

algebra, history of Great Britain and Canada, composition and Latin. The council are also given power to further regulate the requirements of the matriculation examination as they may deem necessary in order to maintain the educational standard. The provision is not to go into force, however, until January 1, 1901.

The San Jose Scale.

Mr. Dryden's bill to amend the San Jose scale act provides that spraying and fumigation may be substituted for burning in the eradication of the pest. Where such treatment is authorized, or ordered, and the owner refuses to obey, the destruction by burning must take place without compensation.

Game Law Consolidation.

Sportsmen will no doubt heartily approve of Mr. Gibson's bill to consolid-

ate the game laws, which gives effect to the recommendations of the game law commissioners. Provision is made—where any class of game birds are in danger of extinction, and the hunting, shooting and sale has been forbidden in any two of the States of the Union along the southern frontier of Ontario, one of said States being New York, Pennsylvania or Michigan—for a reciprocal close season in this Province. In case the further protection of any game animal or non-migratory game bird, which is diminishing in numbers, is required, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may pass prohibitive regulations. The hunting, killing or taking of any cow moose or any fawn or young deer, moose, reindeer or cariboo under one year old is prohibited. Power is given to modify by order in Council the provisions respecting private game preserves. The transfer of licenses to kill game is prohibited, and it is made an offence to use, or attempt to use, a license issued to any other person. The hunting of moose, reindeer and cariboo is to be licensed, and payment of a fee of \$10 exacted in each case. The Chief Game Warden will be permitted to issue a license to game dealers to buy and sell during the open season, and for twenty days during the close season, birds and animals lawfully killed and procured. The license fee is to be:—In cities of 100,000 population, \$50; other cities, \$25; incorporated towns and villages, \$10; townships, \$5. Where an offence is committed in respect to moose, reindeer, etc., the offender is made liable to imprisonment for three months, without the option of a fine, if he is proven to have been masked or disguised and in possession of a gun.

Law Society's Bill.

The Attorney-General's bill to amend the act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada is interesting to the legal profession. Every person who has for seven consecutive years held the office of Treasurer of the Law Society is made an ex-officio bench. The Society is enabled by rule or by-law to abolish terms, and alter or change the dates for the doing of any act or giving any notice, which by the act has to be done with reference to any term or terms. Provided, however, that no

such rules shall have the effect of prolonging the term of office of any elected bench.

Forest Preservation.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to amend the act to preserve forests from destruction by fire. Hitherto the practice in regard to the appointment of fire rangers has been for the lumbermen to nominate men for the office, the cost of the men's wages being divided equally between the lumbermen and the Government. The present measure gives the force of law to the practice already in vogue. It provides that where Crown lands are not under timber license the Commissioner of Crown Lands may appoint such fire rangers as he thinks fit. Where Crown lands are under timber license the Commissioner may appoint such number of rangers as the license-holder requests, providing the Commissioner deems it to be in the public interest. In such cases one-half of the remuneration and the expenses of fire rangers is to be paid by the license-holder and one-half by the Government. Or the Commissioner may pay the whole amount and collect the Government's share, in the same way as is now done in the case of unpaid timber dues or ground rents. Where a timber licensee is desirous of having fire rangers appointed he is to submit a list to the Commissioner, and the latter may refuse to appoint any of them, or, after appointment, may discharge them, and substitute other qualified persons in their place.

Land Surveyors.

Mr. Davis' bill respecting land surveyors extends the privilege of a shortened term of apprenticeship to graduates of the School of Mines, Kingston, or any civil or mining engineer.

Algonquin Park.

A bill introduced by Mr. Davis permits the cutting of spruce, hemlock, black and yellow birch, cedar, black ash and tamarac in Algonquin Park. At present the privilege is restricted to pine only.

Another bill introduced by the Commissioner of Crown Lands seeks to confirm the order in Council passed by the Government relative to the manufacture of pulpwood in Canada.

Loan Corporations.

The Attorney-General introduced a bill to amend loan corporations, but it is stated that the exact provisions of this measure will not be divulged for the present.

Interesting to Municipalities.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin) yesterday introduced two bills. One is to enable County Councils, on the application of the Council of any town, village or township, to permit such town, village or township to take the assessment between February 1 and July 1. A second bill is to authorize municipal Councils to borrow money for current expenditure pending the collection of taxes, either before or after the passage of the by-law levying taxes for the current year. Another provision is to bring non-residents within a county who take orders for goods, as well as their agents, under license.