

amendments of the municipal act. The amendments were assented to in committee, and the bill was reported.

Mr. Davis explained the clauses of the municipal amendment act, which is a collection of the provisions decided upon by the Municipal Committee. The first clause provides for county Councils being composed of Reeves of townships and villages and Mayors of towns, in case a majority of municipalities in the county vote by resolution in favor of this method of constituting the county Council. In such Councils, when a question involving the expenditure of over \$1,000 for other than current expenses is being voted upon, it is provided by the bill that the total equalized assessment of the municipalities whose representatives vote shall be the basis of decision.

The discussion drifted to the changes proposed in the election of county Councils, during which Mr. R. A. Thompson (North Wentworth), in his maiden speech in the House, upheld the system now in force, and urged that the change be laid over.

Mr. Whitney protested against the tinkering, piebald, Joseph's-coat system that would follow the optional system. Why not make it uniform all over and tick to it?

Mr. G. Graham was opposed to all the clauses of the bill. It would be far better to leave the present county Council law as it is until they knew better what was wanted.

The Clause Carried.

The principle of clause one was carried after a lengthy debate by a vote of 49 in its favor. The committee then considered the sub-sections, and carried them, after defeating several proposed amendments.

The clause providing for the laying of pavements on the report of the engineer on important streets was amended, at the suggestion of the Attorney-General, so that the city will pay 25 per cent. of the cost in cases where there is a street railway track allowance to be paved. A clause was added at the suggestion of the Premier, making it clearer that municipalities shall have the right, under the roads act, to issue debentures without going to the people.

The bill was reported with amendments.

The House adjourned at 11.25.
