

WOULD BAR DRINKS AT OTHERS' COST.

Mr. McNaught Introduces Anti-treating Bill.

RAILWAY FIRE RANGERS.

New Roads to Pay Cost of Forest Protection.

University and Hydro-Electric Power Commission Reports to be Hastened — Mr. Crawford's High School Bill Stands Over — Ministers Answer Many Questions.

Besides the answering of a number of questions, the introduction of the Government bill to place the cost of fire-ranging upon railroads running through forest lands was the only item of note in the business of yesterday's session of the Legislature. Mr. Crawford's high school bill was allowed to stand. Mr. McNaught, the new member for North Toronto, has already distinguished himself by giving notice of a bill to prohibit the custom of treating. Mr. McNaught told a Globe reporter that he was not familiar with the terms of the bill, which was on the lines of a suggestion debated recently before the Yacht Club. Many influential men were behind it, and he had consented to introduce it merely as an educational measure. It might appear to be in advance of the age, but Mr. McNaught believed it was a good thing to get people to think about it. The more discussion and ventilation it received the better. The only way, he thought, to make people temperate was to educate them, as they could not be forced. The bill was being revised by another member of the House, and Mr. McNaught preferred to wait until it was brought in before saying anything more about it.

To Preserve Forests.

The second Government measure of the session was introduced by Hon. Mr. Cochrane. It is an act to amend the act to preserve forests from destruction by fire, and was outlined in The Globe of Thursday. In full the amendment is as follows:—During the construction of any railway passing through any of the public forests, whether under timber license or not, the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines may appoint as many fire-rangers as he may see fit, whose duty it shall be to enforce the provisions and requirements of the act along and adjacent to the line of construction of such railway, and the expenses incident to and connected with such fire-ranging shall be a debt due to the Crown from the railway company concerned, payable upon demand of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and may be recovered at the suit of the Crown in any court of competent jurisdiction.

High Schools Interested.

Mr. Crawford moved the second reading of his bill to amend the high schools act, which now gives permission to pupils residing outside the municipal boundaries to attend on payment of 80 per cent. of the cost.

Mr. Harcourt asked that it be allowed

to stand over. It was a most disturbing measure and had been debated over and over again. At least a dozen counties were interested in it, and in his morning's mail he had two letters asking for information on the subject. He suggested that the Minister of Education see to it that copies of the bill be sent to every high school board in the Province. He submitted that his request for delay was reasonable.

Mr. Crawford said he would prefer if the House could see fit to let the bill go to committee.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said there were several bills all on the very same question. He thought it would be well at the present time to let it stand. This was agreed to.

North Grey Four Years Ago.

In reply to Mr. Gamey, the Premier stated that a verbal report had been made by Mr. Aemilius Irving on his mission to North Grey in 1902. Pursuing the question, Mr. Gamey wanted to know if a report could be made to the House. Mr. Whitney thought it would require a person with stronger confidence in his own powers than he himself possessed to do so, but an endeavor might be made.

After the adjournment Mr. Gamey informed a Globe reporter that he intended to move to have the person who received the verbal report called before the bar of the House.

The Daily Catechism.

Mr. Preston inquired whether representations had been made to the Provincial by the Dominion Government as to possible injury to Niagara Falls, and if international action had been suggested from Ottawa. The Premier replied in the negative, but stated that if the matter be brought to their attention by the Government of Canada it will be carefully considered by the Ontario Government.

In the absence of Mr. May, Mr. Preston (Brant) asked as to complaints made against the license authorities at Ottawa, and was told by Hon. Mr. Hanna there were none, but complaints did reach the department that the law was being violated in Ottawa. The visit of the special officer of the department was a result of the complaints, and the department sent a special officer to assist in the enforcement of the law.

In the absence of Mr. McDougall, Mr. Preston's (Brant) inquiry as to the proposed insurance investigation was answered by the Premier. The Government had no knowledge except from the newspapers that a commission will be appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate insurance, and therefore he could give no answer. At present it was impossible to say whether the Government would take independent action in that direction.

Mr. Preston (Brant), for Mr. McDougall, was told that the Government has conveyed to the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission the minerals under the right of way of the road.

Mr. Pense, in the absence of Mr. McDougall, was informed by Hon. Mr. Cochrane that Mr. L. Loughrin had been Chief Fire Ranger in Temagami Park. He was engaged by the season, his employment not being in any sense permanent. He was not employed last year. There had been no investigation, as there was nothing to investigate. Mr. H. W. Evans was appointed for last season, but at present no person is filling the position, as the appointments are not made until the fire-ranging season commences. Mr. Evans had served on the fire-ranging staff under Mr. Loughrin, had served as explorer under the Bureau of Mines, and was a capable canoe man and bushman.

Mr. Pense, in the absence of Mr. McDougall, was also told by Hon. Mr. Cochrane that no timber license had been granted to Finlay Watts of North Renfrew, but some pine timber on the old town plot of Rolph was sold to him. It was estimated by two Government rangers at 250,000 feet board measure, and the price to be paid was \$3.25 per M feet for whatever quantity might be cut. This was done by authority of