

and Marter remained silent.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:—

Amending the voters' list act, the drainage law amendment act, and amending the game law act.

Hon. Mr. Davis' bill relating to the regulation of mining corporations was withdrawn.

Mr. Whitney's Bribery Bill.

Mr. Whitney moved the second reading of his bill for the punishment of bribers by fine and imprisonment.

Hon. Mr. Hardy said that the election act had already been dealt with, and the hon. gentleman had failed to take advantage of the opportunity to move an amendment. He stated that there was a provision in the statutes for the punishment by imprisonment of bribery and personation.

Mr. Whitney replied that the present provisions were not specific enough. If, as rumor stated, they were not to have the honor of his hon. friend's presence at the next session, he could understand his desire to treat the matter in an off-hand way. He would tell him that so long as he occupied a seat in the House the bill would be introduced until it carried. He reiterated his protest against important measures being railroaded through the House during the last hours of the session. It was a bad practice, and one which he would continue to strenuously oppose.

Hon. Mr. Ross indulged in some badinage regarding the unexpected death of Mr. Whitney's bill at the hands of its loving father, and likened the hon. gentleman to Rachel weeping over her children.

Mr. Whitney angrily taunted the Minister of Education with indulging in jubilation over the fate of a measure calculated to raise public morality in the Province.

Hon. Mr. Ross said the session was so near a close that Mr. Whitney should have abstained from indulging in insults.

Hon. Mr. Hardy took the Opposition leader to task on the score of using insulting words. The latter had never intended to go on with his bill; his language was mere pretence and hypocrisy. Mr. Whitney had indulged in uncalled-for language, and had talked about rumors. "If the hon. gentleman sits where he does next session," declared the Premier, "he will find me here." (Loud Ministerial applause.)

The House adjourned at 7 o'clock.
