

A Resolution Introduced Favor-
ing the Reform of the
Dominion Senate.

REVENUE BILLS.

The Provincial Treasurer Brings
Down His Measures.

LICENSE FEE INCREASED.

Railways, Street Railways, Banks,
Trust, Insurance, Loan, Tele-
graph and Telephone Cos. Taxed.

Parliament Buildings, March 1.

Hon. Mr. Hardy has given notice of
the following motion:—

“That in the opinion of this
House the provisions of the
British North America act re-
specting the constitution and powers of
the Senate of Canada are at variance
with the well-understood principles of
responsible government, and should be
brought more into harmony with those
principles by an amendment to the said
act, substantially providing that in case
of disagreement between the House of
Commons and the Senate, the point of
difference shall be decided by a ma-
jority of the members of the two Houses
present and voting in a joint meeting.

“Further, that it is the opinion of this
House that the British North Ameri-
ca act should be so amended as to pro-
vide that the appointment of Senators
should be for a limited term of years,
and not for life, as at present.”

This afternoon Hon. Mr. Harcourt
introduced the Government measure
for supplementing the revenue of the
Province, which has been depleted
somewhat owing to the operation of the
legislation requiring all logs cut upon
Crown lands to be manufactured in the
Province. Separate measures deal
with the licenses for manufacture and
sale of liquor and the taxing of fin-
ancial corporations and incorporated
companies enjoying public franchises.
An increased revenue of \$100,000 is an-
ticipated from the increased liquor li-
cense fees and of \$200,000 from the tax
on corporations, together equaling the
estimated reduction in Crown lands re-
venue. Mr. Whitney briefly criticized
the measures, emphasizing the fact
that the cry of the Opposition that
direct taxation was at hand has been
justified by the measures introduced.
Hon. Mr. Hardy has given notice of a
resolution demanding a reform of the
Senate upon a basis which will abolish
life appointments and provides for a
joint vote of the two Houses in certain
events.

The License Schedule.

The following is a schedule of the li-
cense fees which are now paid and
those which the bill imposes in the va-
rious classes of cities:—First-class
cities of 150,000 and upwards, second-
class cities of 40,000 and under 150,000,
third-class cities of 20,000 to 40,000, and
fourth-class cities less than 20,000:—

	Present fees.	Proposed fees.
Wholesale.		
First-class	\$250	\$450
Second-class	250	400
Third and fourth cl..	250	350
Tavern and Shop.		
First-class	\$150	\$300
Second-class	150	250
Third-class	150	200
Fourth-class	150	150
Brewers.		
Under \$10,000	\$250	\$250
“ 20,000	250	400
“ 40,000	250	500
“ 75,000	250	750
“ 100,000	250	1,000
Over 100,000	250	1,500
Distillers.		
\$ 50,000 and less	\$250	\$1,000
100,000 and less	250	3,000
150,000 and less	250	4,000
Over \$150,000	250	5,000

Revenue Bill Schedule.

Banks.

One-tenth of 1 per cent. on capital
stock up to \$2,000,000, \$25 for every
\$100,000 above \$2,000,000 and not ex-
ceeding \$6,000,000, and \$15 per \$100,000
above that sum; also an additional tax
of \$100 for each head office and \$25 for
each branch office or agency.