

etc., was discussed in committee. Mr. Foy moved the adding of a clause empowering the Council by by-law to fix the assessment of the new Palace Hotel to be erected on King street at \$360,000 for ten years, and the water rate at five cents per thousand gallons above the quantity used by the Queen's Hotel. He spoke at some length in support of the amendment.

Mr. Pattullo desired to point out that the people of Toronto had not had the question brought before them in the proper way. At the moment that the city was clamoring to tax everything in sight, and condemning the Legislature for taking away, as they claimed, their powers in this respect, they were proposing to exempt the very things which were best able to pay to the municipality. The city had refused to grant exemption to Massey Music Hall, a building used in an educational sense, and a great benefit to all classes, but now in the dying hours of the session asked for exemption on a prospective hotel. He also contended that such an exemption would be decidedly unfair to existing hotels that for years had paid their share to the municipal burden.

The amendment was defeated on a vote of 27 to 24.

Evening Session.

The following bills were read a third time at the evening session:—

To amend the separate schools act—
Mr. Ross.

To amend the public libraries act—
Mr. Ross.

To amend the act respecting wages—
Mr. Garrow.

Respecting Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior Power Company and others—
Mr. Farwell.

The agreement between the Government and the Riordan Paper Company for the supply of printing paper for the next five years was concurred in.

Manhood Suffrage Registration.

The bill amending the statute law was referred back to committee and an amendment inserted providing that in cities of 20,000 population or less only three days' sitting, instead of four, of the Board of Manhood Suffrage Registrars should be held, one of the days being Saturday.

Forest Reserves.

A section was also added giving the Governor in Council power to remit timber dues or rents to a small amount which might be owing upon tracts of timber land which have been cut over and which the Government desires to convert into a forest reserve.

The bill was reported, with amendments.

Should Assume Burdens.

Certain verbal changes were made in committee to Hon. Mr. Ross' bill erecting Manitoulin into a provisional judicial district. During the discussion Mr. Matheson took the ground that the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound were out of swaddling clothes and should be made to bear their full share of financial responsibility, as did the older sections of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Ross pointed out that the population of the newer districts was

as yet sparse, and it would, therefore, scarcely be fair to cut them aloof from Government aid.

The bill was reported as amended.

Government Measures Dropped.

Three Government measures were dropped, viz., Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill relating to the moneys of infants in court and amending the railway act of Ontario respectively, and Hon. Mr. Ross' bill to improve the law respecting high schools.

The Attorney-General's bills amending the municipal and assessment acts were passed through committee. A provision in the former bill gives a town from which an industry has been attracted by a bonus granted by another town power to take proceedings to quash the bonus by-law passed by the town to which the industry has removed. One of the provisions of the assessment act enables the assessor of a municipality to appear as appellant before the Court of Revision.

Committee of Supply.

The House went into Committee of Supply for the remainder of the evening.

Victorian Order of Nurses.

On reaching the miscellaneous vote, Mr. Whitney attacked the item of \$2,500 for the Victorian Order of Nurses. If a grant was needed, \$1,000 was sufficient, he thought.

Hon. Mr. Ross defended the order, and pointed out that it was doing a work which was not covered by the ordinary hospitals of the country.

Mr. Matheson objected to the grant to the Canadian Institute. It was a club, he contended, and did not do the special work for which the grant was made.

Hon. Mr. Hardy maintained that the institute was doing a very valuable work.

Mr. Whitney suggested that funds be voted for procuring a portrait of the first Premier of Ontario. He also hoped to see a portrait of Mr. Hardy adorning the chamber.

Mr. Hardy approved of the suggestion in regard to a portrait of Mr. Sandfield Macdonald. As for himself, he should hardly feel at home unless the portrait of his hon. friend opposite was close at hand. (Laughter.)

Paris Exposition.

In reply to Mr. Matheson, Hon. Mr. Hardy said that Ontario would join the other Provinces and the Dominion in making a Canadian exhibit at Paris in 1900. It would not be of nearly the same extent as at Chicago, and this Government would not have any very great responsibility, as the Dominion authorities were making the necessary arrangements. Messrs. Blue, White, Lumsden, and James would be appointed honorary commissioners to determine what exhibit Ontario should make. The Government would appoint an honorary commissioner to go to Paris, and a small sum would be in the supplementary estimates to be brought down shortly.

The committee reported progress.