

An amendment was made to Mr. Hardy's bill to amend the election act, striking out Harold Lake and Sturgeon Falls from the list of polling places in West Algoma, and transferring a small strip of territory in the Thunder Bay district, in which there are practically no votes, from East to West Algoma. It was also provided that the last municipal voters' list shall be the list for Provincial purposes on Manitoulin Island. This has been made necessary by the inability of the Judge to get over to the island before the 20th and the possibility of an early dissolution.

Patent Medicines.

The House went into committee upon the bill respecting the sale of patent and other medicines and of alcohol for the purposes of arts and manufactures.

The Attorney-General explained the changes proposed by the bill. The bill was passed through committee and stands for third reading. As it now stands it provides that chemists and merchants who deal in patent or proprietary medicines may sell any patent or proprietary medicine in the original and unbroken package, which contains only sufficient alcohol to hold the medicinal constituents thereof in solution or to prevent fermentation. Chemists may also sell tinctures, fluid extracts, essences, medicated spirits or perfumes containing alcohol and prepared according to any recognized standard work on pharmacy, and when in original packages the same may also be sold by merchants dealing in drugs and medicines elsewhere than in a city. The sale of drugs and medicines containing alcohol by a chemist for strictly medicinal purposes is confined to a quantity which does not exceed six ounces of alcohol, and an exception is made in cases of emergency arising from the serious injury or fainting of any person who may be brought or shall come into a drug store, or in the immediate neighborhood, in which case a druggist may sell not more than six ounces of liquor without the medical certificate required by the liquor license act. Chemists or merchants who keep patent or proprietary medicines for sale are required to allow any officer of the license branch to take away samples for the purpose of analysis. The act is to be read with and as a part of the liquor license and pharmacy acts, and the penalties of the first-named act will apply when medicinal preparations are found to have been sold as a colorable evasion of that act.

The bill relating to judgment summonses was discussed in committee and allowed to stand over in order to give the Attorney-General time to look into a suggestion by Mr. German in reference to the extent of the power of juries in Division Courts.

Mr. Hardy's bill adapting the registration system to towns was changed to provide that the registrars shall sit for two days in towns, night sittings being permitted. The registration is continued for four days in cities.

The House passed through committee Mr. Ross' bill extending the separate representation of the graduates of Victoria University on the Toronto University Senate for six years. The bills of Mr. Gibson respecting the Ontario land surveyors and of the Attorney-General respecting the investment of court funds were read a second time.

Private Bills.

The following private bills were put through the committee stage:—

Respecting waterworks in the City of Windsor—Mr. McKee.

To amend the act incorporating the Strathroy & Western Counties Railway Company—Mr. Ross.

To incorporate the Smith's Falls, Rideau & Southern Railway Company—Mr. Matheson.

Respecting the Chatham City & Suburban Railway Company—Mr. Pardo.

Respecting the County of Simcoe—Mr. Paton.

To confirm and legalize a by-law of the corporation of the Town of Collingwood—Mr. Paton.

Respecting the municipality of the Town of Goderich—Mr. Garrow.

These bills were read a second time:

To amend the act of incorporation of the Toronto & Scarborough's Electric Railway, Light & Power Company, Limited—Mr. German.

Respecting the Town of Trenton—Mr. Biggar.

To authorize the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario to admit Lewis Frederick Riggs as a student—Mr. St. John.

Respecting the Cataract Power Company of Hamilton, Limited—Mr. Middleton.

Respecting the estate of the late Richard Stubbs—Mr. Garrow.

Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction—Mr. Middleton.

Public Bills.

Mr. Auld's bill respecting public libraries in police villages was put through committee. These bills were read a second time:—

To amend the general road companies act—Mr. Platt.

To amend the agriculture and arts act—Mr. McDonald.

To amend the ditches and water-courses act, 1894—Mr. Taylor.

To amend the municipal act—Mr. Stratton.

To amend the municipal act—Mr. McKay (Victoria).

To amend the municipal act—Mr. Crawford.

To amend the woodman's lien for wages act—Mr. Farwell.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) introduced a

bill respecting the roads in unincorporated municipalities.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Whitney—Inquiry of Ministry: Has Byron Lott, Reform candidate for North Hastings, been appointed Superintendent of colonization roads in that riding, or has he been given any control of or duty to perform in connection with moneys granted for colonization roads?

Mr. St. John—Inquiry of Ministry: What amount, if any, has been paid by the Government or any department thereof to The Sault Ste. Marie Express for printing and advertising for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897?