

soccage, changes in the calendar, and the Lord's Day act of George IV., which had reference to entertainments on the Sabbath day for which an admission was charged. This, the Attorney-General thought, came rather under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament.

Ecclesiastical Acts.

There were also the acts relating to ecclesiastical property. This affected only one denomination, the Episcopalians. The matter had been submitted to a number of prominent members of that body, and might be the subject of a bill later in the session. The bill to amend the statute law, the Attorney-General said, was already embodied in the draft compilation, but had to be submitted in the form of a bill because there were clauses which had to be modernized. There were sections relating to quo warranto proceedings, while other sections as framed were the product of the best legal minds of the Province.

Mr. Whitney's Congratulations.

Mr. Whitney thought the action taken by his hon. friend in this matter would be received with great pleasure by the legal profession and students of the Province. He congratulated the Attorney-General on the manner in which the committee had carried out its work and upon the results obtained.

A Suggested Change.

In moving the second reading of his bill respecting mortmain and the disposition of land for charitable purposes, the Attorney-General said he merely wished to draw attention to the fact that under the religious institutions act and other acts of a similar character wills or assurances for religious purposes were required to be made a certain time before the death of the testator or assurer, but in the case of wills for charitable purposes no such restriction was made, although it had appeared to the committee that it was just as necessary in the one case as in the other.

The bill was read a second time.

On the Attorney-General's motion the bill respecting Imperial statutes relating to property and civil rights, incorporated into the statute law of Ontario, was read a second time, Col. Gibson pointing out that it provided for bringing the compilation into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.