

No changes were made in Windsor's bill asking legalization of its by-law to provide for the raising by debenture of \$200,000 for macadam pavements in that city.

Alien Labor Bill.

Mr. Wardell's bill to prevent the employment on public works and works ordered by the Province of alien laborers from the United States was discussed for a time before the Special Committee and its consideration deferred until next week.

Hon. E. J. Davis Chairman.

Hon. E. J. Davis was elected Chairman of the Municipal Committee yesterday morning.

Mr. Joynt's bill imposing a license fee of \$20 upon pack-pedlars was allowed to stand so that it might be considered at the same time as a bill by Mr. Pardee increasing the fees upon pedlars.

Colonel Mutrie's bill making it clear that Municipal Councils can aid in the establishment or maintenance of militia lands went through without discussion.

Mr. Burt's bill providing for the biennial election of Councillors and Reeves in every municipality, excepting towns and cities, was regarded with favor by a majority of the committee, but some members seemed to think it was a little in advance of public sentiment. The bill was allowed to stand in order to be discussed with other measures of a similar character.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday next at 10 a.m.

Public Accounts Organized.

The Public Accounts Committee organized yesterday morning and re-elected Mr. W. A. Charlton Chairman. The Premier was present in his capacity as Provincial Treasurer, as was also Hon. Mr. Stratton.

Ontario's Fishery Resources.

The first annual report of the Ontario Fisheries Department will show that there has been an increase of over 150,000 pounds in the quantity of fish caught last year, as compared with the previous twelve months. The estimated value of the catch was over \$1,500,000. More than 2,000 men are engaged in the fishing industry in the Province, with an estimated capital exceeding \$700,000.

Goderich Wants a Hospital.

The people of Goderich are considering the advisability of establishing a hospital on the joint stock plan.

Cold Storage in Municipalities.

The Premier has introduced a bill, already foreshadowed, empowering municipalities to enact cold-storage stations to which the Government may contribute one-fifth the cost, which fifth shall not exceed \$500. Mr. Dry-

den's bill giving similar powers to individuals or companies was introduced several days ago.

Mr. Hoyle Explains.

Before the House adjourned Mr. Hoyle explained that owing to a misunderstanding with the Minister of Agriculture he (Mr. Hoyle) had voted in the division in the afternoon, while

Mr. Dryden had understood that they were paired. He believed he had made it clear to Mr. Dryden that their pair was off for the day, but he would give the Minister of Agriculture the benefit of the doubt and withdraw his name from the division list.

This made the Government majority seven.

ROADBEDS OF RAILWAYS.

Mr. Conmee Wishes to Assess Them to Their Value as a Right of Way.

The following new bills were introduced:—

Mr. Conmee—To make similar provisions with regard to the construction of ditches for railway lines as was made by Mr. Conmee's act with regard to the construction of municipal drains through railway lines.

Mr. Conmee—To surrender all the real and personal property of railways liable to assessment, and to assess the lands occupied by the railway for its roadbed to their value as a right of way through the municipality.

Mr. Lucas—To enable municipalities to issue debentures, etc., for sums less than \$100 principal, provided the interest combined with the principal in the debentures amounts to not less than \$100.

Mr. Richardson—To provide by contribution by cities and towns separate from the county to the high school funds in the county to the same extent as if such city or town was not separated from the county.

Mr. Taylor—To provide that where the drainage by-law has been set out on the plea of the drainage referee, or where upon such appeal the initiating municipality abandons the proposed drainage work, the opposing municipality may pay out of the general funds its costs and expenses not taxable against the initiating municipality.

Mr. Holmes—Relating to the apportionment by the Township Council among the public school sections in the township of the principal and interest of investments held by the corporation for public school purposes.

Mr. Carpenter—To amend the act for the protection of sheep and to impose a tax on dogs.

Mr. Wardell—Compelling trustees heretofore appointed by will to file an account of their dealings with trusts property within six months after the passing of the act, and all trustees appointed by will to file an annual account hereafter.