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HEAVY AXE.

Dr. Jamieson Would Cut Down Number of Legislators.

SIXTY ENOUGH.

House Spends a Busy Day on Estimates.

THE PROHIBITION BILL.

It Will Probably Not be Taken up This Week—Asylums and Charities up For Consideration—Votes Passed.

The feature of yesterday's session of the Legislature was the introduction of a bill by Dr. Jamieson of South Grey to reduce the membership of the House from 94 to 60. On the second reading of the bill ratifying the amended agreement between the Queen Victoria Park Commissioners and the Canadian Niagara Power Company, the Premier gave a brief but interesting summary of the advantages secured to the Province. A short discussion as to prices for electrical power again emphasized the fact that the Government has acted in this, as in other matters, with a view to conserving and safeguarding public interests. While the estimates were under discussion at

the evening session, Hon. Mr. Stratton intimated that the Government had under consideration a plan to provide accommodation for epileptics. Many among the large crowds in the galleries at both sessions thought that the prohibition bill would be discussed, but in this were disappointed. The measure will not likely be taken up this week.

Reduction of the Members.

Mr. Jamieson (South Grey) introduced a bill to reduce the number of members in the Legislative Assembly to sixty, the boundaries of the electoral districts to be determined in 1903, and in every tenth year hereafter by three commissioners chosen by the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature from among themselves.

Sheriffs' Fees.

Mr. Thompson (Centre Simcoe) introduced a bill reducing the fee payable to sheriffs on certificates of execution against lands to fifty cents for the first execution, and twenty cents for each subsequent execution or certificate of claim, the maximum to be limited as now to \$400.

Mr. Dickenson (South Wentworth) introduced a bill to amend the toll roads appropriation act by providing machinery for arbitrating the values of certain roads in the County of Wentworth, which are continued into the City of Hamilton and County of Halton, these cases not being apparently provided for by the toll roads appropriation act of last session.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:—

To incorporate the Brantford Young Women's Christian Association—Mr. Preston.

Respecting the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Ottawa—Mr. Lumsden.

Respecting the Village of Point Edward—Mr. Pardee.

To incorporate the Morrisburg Electric Railway Company—Mr. Whitney.

The following Government bills passed the committee stage:—To further amend the devolution of estates act, Hon. Mr. Gibson. Respecting expert witnesses, Hon. Mr. Garrow; to amend the land titles act, Hon. Mr. Gibson.

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