

taxes upon ores produced in Ontario in order to secure their manufacture in the Province. The debate which followed the explanation of the bill by the Commissioner of Crown Lands was notable for the stand taken by Colonel Matheson in opposition to what he styled the Government's proposition to impose export duties upon Ontario ores. The mines bill having been disposed of for the time being, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of his bill proposing stringent provisions for the punishment of bribery. Mr. Whitney was good enough to say that Mr. Gibson had appropriated about eight-tenths of the provisions in the speaker's own bill, but on the whole showed himself fairly appreciative of the steps which the Government will take to put down evils which all deplore. The House went into Committee of Supply and spent an hour in passing estimates. An Opposition amendment was threatened, but the Conservative member was not on hand at the appointed time.

The Premier gives notice of a resolution providing that on and after Friday next Government business shall have precedence for the remainder of the session. This is an evidence that the close of the session is at hand.

Third Readings.

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

To incorporate the Bracebridge & Trading Lake Railway Company—Mr. Bridgland.

Respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company—Mr. Carscallen.

Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston—Mr. Kribs.

To authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for waterworks purposes—Mr. Fallis.

Respecting by-laws of the City of Ottawa—Mr. Lumsden.

Respecting the Town of Kincardine—Mr. Malcolm.

Respecting the City of Ottawa—Mr. Lumsden.

On the motion for the third reading of Mr. Matheson's bill respecting the Town of Smith's Falls, it was pointed out by the mover that opposition had developed to the provision that waterworks and sewers may be extended without the consent of the electors. On the suggestion of the Attorney-General the bill was referred back to the Private Bills Committee for reconsideration.

Mr. Pardee's bill respecting the Central Canada Loan & Savings Company was referred back, and in committee slightly amended.

Thursday was set by the Premier as the day for consideration of the resolution ratifying the agreement with Warwick Bros. & Rutter for printing and binding public documents.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting industrial schools was considered in

Easter recess.

Thursday Apr 12th at 5.45 P.M.

Tuesday Apr 17th at 3.00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18,

THE MINING LAW.

Hon. Mr. Davis' Amendments
Considered by Legislature.

MR. MATHESON'S POSITION

Opposition Leader Attributes Government's Election Law Amendments to the Agitation Waged by Conservatives.

Two important Government measures received their second reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. The first was Hon. Mr. Davis' bill to amend the mines act. It provides for the abolition of mining royalties, and gives the Government power to impose