy butter at fifteen and one-half cents. The Treasurer also said, in reply to a third question, that James Corcoran, the bursar of the Mimico Asylum, is the official who mostly uses street car tickets, which are charged in the public accounts. He requires almost daily to go to and fro between the asylum and the city to purchase supplies.

Muskoka Timber Licenses.

Mr. Langford asked:—Has the Government issued licenses to any person or persons for the cutting of timber, other than pine, on Crown lands in the District of Muskoka. How many such licenses were issued, if any, and to whom were they issued?

Mr. Gibson replied:—The Government has not issued any licenses in the District of Muskoka, especially to cut timber other than pine. All licenses in Muskoka District are pine licenses, but incidentally convey the right to cut other timber until the land is either located or sold, when, under recent regulations, the licensee's right to cut anything but pine timber ceases. There are sixty-seven licenses current in Muskoka this season, some of them of very small area. Of these, thirty-one are renewals of old licenses issued before Confederation, twenty-one are renewals of licenses issued by the Government of Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, and eight are licenses issued by Sir Oliver Mowat's Government.

Mr. Willoughby obtained an order of the House that there be laid before the House a copy of the petition presented to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council asking for an audit of the books, vouchers, etc., of the Township of Mauvers. A copy of the commissioner's original report, together with his supplementary report. Also, copies of all correspondence in connection with the matter.

Christmas Adjournment.

Mr. Whitney, before proceeding with the orders of the day, inquired of the Attorney-General what the intentions of the Government were in reference to the Christmas holidays. He urged the desirability of some definite information, in order that hon. members who intend going home to-morrow might be able, while at home on this occasion, to make arrangements for the holiday season.

The Attorney-General in reply stated that he could not make any definite arrangement until next week, and in reply to a further question by Mr. Whitney, stated that it was not at all improbable that the House might be asked to meet between Christmas and New Year's.

The Attorney-General drew the attention of the House to the report of his speech published in The Mail and Empire, which was somewhat misrepresented, and, if not corrected now, might be misunderstood in the future. He did not complain, recognizing the difficulty under which the reporters labored in condensing their reports, but merely desired to put himself right. The report referred to was as follows:—