

tion, and would be glad of any suggestion upon which action might be based. He asked Dr. Jessop to withdraw the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

Speed of Automobiles.

The greater part of the evening session was occupied with the debate on the automobile bill, in which all the arguments brought up in the Municipal Committee were repeated, and several amendments were introduced and defeated. Messrs. Sutherland, Hoyle and Kidd were the cavalry leaders in the attack upon the motor engineers. The Government in general and Messrs. Hanna and Reaume in particular assisted the transit of the bill. Mr. Sutherland described the risk of searing animals by the appearance of the operators, whose dress made them look like nothing human, while the smell caused him to wonder that any man of taste could sit in a machine subject to it. Mr. Dunlop inquired if the object of the bill could not be accomplished by dehorning, and Dr. Nesbitt thought the bucolic joker and the fool autoist were responsible for the greater part of the trouble. The motor people had a severe scare over the bill and were now convinced of the intentions of the House.

The bill passed committee and was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced the statutory law amendment bill, which embodies the amendments of the session.

The Premier moved that full indemnity be paid to each member of the House for the present session. The motion carried.

The Premier, in moving the adjournment of the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m., said they had been kept hour after hour and day after day by apparently the willful default of the printer. They might have closed at 6 o'clock if half the pledges given by him had been kept. The delay had prevented them launching the two great bills of the session, the municipal bill and the statutory law amendment bill.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:—

Respecting the town of Port Arthur—Mr. Kennedy.

To amend the act respecting brewers and distillers' and other licenses—Mr. Hanna.

To amend the act respecting the Executive Council—Mr. Whitney.

To incorporate the University residence trustees—Mr. Whitney.

Respecting Trinity Church, Cornwall—Mr. McMillan.

To enable the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario to admit Horatio C. Crease as a licentiate of dental surgery and to authorize him to practise dentistry—Mr. Thompson (Simcoe).

Respecting the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Railway—Mr. Bowyer.

To amend the act to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles on highways—Mr. Sutherland.

To further amend the pharmacy act—Mr. Clark (Bruce).

Respecting the London, Aylmer & North Shore Electric Railway Company—Mr. Brower.

For the Military Burying Ground.

The supplementary estimates include an item of \$600 toward the cost of a granite bust of a soldier in the uniform of 1812, which is to go on the pedestal erected, chiefly through the efforts of the Army and Navy Veterans, on the old military burial ground. The work is being done by Mr. Allward, the well-known sculptor.

The Automobile Bill.

The Municipal Committee yesterday amended the new automobile bill by making the highways act apply in regard to drivers of vehicles giving the usual half the road to motor vehicles when the latter are passing them. Mr. Gamey's measure establishing revision courts in unorganized districts on the basis of those in older Ontario was passed, as was also Mr. Gallagher's bill defining the meaning of the word "bridge." The committee, which concluded its work for the session, passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hanna.

Cigarmakers Complain.

A deputation of cigarmakers waited on the Provincial Secretary, claiming

that the unstable tenure of licenses indirectly injured their business by compelling manufacturers to reduce their credit to hotelkeepers. They were promised the usual consideration.

Private Bills Committee.

The Private Bills Committee yesterday morning struck out the clause in the Industrial Exhibition bill giving the directors power to make amusement contracts, with retroactive effect. On Thursday morning Dr. Orr, the Exhibition Manager, stated to the Private Bills Committee that there was no objection to the bill, and it was passed in committee. By accident late on Thursday afternoon Mr. Grayson Smith of Watson, Smoke & Smith, Mr. Houston's solicitors, noticed the bill and conferred at once with Mr. Carscallen, M. P. P., Chairman of the committee, who ordered the bill to be reconsidered yesterday morning. Mr. Houston pointed out that its effect was to deprive him of a right in an action of law, in other words, his rights as a citizen, and was a manifest injustice and a piece of sharp practice which any public body should be ashamed of committing. The village of Grimsby was permitted to grant a bonus to the Walker Steel Range Company. The town of Perth bill of a similar nature was recommitted.

ARBITRATION FOR BENVENUTO.

Avenue Road Annexation Reconsidered and Affirmed.

The city of Toronto bill was the first matter before the Private Bills Committee yesterday. The Provincial Secretary made an explanation of the misunderstanding by which the clause ratifying the proclamation annexing the Avenue road district had been struck out at the previous session. It was practically a mistake of his own, and he wished to have the matter reopened.

He said now that the clause must pass, and he thought no possible exception could be taken to it. It had been inserted year in and year out on similar occasions in the past, and had been submitted by the previous Government, and accepted by the same parties who now opposed it. If he spoke emphatically he had no doubt of his intention. Never once had the objection been raised that the assessment of Mr. Mackenzie's property was too high, but on looking into the matter he thought the assessment was high, and that matter could be considered.

The clause was reconsidered and adopted. Provision is made for an arbitration of the assessment on Mr. Mackenzie's property, the arbitrators to be Mr. R. J. Fleming, J. Forman, Assessment Commissioner, and a third to be appointed by them, or in the event of their disagreement, by the Provincial Secretary.

The Industrial Exhibition bill brought President McNaught before the committee. He explained that the reorganization of the management and internal economy of the Exhibition was the object of the bill, and it was reported without comment.

The agreement between Fort William and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company was modified by a reduction of the term of exemption from taxation to fifteen years from thirty years, the railway company consenting.

When every other difficulty had been settled in the gravel road dispute between St. Thomas and the county of Elgin, and arbitration had been agreed upon, it was discovered that the county would not necessarily be bound to accept the result. It was almost with consternation that the committee received this intimation after the many hours which have been spent on the consideration of the question. A clause was at once inserted binding the county to the issue.

Several other bills were reported.