

By a straight party vote, resulting in a majority of seven, the Legislature last evening ratified the agreement with the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co., under which the latter, in return for certain privileges in the cutting of spruce along the Spanish, Onaping and Vermilion Rivers, agree to establish and maintain a large pulp mill at or near Webbwood, a point on the Sault line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The debate on the agreement was resumed by Premier Ross, who, in a fifty-minute speech of exceeding terseness, elucidated the points of the agreement, which is more favorable to Ontario than the preceding pulp agreements, and one under which the people's rights were conserved. Mr. Whitney refused to discuss the terms of the agreement, and contented himself with a defence of his amendment.

Bills Passed.

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

To consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield—Mr. Reid (Addington).

Respecting the Town of Dunnville—Mr. German.

To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury—Mr. Loughrin.

Respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada—Mr. Brown.

Respecting the Town of Meaford—Mr. Boyd.

Respecting by-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie—Mr. Thompson.

Respecting the Town of Oshawa—Mr. Richardson.

Respecting the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Farwell.

To confirm and legalize a by-law and agreement of the corporation of the Town of Collingwood—Mr. Duff.

Respecting the Town of Fort William—Mr. Conmee.

To incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company—Mr. Loughrin.

Respecting by-laws 1,797, 1,920 and 1,974 of the City of Ottawa—Mr. Lumsden.

Respecting the City of London—Mr. Leys.

To incorporate the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway Company—Mr. Russell.

To incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley & Ingersoll Electric Railway Company—Mr. Pattullo.

It was decided to consider the Premier's resolution favoring an increased bounty on wolves, in Committee of the Whole House on Thursday.

The House ratified orders in Council authorizing the usual charity aid being given to the following institutions:—General Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie; General Hospital, Parry Sound; Aged Men's Home, Toronto; Home for Aged and Infirm, Bowmanville, and the Good Shepherd Female Refuge, Toronto.

Manufacture of Pulp.

Hon. Mr. Davis' bill to confirm the order in Council requiring all spruce and other pulpwood cut on Crown lands to be manufactured in Canada was read a second time.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that on the motion for third reading he would move amendments making it impossible for spruce lands to be disposed of without something in the nature of public competition.

Allowances to Teachers.

Mr. Harcourt's bills permitting allowances to be made to efficient high school and public school teachers on retirement received a second reading.

Bounty For Wolves.

A second reading was given to Hon. Mr. Ross' bill increasing the bounty for the destruction of wolves from \$10 to \$15.

Investment by Trustees.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a bill to amend the trustees' investment act. The bill includes municipal debentures in the class of securities in which trustees may invest. It is also proposed to enable investment to be made in Dominion as well as Ontario securities. In committee the Attorney-General would move to give power to invest in securities that are guaranteed by the Dominion or the Province.

The bill was read a second time.

Industrial School Terms.

Hon. Mr. Gibson moved the second reading of his bill respecting industrial schools. One provision was that after being three years in the institution the boys must be placed out. He said that while the influence of the charitable homes was very good, yet, after a certain time, and as he grew into manhood, the boy should be taken out and get that necessary experience of the world which can only be had in a natural home. The bill provided that every child given over to an Industrial School should, after three years, be placed out or returned to his parents. The municipalities had not taken the interest they should in industrial schools, and it would be a subject for consideration if the proportion to be contributed by the Government should not be revised. Another clause in the bill provided that children may be retained in the industrial schools up to eighteen years, instead of sixteen as formerly.

Mr. Whitney concurred in the object of the bill, and it was read a second time.

Premier Ross' bill respecting the debt

of the Township of Dunwich was read a second time.

Mr. Dryden's resolution in regard to Co-operative Cold-storage Association buildings passed through committee and will be incorporated in the bill dealing with the same subject.

The Minister of Agriculture's bill to amend the San José scale act and the Provincial Secretary's bill to amend the charity aid act passed through committee.