

from the provisions of the Conmee act. Mr. H. S. Osler for the Gas Co., and Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., for a number of bondholders of the Electric Light Company, urged reconsideration, on the ground that they had not known that the bill was coming up on Wednesday. Mr. Marter and Corporation Counsel Fullerton opposed reconsideration. Colonel Leys' bill providing for the inspection of plumbing was thrown out. Mr. Foy's bill providing stringent regulations for the inspection of laundries was treated in the same way. A measure of the same nature introduced by Mr. Pettypiece, but with milder regulations, was passed. Mr. Carscallen's bills, making several changes, but not of a radical nature, in the assessment act and the municipal act, were reported.

Game Law Prosecutions.

Several convictions for infractions of the game laws were inquired into in the Public Accounts Committee yesterday. Mr. E. Tinsley, Chief Game Warden, gave evidence, and in reply to Colonel Matheson told what he knew of the case of three men in Addington County, A. Wild, John Lockridge and Robert Reid. These men were fined \$20 each for hunting deer out of season. The Deputy Warden, H. K. Smith, of Belleville, however, saw them subsequently, and proposed to prosecute them again for the same offence on another day, as they had in the first instance, in collusion with a friend, collected the informant's portion of the money from their own fines. To evade further prosecution they paid Mr. Smith and Constable Wesley Huff \$15 each, of which part went to the real informant in the first case, and the balance to the man who served the summons. Mr. Tinsley said the officials were empowered to do this under the act, but Colonel Matheson called it blackmail. Mr. Smith will give evidence at a later date, he being at present in Muskoka.

Colonel Matheson introduced a motion that the public accounts include a statement annually of expenditures on colonization roads according to electoral divisions. Hon. Mr. Latchford pronounced it a move designed for political capital, and it was voted down.

Brewers' Taxes.

A deputation from the Brewers and Maltsters' Association of Ontario waited upon the Provincial Secretary yesterday, asking for a better equalization of the amounts paid to the Government under the act to supplement the revenue affecting breweries and distilleries. The deputation was composed of George Sleman, Guelph, President of the association; W. T. Kernahan, Secretary; S. A. Griggs, Walkerville; George Labatt, Prescott; Widmer Hawke, L. Reinhardt, Hume Blake, L. Cosgrove, and E. Dickie, Toronto. The deputation contended that the effect of the act was to deal unjustly with some of those engaged in the business, and the fees collected under the act were not equally distributed.
