

for public institutions maintenance and repairs, thus disposing of the main estimates.

#### The Lloyd Case.

Mr. Gamey drew attention to some newspaper reports regarding the case of Mr. Lloyd of Newmarket, which, he said, made it appear as though the Crown Attorney was trying to compound a felony.

The Premier said he would cause inquiries to be made, and smilingly decried the giving of too much importance to newspaper reports.

#### The Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:—

Respecting the town of Midland—Mr. Tudhope.

To incorporate the directors of the School Sisters of Notre Dame—Mr. Lackner.

Respecting John T. Thompson, William B. Smith and Howard W. Fairlie—Mr. Jessop.

To authorize James Bovell MacKenzie to practise as a barrister and solicitor—Mr. Lennox.

To incorporate the Western Central Railway Company—Mr. Craig.

To validate tax sales held in the city

of Belleville in the years 1898 and 1902, and to validate the assessment rolls and collectors' rolls for the years 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904.—Mr. Morrison.

Respecting the town of Amherstburg—Mr. Auld.

Respecting the town of Peterboro'—Mr. Bradburn.

#### First Readings.

The following bills were read a first time:—

Mr. Ferguson—To amend the land titles act.

Mr. Lennox—Respecting conveyancing.

## SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES

### INTERESTING VIEWS PRESENTED IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

#### Drastic Legislation Proposed Meets With Opposition by Motorists—Farmers Demand Immediate Action Against Reckless Speeding.

The Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday took up the bills introduced by Messrs. Lennox and Sutherland to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles. The former provides that county, city and town Councils shall have the right to pass by-laws regulating the speed of such vehicles within their municipal bounds, and to prohibit certain vehicles using the roads, and also providing for the plainer numbering of the vehicles. Mr. Sutherland's measure provides that when motorists approach within 100 yards of vehicles drawn by horses they shall stop their vehicles and not proceed until directed to do so by the persons driving the horses. Mr. Sutherland spoke in favor of his own measure, and addresses in favor of immediate legislation of some kind were delivered by Wm. Pettit and E. D. Smith, Winona; A. B. Forin, Niagara; Warden Baird of York county, County Councillor Evans and Mr. Lennox.

All in the strongest manner declared that under the present law it was impossible to secure convictions against motorists guilty of excessive speed. They declared that a number of people seemed to delight in running their motor vehicles at reckless speed as close as possible to vehicles drawn by horses for the express purpose of frightening the animals and the drivers.

Mr. E. B. Ryckman, the first speaker in opposition to the bills, thought the proposed legislation unnecessary. The remedy lay in the enforcement of the present law, but for some reason or another few farmers cared to aid to that end, although most of the motorists were well known.

Hon. Mr. Hanna, Chairman of the committee, thought a good deal of trou-

ble would be avoided if a few reckless motorists were caught and properly punished.

Hon. Mr. Beck asked if the automobilists could not assist in enforcing the law. They had a precedent in the brewers assisting in the enforcement of the license act.

Mr. Ryckman said the motorists were doing their best by warning certain men that their recklessness would not be tolerated, and their fellow-motorists would be the first to aid in putting the law into effect against them.

Mr. Little, the member for Cardwell, spoke warmly in favor of stringent legislation and finally moved in amendment to Mr. Sutherland's bill "that no motor vehicle be permitted to run on public highways except in cities and towns after 7 o'clock in the evening, or before 8 o'clock in the morning." This was not pressed.

Finally a select committee was appointed to deal with the question and ordered to report to the committee on Thursday.

The following bills were passed: Mr. Preston's bill amending the gas and water companies act, so as to give municipalities the right to enter into agreements for the purchase of these utilities on the instalment plan; Mr. Crawford's bill amending the public health act by providing that no person shall keep or store rags or other foul refuse in any building "unless the same are kept or stored in a suitable building approved of by the medical health officer.

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### CONMEE CLAUSES STAND.

#### Will Not be Disturbed by the Legislature for Another Year.

There was a bare quorum present when the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday took up Mr. Downey's bill to amend the municipal act. This measure, in effect, repeals the clauses of the act which were inserted by the Conmee bill. It gives municipalities the power to expropriate gas, electric light or waterworks, or build such for themselves, where the owning companies refuse to arbitrate. Hon. Mr. Hanna suggested that, owing to the lateness of the session, the fact that this was the first time such a measure had been advanced in concrete form, and the further fact that the Government intended to consider this question, the measure might well be left over for another year. This was agreed to, after a brief discussion, in which City Counsel Fullerton, Mr. E. B. Johnston for the Toronto Electric Light Company, and Mr. Downey participated.