

the benefit of Canadians on military service in South Africa. This was amended to allow municipalities to spread such liabilities over a period not exceeding ten years.

High School Expenditures.

In the absence of the member for East York, Hon. Mr. Harcourt moved the second reading of Mr. Richardson's bill to amend the high school act by providing that cities and towns separated from the county shall pay the same sum for high school purposes as they would if not separated.

Summoning Jurors.

Mr. Tucker (West Wellington) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the jurors act by providing that jurors may be summoned by registered letter, saying it would save counties perhaps \$400 a year.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that while the object was a meritorious one, yet there were difficulties and perhaps lack of safety which he could not see his way through. On his suggestion the bill was read and referred to the Legal Committee.

Police Villages.

A second reading was given Mr. Holmes' (Haldimand) bill giving additional powers of local self-government to police villages or villages not large enough to be incorporated. The Provincial Secretary commended its provisions as beneficial for many hamlets, and it was referred to the Municipal Committee.

Slaughter Houses.

Mr. Lumsden's bill to permit municipal Councils to aid private persons in the construction of slaughter houses or abattoirs and cattleyards without the necessity of submitting a by-law to the ratepayers, met with general opposition and was withdrawn.

Fire Escapes.

Mr. Carpenter's bill to enable other means of fire escape than ladders or stairways, which may be approved of by license inspectors, to be used in connection with hotels and like buildings, led to a discussion on the whole subject of fire escapes. There was considerable diversity of opinion, and the general opinion was that it would not be wise to give license inspectors the power to do away with iron stairways.

The bill was sent to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Holmes' bill to permit canvas bag fire escapes to be used in shops and factories went to the same committee.

Government Measures.

After spending some time in Committee on Private Bills, the House took up and advanced a number of Government measures a stage.

Amendments were made to Mr. Harcourt's bill to improve the public school act, substituting fifteen years for twenty as the period to be served by an efficient teacher before becoming entitled to a grant on retirement, and providing that the amount to be spent in athletic games by school boards shall not exceed \$200.

Sanitoria for Consumptives.

Hon. Mr. Stratton moved the second reading of a bill to provide Provincial aid for the establishment of sanitoria for consumptives. The intention is that the Government shall appropriate one-fifth of the cost of erecting a sanatorium by municipalities, such grant not to exceed the sum of \$4,000 to any one institution. The Provincial Secretary said the bill was for the purpose of meeting the wishes of a very large proportion of the people of the Province and was in line with the humane policy pursued by the Government for years past. If the Government could aid in arresting the ravages of consumption they should not hesitate to do so.

Messrs. Foy and Barr highly commended the bill, which was given a second reading.

Ontario Companies.

In moving the second reading of a bill to amend the Ontario companies act, Hon. Mr. Stratton explained the nature of the amendments proposed. Companies would be given the power, when they had accumulated sufficient funds for the purpose, to commence retiring preference stock upon a two-thirds vote of the shareholders present in person or by proxy, and approved of by by-law. There were provisions removing from the courts the suits which had been brought over the use of the word "limited" in connection with the title of companies, leaving it to the Judge to fix the costs as between the plaintiff and the defendant. Where an individual desired to conduct business as an incorporated company he would be allowed to use his name with the word limited spelt in full, as, for example: "Henry Carscallen, Limited." Where a company was incorporated in this wise, "The Henry Carscallen Company, Limited," the word "limited" might be abbreviated. The Government were put to great expense in providing accommodation for the returns being made in increasing numbers by companies. These returns were frequently referred to, and in order to meet the expense a nominal fee of 25 or 50 cents would be charged.

The bill passed its second reading, after some remarks by Mr. Foy in favor of adopting a clause regarding the word "limited" and then adhering to it.

House in Supply.

The House then went into Committee of Supply, and made excellent progress in the Public Works Department.

Before adjournment the Premier announced that the House would sit this evening and then adjourn until Tuesday next. Mr. Whitney said the majority of the members would probably leave the city this evening, and would be disappointed at the fact of the House sitting at night. He again asked for the early introduction of Government measures.

The Premier replied that he hoped to have them all brought down, except perhaps the subsidies, by Tuesday next. The House would doubtless conclude within two weeks after the Easter adjournment.

The House adjourned at 5.55.