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The Drainage Act.

Mr. Auld (South Essex) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the drainage act. The measure provides that where it is cheaper to flood certain portions of land than to make excavations, etc., the work may be done on the consent of the owner, provision to be made for compensation according to the report of the Engineer. The Municipal Committee will deal with the bill.

Mr. Brown's (North Perth) bill to add gasoline to the explosives, the sale of which municipalities have the power to regulate, was dealt with in the same way.

Col. Leys' (London) bills to amend the mechanics' lien act and the street railway act were also referred to the same committee.

The House adjourned at 4.15.