

Yesterday's session of the Local Legislature was devoted chiefly to the answering of questions covering a variety of subjects and to brief discussions on several notices of motion. The session was made notable, however, by the introduction and first reading of the Premier's bill for the improvement of public highways, one of the most important measures ever brought before the House, and in regard to which there has been considerable speculation. The text of the bill is as follows:—

To Improve Highways.

(1) That the sum of \$1,000,000 shall be and is hereby set apart to be paid out of the consolidated revenue of the Province to aid in the improvement of public highways, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

(2) The highways to be improved may be designated and assumed by by-law of the County Council, with the assent of the Councils of the local municipalities through which such highways pass; provided always that the highways so designated shall, as far as practicable, facilitate the direct transportation of the agricultural produce of the county or townships immediately interested to the local markets of the county.

(3) In the event of the local municipalities, or of a majority of them, disapproving of any by-law of the County Council, as in the previous section mentioned, then the County Council shall submit such by-law to a vote of the ratepayers of the county, such vote to be taken and held on the same day as the elections of the local municipalities of said county are held.

(4) When any by-law as aforesaid falls in receiving the support of a majority of the ratepayers of the whole county so voting, then the Council of any local municipality in the county may within one year of the passing of this act pass a by-law designating the roads within such local municipalities to be improved; but no by-law for the improvement of roads in any municipalities shall take effect until such by-law is approved by a majority of the ratepayers.

(5) Any highway, in order to come under the provisions of this act as to aid, shall be constructed or repaired according to the regulations of the Public Works Department with respect to highways, and shall be subject to the inspection of an officer appointed by said department.

(6) On the completion of any work of road improvement under this act the Council of the municipality under which

SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

TO IMPROVE HIGHWAYS.

Premier Ross Introduces
an Important
Measure.

TEXT OF THE BILL.

One Million Dollars to be Ex-
pended on Roads.

AN INCREASE OF FEES.