

LEGISLATURE'S WORK IS ENDED.

**Prorogation Will Take Place on
Thursday.**

MANY THIRD READINGS.

**Closing Session Largely De-
voted to Routine.**

**The Expected Discussions Did Not Ma-
terialize — Clause Giving Toronto
Power to Purchase a Ferry System
Withdrawn — No Radial Railway
Legislation.**

The Legislature concluded its business at 6.30 yesterday evening, having met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Prorogation takes place on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The disposal of the business on the order paper at the hour named was somewhat unexpected, it having been anticipated that the sitting would continue until late last night. During the afternoon the clause in the municipal act authorizing the city of Toronto to raise \$500,000 for the purchase of a ferry system was withdrawn, it having developed that the Toronto Ferry Company had not received any notice of the bill previous to its coming before the committee. The various Government measures, including the university bill and succession duties amendments, were passed after very brief discussion. The report that a new bill giving the Toronto & York Radial Railway many of the powers they asked in the bill recently killed in committee would be introduced as a Government measure and rushed through proved, as was to be expected after the Premier's recent references to the measure, foundationless. Representatives of the committee saw the Premier for a few minutes in the morning, but did not ask for any such action as rumor ascribed to them.

Made a Good Start.

The session commenced shortly after 2 o'clock, and in a few minutes the following bills were read a third time:—
To amend the act respecting circuses and travelling shows—Hon. Mr. Matheson.
Respecting the town of Port Arthur—Mr. Kennedy.
To incorporate the London, Chatham & Western Railway Company—Mr. Bowyer.
Respecting the city of London—Mr. Beck.
Respecting the town of Whitby—Mr. Calder.
Respecting the town of Goderich—Mr. Cameron.
To incorporate the Perth & Huron Radial Railway Company—Mr. Torrance.
Respecting the Pacific & Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Preston (Lanark).
Respecting the New Ontario Railway Company—Mr. Fox.
Respecting the Hospital and Home for the Friendless in Belleville—Mr. Morrison.
To authorize John K. Hamilton to practise as a veterinary surgeon—Mr. Lewis.
To confirm and validate a by-law of the trustees of the Roman Catholic sep-

arate schools for the town of Wallaceburg—Mr. Thompson (Simcoe).

Respecting the Young Men's Christian Association of Orillia—Mr. Tudhope.

To confirm by-law No. 490 of the town of Durham and a certain agreement entered into between the said town and the Durham Furniture Company, Limited—Mr. Jamieson.

Respecting the town of Sturgeon Falls—Mr. Aubin.

Respecting the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham and the maintenance of county bridges therein—Mr. Preston (Durham).

Respecting the town of Southampton—Mr. Bowman.

Respecting the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society—Mr. Pense.

Amending the volunteer land grants act—Hon. Mr. Foy.

The University Bill.

Respecting the University of Toronto—The Premier. The clause of this bill empowering the city of Toronto to pass by-laws issuing debentures to the amount of \$200,000 to aid in purchasing a site for the new General Hospital was amended to make the debentures payable within forty years after their issue.

Cannot Buy Ferry System Yet.

In committee on Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the city of Toronto, the clause giving the right to raise \$500,000 for the purchase of a ferry system was withdrawn, as it developed that the Toronto Ferry Company, through some oversight, had not been notified of the city's intention to apply for the legislation, and was therefore not represented when the question was discussed in the Private Bills Committee.

The bill as amended was afterwards read a third time, as were also the following:—

To amend the act to incorporate the Ottawa River Railway Company—Mr. Preston (Lanark).

Respecting the city of Windsor—Mr. Bowyer.

Respecting the Windsor & Tecumseh Electric Railway Company—Mr. Bowyer.

To incorporate the Hamilton, Guelph & North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton).

Confirming the agreement between the Niagara Falls Park Commission and W. H. Mackenzie et al., dated Jan. 29, 1903, and the assignment thereof to the Electrical Development Company of Ontario, dated March 21, 1903—Hon. Mr. Foy.

To amend the act incorporating the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto—Mr. Crawford.

To confirm certain by-laws and agreements of the city of Chatham, the township of Dover and the township of Chatham—Mr. McCoig.

