

**They Will Receive Large Amount Under New Bill.**

**THE EDUCATION MEASURES**

**Two of Them Will be Brought Down Next Week.**

**Mr. Preston Presents Petition From Brantford Regarding the Bell Memorial—Budget Speech to be Delivered This Afternoon — Penalty Clauses of New Railway Act.**

Several public bills were dealt with during yesterday's session of the Legislature, some being read a second time and others withdrawn. Hon. Mr. Pyne, replying to Hon. Mr. Ross, said the new education act and the act making changes in the Department of Education would, he hoped, be introduced early next week. The latter will, it is understood, include provision for the advisory educational Council, on which it is expected all classes of the teaching profession will be represented, and for the office of Superintendent of Education, a new position. The former will deal with general reform in education, particularly in respect to the public schools.

Hon. Mr. Matheson delivers the budget speech this afternoon. He will be followed for the Opposition by Mr. Harcourt.

**Cities Profit by License Bill.**

Mr. Crawford withdrew his bill to amend the license act on the assurance of the Provincial Secretary that the principle involved of giving cities more of the liquor license revenue would be fairly met by the Government bill to be brought down to-day.

Mr. Gamey moved the second reading of his bill to amend the assessment act, with the object of having the stocks of retail merchants assessed at their full value.

Hon. Mr. Hanna said the bill proposed to undo what had been done in the assessment act of 1904 after long discussion. The system adopted, while not perfect, had received approval in many quarters. If the bill went to committee with the idea that it might come back to the House it would be better to withdraw it at once.

Mr. Graham agreed that it would be dangerous to take any steps to undo the act.

Mr. Clark (Centre Bruce) thought some change should be made to place the retail merchants in a better position.

Premier Whitney always understood it to be inadvisable to interfere with complex legislation till its bearing was clearly seen. The committees in charge of the bill thought they had arrived at a system of relative proportion, and if one of these important points was changed every other business interest under the act would want to be changed correspondingly.

Hon. Mr. Ross—Hear, hear.

Mr. Gamey supposed from the attitude of the Government that the bill was going to be slaughtered. He was glad it met with considerable approval, especially from Mr. Clark. Under the act the man with a \$200 candy store has often to pay as much taxes as the man making \$12,000 or \$15,000. The man with a big stock should pay a fair proportion of taxes. He withdrew the

bill, promising to be heard from again next year.

Second readings were given Mr. Craig's two bills to amend the assessment act; Mr. Gamey's bill to amend the election act; Mr. McGarry's bills to amend the Ontario election act and to amend the manhood suffrage act.

Mr. Preston's (Brant) bill to give municipalities the power to buy fire appliances by the issue of short-term debentures, or on the installment plan, without submitting by-laws to the people, also obtained its second reading, and went on to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Bradburn's bill to amend the municipal act was another measure read a second time.

In reply to Mr. Jessop, Hon. Mr. Foy stated that Ransom Gorings had been caretaker of the Brock monument at Queenston previous to May, 1905. Since then James McGeachie has been caretaker. In 1895 the admission fees taken amounted to \$308; in 1896, \$175; in 1903, \$369; 1904, \$387; 1905, under Mr. McGeachie, \$803.

**Bills Read a First Time.**

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

To amend the high schools act—Mr. Neely. This proposes to regulate the attendance at high schools of pupils from adjacent counties and to fix the amount payable for such attendance.

To amend the act respecting the provisional county of Haliburton—Mr. Carnegie. This gives municipalities in Haliburton authority to pass by-laws allowing cattle to run at large. Persons desiring to recover "for any damages must show that their lands are protected by fences as legally defined."

Respecting cemetery companies—Mr. McCowan. Among other things this measure provides that the Secretary of cemetery companies must furnish a written statement at the annual meeting of all disbursements and receipts, including salaries, under penalty. There is also a provision defining conditions under which cemeteries within one mile of a city containing 100,000 population or over may be enlarged. These include the passing of a by-law by the municipality.

To amend the municipal act—Mr. Jamieson. This measure aims to place cement and concrete buildings on the same footing as those of brick and stone where buildings of specified material only are allowed within the fire limits.

**The Bell Memorial.**

Mr. Preston (Brant) presented the petition of the Bell Memorial Association, seeking incorporation. The object of the association is to secure the erection of a suitable memorial at Brantford to Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. The patrons are the Prince of Wales, the Governor-General, the Earl of Stamford, Governor of the New England Company, Lieut.-Colonel Clark, Hon. J. P. Whitney, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Sir T. G. Shaughnessy and Lord Strathcona. The association seeks powers to recover from subscribers who may be in default, and to give power to municipalities, as in the case of the Brant monument, to subscribe to the memorial without seeking the consent of the ratepayers.

**Notices of Motion.**

Mr. Graham will move for an order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Chairman of the Board of License Commissioners of Brockville, the license inspector, or any citizen of the town of Brockville, and the Government, or any member thereof, or the license department, in reference to the enforcement or non-enforcement of the liquor license act, or to the granting or withholding of licenses to the Imperial Hotel or to Samuel Johnston.

In connection with the Government railway bills Hon. Mr. Hendrie will today give notice of motion that the House go into Committee of the Whole on Thursday to consider as a series of resolutions the penalty clauses of the new railway act, and the salary and fee clauses of the Railway and Municipal Board act.