

# THREE YEARS FOR LOCAL OPTION.

Present Period Not to be  
Changed by New Act.

## THE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE.

Opposition Members Enter a  
Strong Objection.

Government to Take Power to Issue  
Wholesale Licenses, and Are Pledged  
Not to Issue Them in Local Option  
Districts—The Prospectus Bill.

The Legislature, in Committee of the Whole, yesterday afternoon took up the license bill, and after the consideration of the greater number of the clauses and making some amendments reported it. The Government will issue wholesale licenses, this power being taken to insure that none shall be issued in local option districts. The term before a new vote can be taken on local option was settled at three years. A smart debate occurred over the three-fifths clause, which stands.

### The Prospectus Bill.

On the third reading of Mr. Hoyle's bill respecting prospectuses Mr. MacKay renewed his suggestion that the clause by which all stock sales shall be deemed to be induced by the prospectus of the company should be amended by adding the words "as against the company." Hon. Mr. Hanna intimated that this had been adopted. Another point brought up by Mr. MacKay was that no subscription for stock induced or obtained by verbal representation should be binding unless the purchaser should first have received a copy of the prospectus. Consideration of this was adjourned.

Hon. Dr. Pyne's bill authorizing certain payments under the public libraries act was read a third time.

On motion of the Premier it was decided that the House should on Tuesday next consider in committee the resolutions necessitated by the university bill.

### More Amendments to License Act.

On the House going into committee on the new license act the following amendments were announced by Hon. Mr. Hanna, among a number of others of minor importance:—

The Government take the power to issue wholesale liquor licenses. As they have pledged themselves not to issue such licenses in local option districts the clause is intended to insure the fulfillment of this pledge.

The duration of the local option by-law will be three years, as at present, before which no new vote can be taken.

The provisions for determining population for the purposes of the act will not go into force until January 1, 1907, so that they will not affect this year's licenses.

In case of emergency a licensee shall have power to engage temporary male help, not licensed or otherwise specified in the act, but not for more than two days in each month.

A sub-clause was added providing that where licensees had been notified not to sell liquor to certain persons, such persons, if they loitered on hotel premises and attempted to get liquor after being warned away, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$10.