

and the latter would therefore be at a disadvantage. Mr. Stratton replied that the distiller paid his municipal tax the same as the farmer did, and the bill was read a second time.

Premier Ross' bills respecting the supplementary revenues of the Province, and also respecting certain railways which have been already explained in The Globe, were given their second reading.

The House considered Hon. Mr. Harcourt's bill respecting Upper Canada College, and reported it without amendment.

#### Option in Company's License.

In committee Hon. Mr. Stratton explained the measure respecting the licensing the extra-Provincial corporations, and presented the following amendments:—It is provided that with respect to a company carrying on business in Ontario when this act is passed, and carrying on also an established business outside of Ontario, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may reduce the fee payable for its license to such sum as he may think just, having regard to the nature and importance of its business in Ontario, and the amount of capital used therein. It is provided also that with respect to a company not carrying on business in Ontario when this act is passed, but carrying on outside of Ontario an established business, when applying for a license under this act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may reduce the fee payable for such license to such sum as he may think just, having regard to the nature and importance of the business proposed to be carried on in Ontario, and the amount of capital proposed to be used therein; but in any case the fees shall not be less than the fees set out in the second part of the said schedule "B." In schedule "B" to the act has been inserted:—"The fees to be paid when foreign corporations are becoming incorporated in Ontario, which fees are the same as the fees now payable upon the incorporation of the company by letters patent under the Ontario companies act."

#### Bureau of Labor.

In moving the second reading of his bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labor, Hon. Mr. Latchford pointed out that such an institution was in use in many of the States of the Union, while the State of Massachusetts led the world in this respect. The bill was read a second time.

#### Succession Duties Act Withdrawn.

The Premier withdrew his bill entitled the succession duties act of 1900.

The Attorney-General's bills respecting the enforcement of certain contracts entered into with municipal corporations, also amending the Ontario controverted elections act, were read a second time.

At the evening session the House first considered nearly a score of private bills in committee, reporting them without amendment.

Mr. Eilber (South Huron) withdrew his bill respecting the Town of Wingham.

Mr. Crawford's bill respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto was given its second reading.

#### India Famine Sufferers.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply Mr. Duff (West Simcoe) rose to discuss the India famine, which, he said, was worse than any ever experienced there heretofore. Not only were the various churches of this country but also the schools giving towards the famine fund, therefore the Legislature, representing the whole country, should not be behind. Our action in the war had strengthened the ties of empire; this was an object which would still more bring the empire together.

Premier Ross said we all felt the importance of binding the empire together. Such an act as was proposed was one that would be a credit to our country and to our brotherhood. The Government had not yet considered it advisable to place an amount in the estimates for this object, but since it had been brought up by Mr. Duff it would receive more careful consideration before the supplementary estimates were brought down.

Mr. Whitney said he thought the Province would be wanting in its duty as a Christian country and a British colony if it did not do something for the famine sufferers.

#### Brock's Monument Neglected.

The House went into Committee of Supply on the last vote but one, "Miscellaneous." Mr. Jessop (Lincoln) called attention to the neglected condition of Brock's monument, which, he said, was in need of some repairs. He also expressed the hope that the Government would give an amount toward a monument in memory of Governor Simcoe.

The Premier promised, if possible, to make inquiry from the Park Commissioner before the supplementary estimates were brought in, if he had any funds for such a purpose. It was important. Brock was a noble man and a hero, and we should not forget him nor allow his memory to go into decay.

#### Col. Matheson's Generosity.

Mr. Matheson (South Lanark) thought there might be a standing vote of \$500 for such matters. Continuing, he said the House was not doing its duty in voting only \$10,000 for the National Patriotic Fund. Ontario ought to set the pace in this respect, and he thought \$50,000 or \$100,000 in a matter of this sort would not have been out of place. A grant of \$10,000 was nothing but mean and paltry. He thought the Government should increase it to \$25,000 in the supplementary estimates.

The Premier pointed out that the people of Ontario had done nobly in giving as private individuals. The present grant need not be a finality. When the war is over it would be quite within our competence if the necessity called for it to ask for a larger sum. The giving of \$15,000 now, \$10,000 to the Patriotic Fund, \$4,000 for absent employees and \$1,000 to the Red Cross Fund, was an earnest of our good-will. If there was any need for it next year, and the hon. member would repeat his request, the House would not be wanting.

Mr. Whitney said the Government could not have been blamed if it had inserted a larger sum in the estimates.