

of Control, without making provision for the election of a fourth Controller, would result in a continual deadlock. He therefore suggested that provision be made for the election of a fourth Controller at once.

The Attorney-General agreed to make the change suggested.

The bill was then reported with amendments.

#### Election Law.

The House again went into committee on the election bill, when the Attorney-General consented to an amendment providing that re-counts might be had where the majority did not exceed 200.

Mr. Whitney intimated that he would move an amendment to the bill on the motion for third reading.

The bill was reported.

#### Magistrate's Alleged Strictures.

On motion to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Jessop (Lincoln) read a letter charging Postmaster Forbes of Grimsby, a Justice of the Peace, with making disparaging remarks concerning a stretcher-bearer in the Canadian contingent who had fallen on the field of battle in South Africa. The member for Lincoln desisted from reading the communication at the request of Hon. Mr. Harcourt, and promised to forward it to the Attorney-General, in order that he might make an investigation.

The supplementary estimates passed committee and were concurred in, and a second reading was given the bill providing for a land grant to the Algoma Central Railway.

The House adjourned at 11.30.

#### Junction Ratepayers Object.

A printed declaration signed "J. Brown, on behalf of the ratepayers of Toronto Junction," was distributed among the members of the House yesterday, setting forth reasons why the agreements between the Council of the Junction and the Suburban Railway and the Toronto Railway Company shall not be ratified by the Legislature until the ratepayers have had a voice in the matter, or until certain amendments have been made to the bill. One of these asks for the acceptance of the Suburban Company's tickets and transfers on that part of the Toronto railway lines within the municipality formerly owned by the Suburban Company. Another amendment provides that in the event of the Toronto Railway Company assuming control of the Suburban Company's lines passengers shall be carried at one fare between Toronto Junction and the city. It is also asked that the corporation be paid for all expenditure necessary to keep up the roadbeds of the tracks within the Town of Toronto Junction.

#### Inspection of Boilers.

The special committee appointed to consider Mr. Carscallen's bill providing for the examination of stationary engineers and the inspection of boilers met yesterday and decided to take no action, although approving to some extent of the principle of the bill. They recommended, however, that steps be taken next year to have a strict inspection of boilers in factories.

#### Changes in Rules.

The Attorney-General moved: "No public bill purporting to amend the municipal or the assessment act shall, without the unanimous consent of the House, be introduced after the expiration of five weeks from the opening of the session, but this shall not apply to any such bill which is a Government measure."

The motion was agreed to.

It was then resolved that in the case of any bill incorporating a company or increasing the capital stock of a company already incorporated, the same fee shall be paid to the Clerk of the House as would be to the Provincial Secretary in the case of an incorporation or increase of capital under the provisions of the Ontario companies act, less the sum of \$100.

#### Third Readings.

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

To revive, extend and amend an act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company.—Mr. McKay.

Respecting the Sudbury & Nipissing Railway Company.—Mr. Loughrin.

It was decided to go into committee this afternoon on the railway subsidies as moved by Hon. Mr. Latchford.

#### Death of Trinity's Bill.

Mr. McKay (South Oxford) consented to the withdrawal of his bill relating to medical colleges and schools in affiliation with the University of Toronto, in view, he said, of the statement of the Premier that the matter would be considered next year in connection with the proposed revision of the university act.

#### Issue of Liquor Licenses.

Several bills to amend the municipal drainage and liquor license acts were withdrawn. Among them was Mr. German's bill permitting the sale of liquor to guests at an hotel during the prohibited hours.

Hon. Mr. Stratton asked for the withdrawal of Mr. Crawford's bill extending to places of public recreation and parks, the provisions of the law prohibiting the issue of licenses within 300 feet of a church, college or school. He pointed out that the consolidation of the liquor license act would receive consideration during the recess and the matter would then be dealt with. While the bill was in the right direction, it would be more far-reaching in its effects than the hon. gentleman contemplated, even although it only applied to licenses to be granted in future.

Premier Ross agreed in the desirability of surrounding their churches, colleges and schools with safeguards and protecting them from temptation, but in view of the Government's intention to deal with the whole matter of the license act, he could not see the necessity for pressing the bill at the present juncture.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin) said that no doubt Mr. German had been induced to withdraw his bill also on the promise that the Government would enact legislation.

Premier Ross: "No."

The bill was then withdrawn.