Respecting the city of Toronto—Mr. Crawford.

To confirm by-law No. 677 of the county of Elgin—Mr. Brower.

Respecting certain aid by the corporation of the town of Fort William to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Smellie.

To confirm by-law No. 11 of the corporation of the township of Stamford—Mr. Fraser.

To confirm certain agreements between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the city of Brantford, and to confirm certain municipal by-laws relating thereto, and to confirm a certain by-law relating to the sewerage system of the city of Brantford—Mr. Preston (Brant).

Respecting the estate of the late William Henry Davis—Mr. Kerr.

To confirm by-law No. 201 of the village of Grimsby and an agreement with the Walker Steel Range Company—Mr. Jessop.

Respecting the Canada Central Railway Company—Mr. Gamey.

To incorporate the Niagara, Dunnville & Erie Electric Railway Company—Mr. Harcourt.

Respecting the St. Catharines, Pelham & Welland Electric Railway Company—Mr. Jessop.

Hon. Mr. Monteith's bill to amend the municipal act by reverting to the system of electing County Councils from

the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the various townships was withdrawn. This measure is to be reintroduced next session.

These bills also received their third reading:—

To amend the succession duties act—Mr. Matheson.

The municipal amendment act, 1905—Mr. Hanna.

To amend an act passed in the 63rd year of her late Majesty's reign, chaptered 30, and entitled "An act respecting aid by land grant to the Algoma Central Railway Company"—Mr. Foy.

The statute law amendment act, 1905—Mr. Whitney.

To amend the act respecting conveyances to trustees for burial grounds—Mr. Jessop.

To amend the loan corporations act—Mr. Gamey.

To amend the public parks act—Mr. Preston (Brant).

To amend the act respecting boards of education in certain cities—Mr. Nesbitt.

To amend the public health act—Mr. Crawford.

To amend the act respecting gas and water companies—Mr. Preston (Brant).

To amend the assessment act—Mr. Thompson (Simcoe).

To amend the act respecting the establishment of municipal institutions in territorial districts—Mr. Gamey.

To amend the act to provide for the incorporation of towns in territorial districts—Mr. La Marche.

The Trinity Church (Toronto) bill was withdrawn.

Evading Succession Duties.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt thought the Provincial Treasurer was making trouble for himself by changes made in the succession duties act.

A revenue easy of collection was required, and one not easy of evasion. The section providing for debt or incumbrance opened the door for such evasion, and would be made use of. He hoped it was not too late to consider whether he had not made a false step. The other amendments were largely taken from the English acts, but in minor matters only, whereas in the fundamental matter the Government had departed from the English practice. He liked the graded feature.

The bill was passed.

City Dairy Stables.

The clause in the municipal amendment act giving the city power to prohibit the erection of stables in residential districts involves the City Dairy Company, who desire to erect a stable for one hundred horses near Spadina avenue. Mr. Preston (Brant) did not contemplate any injury to existing interests, but thought stables should be subject to city control. Dr. Nesbitt thought the City Dairy had had fair warning. The city had refused to issue a permit, and they were aware of the intention of the bill. He moved in amendment that apartment houses be included with stables in the control of the city.

Hon. Mr. Ross thought it unwise to hamper an industry with an investment of \$175,000 like the City Dairy.

Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton) favored the right of municipalities to make regulations regarding the location of livery stables in residential districts.

The Premier opposed the amendment regarding apartment houses. If these would reduce rents, the more of them the better. Mr. Graham agreed with the Premier's views.

The amendment was lost.

Annexation Clause Carried.

Mr. Crawford moved in amendment to the clause giving the Lieutenant-Governor in Council power to fix the terms of annexation of outlying districts to cities or towns, with or without the approval of the latter, that annexation be made subject to the consent of the cities or towns. Hon. Mr. Hanna opposed the amendment, which was defeated, and the clause was adopted.

The Premier, replying to Mr. McDougall, said he had not the facts at hand regarding the manner in which the services of Mr. John Whitten, formerly bailiff of the Division Court at Ottawa, were dispensed with. He would supply the hon. gentleman with the informa-