

THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

BONUSES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. Pattullo's Resolution Dis-
cussed in Legis-
lature.

HOW IT WORKS.

The Premier Suggests a Half-
way Course.

THE COLD-STORAGE BILL.

**Provision For Government Aid to
Establish Refrigeration—Text of
Bills Introduced Yesterday.**

The session of the Legislature yesterday afternoon was productive of an interesting discussion on Mr. Pattullo's resolution that the House viewed with disfavor the continued tendency on the part of municipalities to bonus manufacturers. In moving the resolution, Mr. Pattullo made an exceedingly clear and pointed speech, in the course of which he endeavored to show that in many cases money thus spent was thrown away. Mr. Whitney advocated the return to the legislation of 1888,

which provided reasonable safeguards and checks for municipalities which granted bonuses. The Premier took the ground that the municipalities must be allowed, to a certain extent, to be the judges of their own policy in a matter of this kind, and that it might be a proper thing to allow bonuses in some cases, with suitable safeguards. He suggested that it might be possible to arrive at a modus vivendi between the act of 1888, which contained some commendable provisions, and the policy which the Private Bills Committee had been pursuing ever since the repeal of that act. On the suggestion of the Premier the debate on the resolution was adjourned.

The Cold-storage Bill.

Hon. Mr. Dryden introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of co-operative cold-storage stations. This was, he said, only part of the legislation which the Government proposed to bring in regarding cold storage. The bill proposed to encourage throughout the Province the establishment of cold-storage stations by municipalities by granting them assistance to an extent not exceeding one-fifth the total cost, until the latter reached \$2,500, so that no grant could exceed \$500. The encouragement given to cheese factories had been found to work admirably. The bill further provided that the buildings erected would be inspected by an officer of the Public Works Department.

The Premier added that in a few days he hoped to bring down a bill authorizing municipalities to issue debentures for the erection of cold-storage stations. One or more municipalities could unite for the erection of such stations either within their boundaries or elsewhere. The Government would also make provision that a grant should be paid out of the consolidated revenue to the extent of one-fifth the cost of the station, provided that grant did not exceed \$500.

Questions Answered.

Hon. Mr. Stratton informed Mr. Joynt that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may relieve any company incorporated before the 13th of April, 1897 (and no company has been incorporated since), from compliance with any provision of the Ontario companies act, as may be deemed expedient, upon good grounds for granting such relief being shown. The department had received no application for relief from the provisions of the act.

Hon. Mr. Stratton informed Mr. McLaughlin that there were two license inspectors in Stormont and Cornwall. They were border counties, and border counties required more official supervision than those differently situated.

Hon. Mr. Dryden, in reply to Mr. Gregie, said eleven students attended the Western Dairy School during the session of 1898-9, and twenty-nine had attended so far this session. Male students were charged a nominal fee of one dollar for registration; female students registered free of charge. For the two years the fees received were \$27.00.