

Mr. Harcourt gave notice of his intention to move the resolutions relating to the licenses of brewers, distillers and others to-morrow.

Mr. Whitney asked when the Senate resolution might be expected.

Hon. Mr. Hardy was understood to say on Thursday.

The House adjourned at midnight.

Several Deputations.

Many deputations waited upon the Ontario Government yesterday morning. A deputation from Kingston, headed by Dr. Ryan, the Mayor, asked for such amendments to the municipal act as would permit the exemption from taxation of three elevators. Mr. Hardy informed the applicants that the best way to proceed was by way of a private bill.

Mr. Stratton introduced a deputation from the County of Peterborough, who asked for a grant towards the construction of the Chemong bridge in North Peterborough. The request will be considered.

Representatives of the Natural Gas Company waited upon Hon. Mr. Harcourt and asked that a percentage tax on the gross earnings be substituted for the specific tax now contemplated.

Abolishing the Close Season.

The Ontario Fisheries Department is much concerned over the news that a bill has gone through committee in the Michigan Legislature abolishing the close season for fish in all the lakes of that State. The bill is based upon a recommendation by Governor Pingree and will undoubtedly be passed. It is of great interest to Canadians in the western part of Ontario inasmuch as it will prevent free fishing on the American side of a portion of Lake Erie, the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and the Michigan Sault. The probability is that recommendations will be made to the Dominion Government to take some steps to meet the action of the Legislature, otherwise by the maintenance of the close season on this side of the water stretches Canada will be merely preserving fish for the benefit of American fishermen.

Indian Point Bridge.

Mr. Henry Smith, Superintendent of Colonization Roads, was called before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday to give evidence in regard to the construction of a bridge at Indian Point, Manitoulin Island.

Railway Committee.

The Railway Committee disposed of two bills yesterday. The first was that of the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Electric Street Railroad Company, Limited, which seeks permission to change its name to the Hamilton, Ancaster & Brantford Railroad Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$300,000. Power is also given to extend from Duff's Corners to through Ancaster and Brantford Townships to Brantford, with a branch line to Sulphur Springs. Power to operate by steam was refused by the committee. The promoters asked that the same power to operate on Sundays given to the Hamilton & Caledonia Railway Company by the committee last week be conferred upon this company.

The Chairman pointed out that if that clause of the Hamilton & Caledonia Railway bill was adopted by the House it would only be fair to treat both companies alike.

The bill was reported with the understanding that the Chairman's suggestion will be followed.

The bill incorporating the Worthington & Onaping Railway Company was also reported.

Fishery Overseers.

The Ontario Government has made a number of appointments as overseers. John Sullivan, St. Thomas, has been made overseer of the Lake Erie shore and of inland streams, within the County of Elgin, at a salary of \$100. Peter Lamarche has been re-appointed overseer for the mainland in South Essex at a salary of \$150. John Stewart will continue to be overseer for Pelee Island and other islands within South Essex at a salary of \$100. George D. McCall has been selected as overseer for South Norfolk, including Walpole and Rainham.

Private Bills Passed.

The City of London had an innings before the Private Bills Committee this morning. First came the bill of the London Young Men's Christian Association, which was reported after brief discussion. The association is authorized to hold real estate and buildings to the annual value of \$18,000 for the purposes of the association, free from taxation. All revenue producing property owned by the association, however, is to be taxed.

Next came the act respecting the London Street Railway Company. The bone of contention in this bill was section 3, which confirmed a by-law of the Township of Westminster, limiting the tax upon the company to \$75 per annum.

Finding that the sentiment of the committee was against him, Solicitor Helmuth withdrew the objectionable clause rather than have it amended.

Cornwall Cotton Mills.

The bill confirming a by-law and agreement of the Town of Cornwall with the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company, Limited, met with bitter opposition. The company has enjoyed successive exemptions since 1877, and the exemption on certain portions of the works has expired, but other exemptions do not expire until 1903. The bill was reported.

Separate School Amendments.

Dr. Ryan, Mayor of Kingston, and Ald. Behan waited upon the Minister of Education to-day and discussed certain matters in connection with the working of separate schools. They made a number of suggestions, which may be embodied in legislation.

Government Measures.

The Attorney-General last night gave notice of a bill to create the provisional judicial district of Manitoulin; also a bill to amend the controverted election act.

Mr. Garrow will introduce a bill respecting the office of Sheriff.