

ASSESSMENT BILL AGAIN DELAYED.

**Laid Over for Special Meeting
in Fall.**

LEGISLATURE'S BUSY DAY.

**Morning Sessions Not to Com-
mence Yet.**

**Statute Law Amendments and Muni-
cipal Amendments Considered at
Length.**

The Legislature decided yesterday to suspend for the present their intention of morning sittings, which were to commence to-day. This was due to two causes, in all probability, the fear of running out of work before the Gamey Commission's report came down, and the desire not to interfere with the interesting proceedings now going on in the Public Accounts Committee. The House also approved the recommendation of the special Assessment Committee that the municipal taxation bill stand over until next fall, when the committee will meet specially to deal with it. The report was not passed, however, before Mr. Whitney had made an objection. The statute law amendments, the omnibus bill containing fag ends of Government legislation, was considered at length in committee and explained by Col. Gibson. The Attorney-General also spent much time in carefully explaining the consolidated municipal bill, which contains 129 clauses. Several other Government bills were also put through committee.

Assessment Committee's Report.

Col. Gibson presented the report of the special Committee on Municipal Assessment and Taxation, saying that the committee had decided, in view of the importance of the questions involved, to sit again in the autumn for a week or two, and devote their time entirely to the subject.

Mr. Whitney said that now, after a commission had been appointed and had considered the subject, and a committee had gone over the ground again, the matter was to be put off until the fall, after which no one knew what would happen to the question.

Mr. Pettypiece doubted Mr. Whitney's sincerity in criticizing the postponement, because when the decision to do so was reached in committee in the morning he had not been present. He (Mr. Pettypiece) had wanted to press his own bill (116) to a third reading in the House, and had pressed his wish to a vote. Then was the time for Mr. Whitney to have shown the sincerity.

Should Go Slowly.

Col. Gibson asked whether, when they were considering so great a question as the abolition of personal taxation, they should not be careful not to go too hastily. The question of franchises was a most important one. The