

The Sanatoria Bill.

Hon. Mr. Stratton introduced a bill to provide Provincial aid for the establishment of sanatoria for consumptives. It enables the Councils of counties, cities or towns separated from counties to establish sanatoria for the treatment of persons suffering from consumption; provides for the management of the sanatoria by a board of not more than five trustees; also enables municipalities to combine for the purpose of establishing sanatoria, and authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make a grant not to exceed one-fifth of the sum expended on the site, and not more than \$40,000 altogether, for the purpose; the site and plans to be approved of by the Provincial Board of Health.

Other Bills.

The following bills were introduced:—

Hon. Mr. Dryden—An act to amend the act respecting cheese and butter manufacturing associations and companies, enabling the associations to sell and dispose of lands no longer required for the purposes of the associations.

Mr. Hill—To enable agricultural associations to expropriate lands for the enlargement of site and for means of access thereto. They have already power to expropriate lands for a site for exhibitions, etc.

Mr. Richardson—To amend the municipal act by enabling the Council of any county to pass a by-law for withdrawing farm lands from towns and villages and annexing them to adjoining municipalities.

Mr. Lumsden—To amend the act respecting the slaughtering of cattle and the inspection of meat and milk supplies in cities and towns. It authorizes the Council of any city or town to grant aid to private persons or companies establishing public slaughter houses and cattle yards.

Mr. Lumsden—To reduce the distance from inhabited dwellings to which a contagious hospital can be established from 150 yards to 200 feet.

Mr. Mutrie—To amend the municipal act by giving the head of the Council, in addition to voting with other members, a second or casting vote in case of a tie, and gives municipalities power to pass by-laws to prevent the production of immoral or indecent plays and shows.

Mr. Taylor—To amend the assessment act by enabling a city or town to collect the arrears of taxes, notwithstanding any omission of the Treasurer or Clerk to perform any of the duties required by the assessment act.

Considering Private Bills.

In the Private Bills Committee yesterday a bill enabling the corporation of Listowel to grant a loan of \$10,000 for the erection of a furniture factory in the town was passed subject to the policy which may be determined by the Legislature in regard to bonuses.

A bill to permit Alexander Jarvis McComber of Thunder Bay to practise as a solicitor on condition of his passing the final examination of the Law Society was warmly supported by James Conmee, M.P.P., and opposed with equal zeal by Z. A. Lash, Q.C., and B. B. Osler, Q.C., on behalf of the Law Society.

The bill was allowed to stand in order that a clause might be drafted providing that the applicant must conform to certain conditions imposed by the Law Society.

The bill to enable the municipal corporation of St. Catharines to acquire water privileges in the city or within a mile of it and to generate and supply electric power was up again for consideration. Mr. Carscallen entered a protest against a municipal corporation being allowed to go into a mercantile or manufacturing business, but Mr. B. B. Osler pointed out that the powers asked for here were the same as had been granted in the case of Orillia and other towns. Merritton will be affected by St. Catharines getting the right to acquire and develop water privileges within a mile of the latter city, and the bill was amended so as to provide that in the event of St. Catharines selling the privileges Merritton should have the first chance of purchasing at cost.

The committee approved of a bill confirming a by-law fixing the assessment of the Welland House, St. Catharines, at \$15,000 for ten years.

The Story of the Gilphie.

The first chapter in the story of the steam yacht Gilphie of the Ontario fisheries service was told before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday. Mr. S. T. Bastedo, Deputy Commissioner, gave evidence regarding the purchase of the boat. She was bought from Mr. A. F. Bowman of Southampton in September last for \$3,250. Colonel Matheson endeavored to show that no expert valuation had been made of the boat before being purchased. Mr. Bastedo, while disclaiming any special knowledge on the subject himself, read the report by Mr. A. M. Wickens, the Government's engineer and inspector, and Captain Finlayson, now of Toronto Junction, and formerly a lake captain of long experience, showing that she was in good condition, had been rebuilt recently and was evidently suitable for the service. Mr. Bastedo said she was the best vessel for the price out of about a dozen examined before purchasing. Mr. Bastedo denied knowledge of any political leanings of Captain Finlayson.

Both political sides of the committee showed a disposition to examine into the matter further, and orders passed for the summoning as witnesses of Mr. A. F. Bowman, Southampton; Mr. James Roady, Chatham; Mr. A. M. Wickens, Government Engineer, and Capt. John Simpson of Owen Sound, all in reference to the Gilphie. The latter gentleman is to have an opportunity of examining the yacht, in company with Mr. Abby of Owen Sound.

Duncan Bole to Appear.

On motion of Mr. Wardell, Mr. Duncan Bole is to be summoned to appear before the committee on Thursday next with reference to an account of his for \$35.72.