

Bills Also Passed.

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

For the improvement of the public highways—Mr. Ross.

To amend the municipal drainage act—Mr. Gibson.

Amending the saw-log driving act—Mr. Davis.

A Personal Discussion.

The House went again into committee on Mr. Graham's bill allowing municipalities to prohibit trading stamps.

Mr. Graham said he had been accused of running away from the bill when it was up before and denied that such was the case, as he had been present when the bill was up in the forenoon, but was detained elsewhere when it was up in the afternoon, of Wednesday last. As to the petitions against the bill, many of the signers were children, attracted to the trading stamp stores on red letter day.

Mr. Joynt (Grenville) said Mr. Graham had sent a report to the paper he pretended to manage, The Brockville Recorder, a report for that afternoon's paper, that the Conservatives had opposed the bill, which was not the case.

Wants Mr. Graham Disciplined.

Colonel Matheson declared that Mr. Graham, as a member of the House, should be disciplined for sending out an incorrect report. Members on both sides were divided on the question. It happened that the motion that the committee rise without reporting the bill was made by Mr. Reid (Addington) and himself, but it was untrue to say the Conservatives opposed the bill.

Mr. Graham denied saying the Conservatives opposed the bill. He hoped Colonel Matheson was not ashamed of being a Conservative. (Laughter.)

The Premier declared that nothing had occurred to show that Mr. Graham had had the slightest intention of shirking his bill.

Mr. Whitney said it was unnecessary for Mr. Graham to telegraph his paper that the members who moved to kill the bill were Conservatives. He had endeavored to make the people believe that the Conservatives tried to throw out the bill.

System Should be Abolished.

The Attorney-General deprecated the introduction of personal attacks on the question. There was much to be commended in the suggestion that the trading stamp system should be stopped altogether, or left alone. In this connection he regretted that the special committee to whom the bill was first referred had not brought in a report suggesting definite action one way or another.

Personally, he thought the system should be abolished.

After some further general discussion the bill was reported on a standing vote by a majority of 48 to 20.

The King's Acknowledgment.

The Speaker read the following letter from Joseph Pope, Under Secretary of State, to the Lieutenant-Governor, and bearing date Ottawa, April 8:—"I am directed to acquaint you that the ad-

dress from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, expressing their sympathy with his Majesty and the Royal family on the occasion of the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and declaring their loyalty to his Majesty on the occasion of his accession to the throne, was duly laid before the King. His Majesty was deeply moved by the testimony which the address bears to the love entertained for his lamented and Royal mother by her dutiful subjects in Ontario, and his Excellency the Governor-General has received the King's commands to convey through you to the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly the expression of his sincere thanks for their kind assurances of sympathy and devotion, which are highly appreciated by his Majesty."

Mr. Richardson Explains.

Mr. Richardson (East York), rising to a question of privilege, said his bill to compel towns separated from counties to pay their share towards supporting county high schools was declared lost on a division, and was not withdrawn, as reported in The Globe.

Aid for School of Mining.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harcourt the House adopted the following resolution: "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 the sum of \$22,500 per annum for five years, payable in equal half-yearly payments."

Mr. Whitney remarked that the Government had again seen fit to adopt the advice which the Opposition had presented with a good deal of pertinacity, but with little hope of success.

Mr. Harcourt said he admitted his hon. friend (Mr. Whitney) was right on rare occasions, and this was one of them.

The resolution was incorporated in the bill respecting the School of Mining, which was then read a third time and passed.

Bills Adopted.

The following bills were also read a third time and passed without discussion:—

Respecting the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway—Mr. Ross.

Respecting the Town of Rat Portage—Mr. Conmee.

To confirm by-law No. 66 of the Township of King—Mr. Barber.

Respecting aid by land grant to the Thunder Bay, Nipigon & St. Joe Railway Company—Mr. Latchford.

To amend the registry act—Mr. Gibson.

Keewatin Pulp Agreement.

Hon. Mr. Davis, in moving the ratification of the agreement with the Keewatin Power Company, providing for the establishment of a large pulp mill in return for the privilege of cutting pulpwood on a certain area, briefly reviewed the growth of the pulp industry in the Province. The pulp exported last year, he said, amounted to 27,867 cords, but the law preventing export did not come into effect until