

Mr. Foy (South Toronto) on the report of the Private Bills Committee being presented, said that among the measures reported was the Station street bill. This same measure, he said, had been discussed by the committee on the previous day and almost unanimously defeated. It had been brought up again and rushed through the committee when several members interested had been absent, not knowing that the question was to be further discussed. He moved that the bill be referred back.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said that the two measures were not similar. On the previous day very wide powers had been asked; the new bill sought simply to control station property. He had no objection to amending the report so as to refer the bill back, and give all members interested an opportunity to discuss the bill. It was agreed that the bill should come before the committee on Friday.

#### Third Readings.

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

To consolidate and amend the act respecting public schools—Mr. Harcourt.  
Respecting by-law No. 925 of the City of Belleville—Mr. Russell.

Respecting the City of Toronto—Mr. Crawford.

Amalgamating the Continental Life Insurance Company and the Farmers and Traders' Life & Accident Assurance Company, Limited, as the Continental Life Insurance Company—Mr. McKay.

To confirm by-law No. 239 of the Village of Port Dalhousie—Mr. Jessop.

Respecting the Town of Midland—Mr. Miscampbell.

To confirm a certain by-law of the Town of Renfrew—Mr. Graham.

Respecting the Lady Stanley Institute for Trained Nurses, and the County of Carleton General Protestant Hospital—Mr. Lumsden.

Respecting the Toronto Western Hospital—Mr. Crawford.

To enable the Town of Hespeler to lease or sell certain lands—Mr. Kribs.

#### The Hamilton Marsh.

Replying to Mr. Colquhoun (West Hamilton) respecting the transfer by the Government to the City of Hamilton of a marsh near that city, Hon. Mr. Gibson said the Government had not come to any conclusion on the subject. A deputation from the City of Hamilton had at one time suggested that a portion of the marsh be patented to Hamilton, but nothing further had been done. An agreement had, however, been reached whereby the Government had been absolved from further responsibility in the matter.

Replying to Mr. Duff (West Simcoe), Hon. Mr. Gibson said an investigation had been held by the Inspector of Legal Offices into the charges of alleged irregularities committed by Patrick Heffernan, a Provincial constable. Most of the charges were not substantiated, but as to one or two the report was unfavorable. The action to be taken under the report was under consideration.

Hon. Mr. Gibson informed Mr. Wardell (North Wentworth) that a number

of persons convicted of bribery in Hamilton had not yet paid their fine. Some were unable to do so, and he anticipated they would have to go to jail if they did not do so.

#### Alien Labor Bill.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the second reading of his bill relating to the employment of aliens in Ontario, Mr. Wardell (North Wentworth) said he was willing to add an amendment providing that skilled workmen brought into the Province by corporations who could not obtain the men here should be exempt from the provisions of the act. His object was to prevent laboring men coming over here from the United States and taking the place of our workmen.

Mr. Auld (South Essex) said there was now nothing to prevent Canadians going to the United States for any purpose whatever. At least 300 sailors lived in his town (Amherstburg) and went out sailing on American boats. Mr. Auld concluded by moving the following amendment:—

"That inasmuch as the bill appears to apply to cases of companies hereafter to be incorporated by special acts of this Legislature, which can, as each case arises, be dealt with more intelligently and satisfactorily, and it not appearing to what cases the bill might or would be likely to apply, the word 'now' be erased from the motion and there be added thereto the words 'this day six months hence.'"

Dr. Jessop (Lincoln) thought the bill afforded necessary protection against the inroads of American labor.

#### Bill Had No Foundation.

Hon. Mr. Latchford said the bill had no foundation at all. If there was no country having a labor law applying to Canadians, then there was no such country that could be made applicable to the present bill. The only prohibition in the United States laws was against contracting for service entered into abroad. The present bill was

founded on a fallacy and should be rejected by the House. It attributed legislation to the United States which the latter never passed.

Mr. Foy (South Toronto) said that if the present act was nonsensical, then the Dominion act was also nonsensical. The Dominion law dealt with the possibility of a country hereafter passing such legislation. Could we not have on our statute books an act that would retaliate against such countries if they ever in the future passed such legislation?

Mr. Pettypiece (East Lambton) pointed out that it was unnecessary to pass duplicate legislation.

Mr. Whitney said that, no matter what the wording of the United States law was, we all knew what the interpretation of the law was. Many Canadians who went to the United States to work were sent back, and he knew of such deportations where the men were not even under contract.

#### Bill Unnecessary.

Hon. Mr. Gibson held that the bill would have no effect whatever. It could not possibly apply to anything unless we now or in the future incor-