

The San Jose Scale Bill Put Through the
Committee Stage—The Day in the
Legislature.

Parliament Buildings, Jan. 5.

The question as to whether the graduates of Victoria University should have an extension of the right of separately electing representatives of their alma mater to the University Senate is one which has excited some difference of opinion among those specially interested in higher education. Conflicting representations have been made to the Government on the subject. Today the Minister of Education brought in a bill extending the period for six years during which Victoria is entitled to have five representatives in the Senate of Toronto University under the scheme of federation. At the expiration of the six years the graduates of Victoria will vote in common with the graduates of Toronto University in the Senate elections.

The Opposition raised a debate and divided the House on the question as to whether the Government are justified in excluding the railway aid certificates and annuities from the statement of the liabilities of the Province. It was charged that the Government were guilty of concealment in refusing to deduct the capitalized value of these obligations, which do not mature for 40 years, from the assets. Ministers and members on the Government side of the House made a complete answer to the criticisms of the Opposition, and the vote vindicated the justice and wisdom of the position that they took. The House rejected the amendment, the Government majority being eighteen.

Mr. Crawford, on behalf of the City of Toronto, introduced a proposed amendment to the municipal act, the purpose of which is to enable the City Engineer to proceed with necessary pavements and sidewalks of a uniform character as local improvements without the petition of the ratepayers.

Dr. McKay of Victoria brought in a bill to give County Councils the power to borrow for current expenses to the extent of the whole amount they will receive from the local municipalities. The power to borrow for current expenditure is now limited to 80 per cent.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to amend the ditches and watercourses act, and Mr. Stratton one to amend the municipal act.

The San Jose Scale.

The House went into committee on the bill to prevent the spread of the San Jose scale. Upon the motion of Hon. John Dryden a new clause was inserted:—

"(8) For the purpose of enforcing this act it shall be the duty of every inspector appointed under the yellows and black knot act to make careful examination

ANOTHER DIVISION.

Opposition Attack the Sur-
plus Unsuccessfully.

A MAJORITY OF EIGHTEEN.

Railway Aid Certificates
and Annuities.

A SIX YEARS' EXTENSION.

Victoria's Separate Represen-
tation to be Continued.