

principle of Mr. Preston's resolution into law.

Premier Ross—Barkis is always willing, but he is not willing to be forced.

Mr. Carscallen—The bill is not printed, and I object to the second reading.

"It's only to advance the bill a stage," called out the Attorney-General.

"I don't care," angrily replied Mr. Carscallen, "I object to the second reading."

The bill was allowed to stand.

To Enforce Agreements.

Mr. Marter (North Toronto) introduced a bill to amend the judicature act, which is aimed at insuring the specific performance by street railway and other like companies of the agreements into which they may enter with a municipality. In doing so he referred to the case of the Kingston Street Railway Company, which refused to operate certain sections of its line in the winter because it did not pay. On reference to the Court of Appeal a majority of the Judges held they were not empowered to direct a specific performance of the agreement.

The amendment provides that the court shall inquire into the alleged breach or violation of covenants or obligations, and continues:—"The court may, after the making of an order of specific performance or injunction on the complaint of any party to the action that the order for judgment is not being carried out or observed, direct an inquiry by the Sheriff, or such other court officer, or by any referee of this court, and such judgment or order may be enforced to the same extent as any injunction or mandamus granted by a court upon the report of such Sheriff or officer, or upon such evidence as to the court may be deemed proper."

Fair Board Representation.

Mr. Preston (South Brant) introduced a bill to amend the agriculture and arts act by providing that electoral division agricultural societies may increase the representation on their Board of Directors by admitting thereto representatives from Municipal Councils, Boards of Trade and other agricultural or horticultural societies in the division, or adjacent thereto, and from the different live stock associations authorized under the agriculture and arts act.

Foreign Corporations.

Mr. Stratton moved the second reading of a bill requiring foreign corporations and extra-Provincial corporations doing business in Ontario to register and take out a license. In the case of companies incorporated by Dominion act, or by the late Province of Upper Canada, the fees to be paid are \$25 when the capital stock does not exceed \$100,000, and \$50 when it exceeds that amount. In the case of all other corporations the fees referred to are doubled. Mr. Stratton explained that it was intended to make special provision in the case of Lever Brothers, which company had a capitalization of \$15,000,000. It was desired to throw no obstacle in the way of these gentlemen coming to Toronto and conducting an important business. Therefore the

Government would take power by order in Council to impose the fees only on the amount of capital invested by Lever Brothers in Ontario. Foreign corporations who had travellers in the Province would not be affected by the bill; only those which had established agencies in the Province. The bill was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Gibson introduced a bill for the enforcement of certain contracts entered into by municipal corporations, referring especially to the position between Toronto and the Consumers' Gas Company, as announced in yesterday's Globe.

The Game Laws.

The House spent the evening in committee on the bill to consolidate and amend the game laws. Mr. Charlton (South Norfolk) tried to obtain an amendment providing that no deer be taken in the water, but the law was allowed to remain as it is. Upon Mr. Charlton's objection the clause permitting the Government to suspend the game regulations with reference to private preserves was struck out.

Mr. Pattullo (North Oxford) objected to the provisions making the possession of guns or decoys, in or near where game was found, an evidence of shooting or intent to shoot; the possession of firearms near water as evidence of intention to capture deer while in or near the water; also the phrase making defendants compellable witnesses against themselves. The Attorney-General replied that such provisions were absolutely necessary to the enforcement of the law. Mr. Charlton also strongly objected to the provision regarding compellable witnesses, and cited instances of its abuse in Norfolk County, where respectable persons had been subjected to great indignity by reason of it. He pressed strongly for its rejection.

The Attorney-General said it was useless to try and enforce the game law unless these provisions were retained. If members insisted upon the section going out, he would withdraw the bill.

The section passed and the committee rose and reported progress.

It was agreed to call the Public Accounts Committee for Tuesday, when Mr. Matheson said he hoped Capt. Sullivan would be present.

The House adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Mr Wardrope Resigns.

Mr. W. H. Wardrope yesterday resigned his position as Clerk of the Private Bills Committee. Mr. Wardrope has filled his present position for seven sessions, to the eminent satisfaction of both the public and the members, and his withdrawal will be a cause of regret. Mr. Wardrope found that the lengthy duties of the position interfered too much with the regular practice of his profession as a barrister in Hamilton.

Mr. W. A. Russell, barrister, of Shediac, N.B., spent a few days in the city this week as the guest of his brother, S. Russell, M.P.P. He visited the Legislative Assembly, and was honored with a seat on the floor of the House.