

THURSDAY APRIL 4

# SCRAP-IRON ASSESSMENT.

Government Brings in  
New Bill to Cover  
the Point.

## BILLS WITHDRAWN.

Opposition's Fierce Attack on  
Government.

## THE UNIVERSITY BILL.

Warm Debate on the Grant to King-  
ston Mining School—Trading Stamp  
Bill

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Premier Ross announced the withdrawal of his bill to amend the assessment act as recommended by the Assessment Commission. He said it was deemed wise to hold it over to be discussed in connection with the other important assessment questions to be reported on by the commission next year. In the meantime he introduced another bill, which is designed to do away with the scrap-iron assessment, the chief immediate difficulty. Mr. Ross also withdrew his bill giving pow-

er to municipalities to remit the taxes of public corporations. Mr. Whitney and several of his supporters took the Government sharply to task for withdrawing the assessment bill, alleging that it was due to pressure by the corporations. The House held its first morning session and did a considerable amount of business, but members have now decided to return and complete the business after Easter.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting summary convictions was referred back and amended by making it clear that the old act of George II., providing for a security of £50 sterling for quashing convictions, does not apply to the Provincial laws.

### Third Readings.

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

Respecting the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Company.—Mr. Pardee.

To consolidate and amend the act respecting High Schools and Collegiate Institutes.—Mr. Harcourt.

Enabling and directing the Royal College of Dental Surgeons for Ontario to admit William Herbert Fisher as a student in his final year.—Mr. Pardo.

To amend the Ontario shops regulation act.—Mr. Dryden.

Authorizing municipal grants for the reception of their Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.—Dr. Pyne.

To amend the agricultural and arts act.—Mr. Bridgland.

To amend the municipal arbitrations act.—Mr. Carscallen.

To amend the industrial schools act.—Mr. Carscallen.

To amend the general road companies act.—Mr. Guilford.

### Grant to School of Mining.

The House reported the following resolution, moved by the Premier:—  
"That for the purpose of aiding the corporation of the School of Mining and Agriculture at Kingston in the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the school and the better carrying on of its work there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province to the corporation annually the sum of \$6,000, payable in equal half-yearly payments."

When an amendment to the private bill before the House to the same effect was taken up in committee Mr. Whitney asked if it was intended to keep up this grant yearly.

The Premier replied that the House might at any time reduce or change the amount if it saw fit to do so.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said the corporation of the school intended to erect buildings on the strength of this grant.

### A Little Storm.

Mr. Whitney did not object to this grant, but it would be better for all concerned if the Government were frank. He asked who had ever heard