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Mr. Guibord.

Second Readings.

The following bills were given second readings:—

To incorporate the Village of Sturgeon Point.—Mr. Fox.

To consolidate the debt of the Town of Collingwood.—Mr. Duff.

Respecting the floating debt of the Town of Brockville.—Mr. Graham.

To consolidate the debt of the Town of Mattawa.—Mr. Loughrin.

Respecting the Toronto Hotel Co.—Mr. Foy.

Respecting Knox Church, Toronto.—Mr. Crawford.

Respecting the Village of Merrickville.—Mr. Joynt.

Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.—Mr. Matheson.

To incorporate the Toronto Western Hospital.—Mr. Crawford.

To authorize and confirm a deed of agreement between the Toronto General Trusts Co. and the Trusts Corporation of Ontario, and to unite the said companies under the name of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation.—Mr. Pardee.

Respecting the Town of Niagara Falls.—Mr. German.

To incorporate the Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway Co.—Mr. Farwell.

Disused Cemeteries.

Hon. Mr. Garrow introduced a bill to give municipal Councils power to pass by-laws declaring that any old or disused cemetery or burial place owned by the municipality shall cease to be used, and to sell and dispose of the same. Notice of the intention to pass the by-law is to be given, and prior to the final passing of the by-law an opportunity is to be given to remove the remains of persons buried in the cemetery, with the consent of the local Board of Health.

Mr. Garrow introduced an act providing that where local improvements have been made, any ratepayer whose property adjoins the local improvement and who has been assessed for the same may, after giving one month's notice, apply to a Judge of the High Court of Justice or the County Judge for an order respecting the keeping of the improvements in such state of repair as may be reasonable and proper.

Liability of Trustees.

A bill introduced by Mr. Garrow to amend the law respecting liability of trustees gives the court power to relieve the trustee wholly or partly from personal liability for breach of trust where he has acted honestly and reasonably, although legally responsible.

Priority for Wages.

A fourth bill introduced by Mr. Garrow provides that wages to which priority is given by the act respecting wages shall become due and be payable by the assignee or liquidator of an insolvent estate or company, or by the executor or administrator administering the estate, within one month from the time when the estate has been placed in the hands of the person winding it up.

Mr. Anderson's Trip.

In reply to Mr. Duff, Hon. Mr. Dryden said: The pamphlet entitled "The Newer Districts of Ontario" was published by the Department of Agriculture. Ten thousand copies were issued at a total cost of \$132. Mr. Duncan Anderson of Rugby, who is a practical farmer, was authorized by the department to visit the districts dealt with in this report, so that he might be in a position to speak with authority as to their possibilities for agricultural development at public meetings, and thus afford reliable information to prospective settlers. He was engaged in the work of inspection for seventy days, and was paid at the rate of \$5 per day for his services, namely, \$350. His travelling expenses amounted to \$118 75, making a total of \$468 75. No additional sum was paid him for writing his report.

Galloways at Guelph.

In answer to Mr. Brower, Hon. Mr. Dryden stated: Galloway cattle are not made a specialty of at the Ontario Agricultural College. These cattle, as well as all other breeds, are kept only for educational purposes, and are taken into the live stock class room for examination and discussion by the students. It is usual to have for this object three animals of each of the principal breeds—one male and two females. For some years three Galloways have been kept, but at present the college possesses only two—one male and one female.

Powers of Trustees.

In reply to Mr. Brewer, Hon. Mr. Ross stated that the trustees could employ an assistant school teacher in a school section without the consent of the ratepayers, whether the attendance was under 50 or over. This power the trustees possessed by virtue of being a school corporation. The Minister of Education had no power to allow or disallow any action of the trustees in regard to the employment of teachers. Two trustees who had employed an assistant teacher where the ratepayers objected, would not be responsible for the teacher's salary, as they would be acting under their powers as a corporation.

Payment to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Whitney asked if T. A. P. Towers, late Clerk of the District Court at Sault Ste. Marie, was informed by the Government that his successor would be bound to pay him \$200 a year for three years, and did the commission issued to his successor contain a clause to that effect?

Hon. Mr. Hardy answered the questions in the affirmative. The \$200 given to Mr. Towers "on account of retiring allowance" were moneys due him as fees under the act.

Enforcement of Game Law.

Mr. Reid (Addington) moved for a return showing the fees paid to Alfred Stundon, a constable of the Town of Bracebridge, in connection with the enforcement of the game laws of the Province. He complained that the constable in question had arrested a man named Stevens, who carried to the Town of Bracebridge the skins of three