

\$200,000, and a preliminary vote for a portion of this amount will be placed in the supplementary estimates of the present session. No time is to be lost in commencing the erection of the building, which, it is expected, will take about two years to complete, and immediately on the appropriation being passed the work will begin. In regard to the creation of the new office of Principal of the University College, provided for in Hon. Mr. Harcourt's bill, a rumor has been circulated to the effect that the position will be a salaried one. This, it is understood, is not intended, as the position will probably be filled by one of the professors, and it is hardly thought advisable to attach a stated salary.

In the House yesterday a good deal of work was accomplished. Two interesting bills were discussed at some length, viz., Mr. Wardell's measure regarding alien labor and that of Mr. Lumsden relative to habitual drunkards. A number of public bills were advanced a stage.

Exportation of Gas.

Replying to a question by Mr. Thompson (Centre Simcoe) respecting the exportation of natural gas, Hon. Mr. Davis said:—"Application was made February 22, 1895, by the Standard Oil & Gas Company of Essex, Limited, and the Interior Construction & Improvement Company, for a permit authorizing the latter company to lay a single or double pipe line for the conveyance of natural gas or oil from a point in the Town of Sandwich, across the bed of the Detroit River, to connect with a pipe line in the City of Detroit. The application was granted, and a license of occupation issued July 27, 1899, the monetary consideration being \$1,000 per annum.

"Application was also made by Donald McGillivray on September 20, 1897, for the right to lay a pipe line from a point in the Township of Malden across the Detroit River to a point on the American side. The application was not granted."

Who Has Jurisdiction?

Mr. Thompson, in moving for correspondence respecting the exportation of natural gas, said it was at one time understood that the Provincial Government had no jurisdiction in this matter. He had been, however, informed that the Minister of Justice had given his decision, that apart from the question of ownership of the bed of the river, this Province was solely vested in the right to prohibit the exportation of natural gas.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said he had no objection to the motion. He was not aware that the Minister of Justice had taken the position that the prohibition of the export of natural gas was in the hands of the Provincial Government. He thought it was a matter of purely Dominion jurisdiction. The Government had proceeded upon the line that whatever control they might have the right to exercise in the matter was in connection with the mechanical plant or appliances necessary to be laid over a Government property which was absolutely necessary to carry on the operation of gas transmission. A license of

occupation had been issued over the bed of the Detroit River. Applications had been made by residents of the locality that the license be cancelled or not renewed, and the matter was receiving the fullest consideration of the Government.

Extension of Registration.

Dr. Barr (Dufferin) moved the second reading of his bill to extend manhood suffrage registration to towns, villages and townships as well as cities. He argued that the time was ripe for this progressive step.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said neither the House nor the country was prepared for the bill. There was no demand throughout the country for the extension of this act. No one would pretend that in rural municipalities the present machinery was not a highly satisfactory method of settling the voters' list.

Mr. Whitney thought that perhaps after the issue of a writ for an election the Judge might sit a few hours in each municipality for the purpose of putting on the voters' list the few who through their own carelessness or for other reasons failed to get on at an earlier period. That was, he thought, as far as they could go in such a matter.

The motion for second reading was declared lost on division.

To License Engineers.

Mr. Carscallen (East Hamilton) moved the second reading of his bill for the protection of life and property in the use of stationary boilers and engines, and the examination and licensing of persons in charge of them.

Hon. Mr. Dryden considered that the amendments to the factories act which he had introduced, and providing for proper inspection of boilers, would be as far as they could go.

Mr. Whitney thought there would be some hardship in compelling every person who had charge of a stationary engine in this Province to take a course entitling him to a certificate. Many small sawmills and factories could not afford to pay a certificated engineer.

The bill passed its second reading, and will go before the small special committee who considered the same bill last year.

Allen Labor in Ontario.

Mr. Wardell (North Wentworth) moved the second reading of his bill to prevent the employment in Ontario on works authorized by statute of citizens of countries which exclude Canadian labor. Speaking to the motion, Mr. Wardell said that under existing conditions too many Italians and other foreigners were employed in the country, with the result that many Canadians were deterred from obtaining employment.

Would Hamper Industries.

The Attorney-General said that so far as the Legislature was concerned they had gone as far as their powers allowed. If further steps had to be taken the duty would devolve upon the Dominion Parliament. The bill would have the effect of hampering and choking off the development of new industries in the country, especially the