

TAXING CORPORATIONS.

MR. WARDELL PROPOSES EARNINGS AS A BASIS.

Smallpox Cost Municipalities \$150,000 Last Year—Decrease in Cost of Government Printing — Quiet Day in the Legislature.

Excellent progress was made in the Legislature yesterday, a considerable amount of routine business being transacted, and several reports being presented. There were, however, no features of more than usual interest. It is possible that the second reading of the prohibition bill will be moved during the coming week, and that Mr. Whitney will deliver an address embodying his views on the subject.

Before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Whitney drew attention to an editorial in yesterday's Globe, the writer of which, he said, had evidently misunderstood the position he had taken in regard to the close of the budget debate the other evening. A previous article in The Globe had given an alleged reason why he had not spoken, and ended by saying:—"It ended by the Opposition leader being shut out of the debate." Mr. Whitney said it was the statement that the Opposition had been shut out of the debate that he declared to be untrue, and he would say that he shut himself out of the debate; in other words, he would not talk, under certain circumstances.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:—

Respecting the City of London—Col. Leys.

Respecting the Sarnia Street Railway—Mr. Pardee.

Respecting the Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Company—Mr. Gross.

High School Fees.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to amend the high schools act, by providing that where the Trustees of any high school in a town or city separated from the county notify the County Clerk that the high school is open to county pupils on the same terms as resident pupils, the County Council shall pay the cost of the maintenance of county pupils at said high school, and such sum may be settled by mutual agreement.