

quest of the Premier, but had then declared he would reintroduce it. Mr. Smith demanded a division, which resulted in nine votes being given for the second reading and sixty-six against it. Those voting yea were Messrs. Smith, Auld, Hislop, Thompson (North Westworth), Currie, McMillan, Racine, McCoig and McDougall.

#### Kingston and the Nurses.

When Mr. Crawford moved in committee consideration of the bill respecting the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario Dr. Willoughby moved that it be referred back to the committee. He had received from the Governors of the Kingston Hospital a circular letter asking that opportunity be given for its reconsideration.

Mr. Crawford was surprised to find the hon. gentleman, who, as Chairman of the special committee, was enthusiastic in its support, turning so complete a somersault. Referring the bill back to committee at this time of the session meant that it would not come back to the House until next year. Mr. Crawford insisted that the measure be considered now. He would insist that the House express itself on the proposal that it go back to the committee, because, he reiterated, that meant killing it for a year.

Dr. Jessop had a communication from the Hospital Association, which in effect requested the delay of the bill for a year.

Mr. Gamey had the opinion that the action proposed practically meant the throwing out of the bill. Dr. Jessop was fair enough to say what he meant. The Chairman of the special committee (Hon. Dr. Willoughby) was taking steps to kill the bill.

Hon. Dr. Willoughby—No, no.

Mr. Gamey declared that when the bill was referred to a special committee no such spectacle was expected as the present. If there were any amendment it should be brought forward, but he objected to any kind of a game that would put it over for a year.

#### Bill Should Go On.

Premier Whitney said the bill would certainly go on if considered in committee. It had passed the second reading, and he could hardly understand any member on either side of the House desiring to delay it. Certain parties desired to be heard, and it was reasonable to hear them.

Messrs. Hoyle, Preston (Brant), McGarry and Beck knew of several bodies wishing to be heard.

Hon. Mr. Ross would have it reconsidered. He was in favor of it, but not of a close corporation. It was reasonable that every care should be taken to protect the public.

Hon. the Speaker, with consent of the committee, submitted that the objections to the bill came from bodies that did not understand it. The memorial read by the Chairman of the special committee was an absolute misstatement. The bill had nothing to do with hospitals. He explained the terms of the bill, which did not go as far as in the case of the stenographers, architects, etc.

The committee reported progress.

#### Earthquake at San Francisco.

Premier Whitney thought it would be fitting to place on record the feeling of the House respecting the terrible and lamentable visitation which had overtaken the people of San Francisco. No words could express the desolation of the catastrophe, and he would not attempt it. He hoped his hon. friend would second the resolution which he proposed.

Hon. Mr. Ross most heartily concurred in the resolution, which was as follows:—

"That the warm and earnest sympathy of this House be tendered to the people of San Francisco and other localities in California in the terrible visitation which they have suffered; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of this House to the Mayor of San Francisco."

#### House in Committee.

In committee Hon. Mr. Cochrane's resolutions respecting mines and mining

were carried and concurred in in the House in connection with his bill respecting mines. Hon. Mr. Foy's bill to amend the County Court act was also reported. Hon. Mr. Beck's local municipal telephone bill was referred back to committee, and a clause added enabling municipalities to absorb small companies with their consent.

#### Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:—

Respecting the town of Galt, 1906—Mr. Pattinson.

Respecting the Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Company, Limited—Mr. Crawford.

#### Nurses' Bill Held Over.

At the evening session the House resumed discussion on the nurses bill.

Mr. Crawford said all the hospitals had been furnished with copies of the bill as soon as it was printed, and the plea on their part for a chance to consider the measure was simply an excuse to kill it.

Mr. Hoyle expressed the opinion that he had never been on a special committee where there was less chance to discuss a measure dispassionately than on the committee which dealt with this bill. This was owing to the hypnotic influences surrounding the meetings (Mr. Hoyle's allusion was the attendance at the meetings of large numbers of nurses and their lady friends).

Mr. Harcourt accepted the explanation of the Premier and Hon. Dr. Willoughby that the proposal to refer the bill back to committee was not made with the intention of killing it. He thought it should go back to the committee.

The Premier emphatically stated that the intention of the Government was that the bill should pass, unless a majority of the House voted against it. There was no reason why it should not be held over until Monday or Tuesday next, by which time those who had objections could make them known, and it could be decided whether it should go back to the special committee or be read a third time. The Government was not committed on the measure one way or the other.

Mr. Preston (Brant) thought if the objections were known they could go on with an intelligent discussion of the bill. He had tried to find out from the committee what course had been taken in regard to a somewhat similar act before the British House of Commons, in which a uniform standard of efficiency had been proposed, but had not succeeded. It would be a good thing to have that information.

Finally, on suggestion of Mr. Harcourt, the first clause of the bill, naming the association, was passed as a guarantee that the bill was not to be sent back to the special committee to be killed.

Several bills were advanced in committee and the House adjourned shortly after 9.

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