SATURDAY, MAY 5,

# SOLDIERS TO RIDIES TO PETEWAWA.

Bill Introduced to Permit Grand Trunk Spur Line.

## SESSION DRAWS TO CLOSE.

Many Third Readings in Legislature Yesterday.

Mr. MacKay's Slander and Libel Bill Becomes Law-Debate on the Dairy Inspection Bill - Vice-President of Eastern Dairymen's Association Endorses Measure - Ontario District Judges' Allewance.

A considerable amount of routine business was transacted in the short session of the Legislature yesterday afternoon, sixteen bills being read a third time and a number of others advanced a stage, while two were withdrawn. amendment to the statute law amendment act will give the district Judges in new Ontario \$500 a year in lieu of surrogate and other fees, which are to The amendment go to the Province. does not affect the Judges in the older portions of Ontario.

### Railway to Petewawa.

Mr. Dunlop secured the suspension of the rules so as to introduce a private bill respecting the Pembroke Southern Railway Company, although the time for such introduction had long expired. This is to give the railway a charter to build from Pembroke to Petawawa, where the new Dominion military camp will be, a distance of fourteen miles.

Premier Whitney said he had notice a week or two ago from the Grand Trunk Bailway asking the charter to be passed. He communicated with them and asked that the C. P. R., whose road would be paralleled, and the two municipalities through which the line is to pass, be This had been done, and adnotified. vertisements also inserted in the newspapers. Under ordinary circumstances the request would have been out of all question, but as it was a Dominion matter, and the convenience of the citizen soldiery was concerned, all the troops and munitions of war having to be transhipped, he had less hesitation in the matter. He had also a telegram from the solicitor of the C. P. R. stating that that company had no objection to the bill.

Mr. Harcourt said there were precedents for doing what it was proposed the House should do. It was apparent that the public interests would be served by the proposed railway; therefore, there could be no objection to waive the usual procedure and allow the introduction of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Matheson introduced a bill to confirm the agreement between the Government and the Canadian provement Company for the continuation for six months of the guarantee of \$1, 000,000 of the Soo loan. The bill was read a first and second time.

## Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time:-

Respecting agricultural societies-Mr. Monteith.

Respecting horticultural societies-Mr. Monteith.

To amend the act for the education and instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind-Mr. Pyne.

River-Mr. Smyth.

To amend the toil roads expropriation act, 1901-Mr. Brower.

Respecting the town of Midland-Mr. Tudhope. Respecting the Western University and

College-Mr. Hodgins. To incorporate the town of Blind

Respecting the township of Oliver-Mr. Smellie.

To amend the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway act-Mr. Reaume. To amend the supplementary revenue

act. 1899-Mr. Matheson. To amend the act respecting the Agricultural College-Mr. Monteith.

For the suppression of foul brood among bees-Mr. Monteith.

To amend the municipal light and heat

act-Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton). To amend the Ontario election act-

Respecting trustees of certain burying grounds-Mr. Clark (Bruce).

To amend the act respecting actions of libel and slander-Mr. Mackay.

#### Two Withdrawals.

Mr. Duff.

Mr. Craig withdrew his bill to amend the public schools act, which provided for the dental inspection of children, on the understanding that the Minister of Education would arrange for the matter by regulation.

Mr. Lennox withdrew his bill to amend the County Courts act. It will come up next year again.

#### Farmers' Woodlots.

Mr. Downey's bill to amend the municipal waterworks act was reported; also his bill providing for the exemption of woodlands from taxation. With respect to the latter he said the principle of the bill was advocated by Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester of the United States, and many other authorities.

Premier Whitney balked somewhat at the measure, which he thought too farreaching. He was entirely opposed to the option given municipalities, especially in a matter of assessment for reasons which were obvious, but there was not likely to be much harm done for a year. "Nothing more disastrous could be imagined than that any municipality

should take advantage of it," he said in consenting to pass the bill, which might result, he thought, in the formulation of further legislation.

# Dairy Sanitary Inspection.

Hon. Mr. Monteith's bill to amend the act to prevent fraud in the manufacture of cheese and butter was reported.

Mr. Dargavel, who is Vice-President of the Eastern Dairymen's Association, endorsed the measure which aimed to improve the quality of the output of Canadian cheese. Canadians got one and a half cents a pound less than the English price for their cheese, as the price was regulated by the average quality. No matter how good cheese might be it was put down for sale at the average rate. The factories were therefore mutually interested in trying to raise the average quality. The low prices due to inferior quality were the result of want of cleanliness in factories, and by the farmers in the care of the milk. The Government had been asked to appoint sanitary inspectors to make the factories clean up, and to visit the farmers for the same purpose.

Mr. Ferguson thought the bill emin-

ently in the right direction.

Mr. McMillan believed there was only one way to remove the insanitary conditions due to throwing out the whey around the factories and allowing it to rot and stagnate about the premises. This was to install the new machines by way of experiment, which indicate the amount of whey each farmer is entitled to remove from the milk he brings and compel him to take it away.

Mr. Harcourt, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Ross, hoped that the Government would hold over the consideration of the bill respecting County Councils, the bill respecting mines, the bill respecting the Education Department, the university act, 1906, and the bill to amend the public schools act, until Tuesday, when there would be a full House. There might or might not be a division on these measures, and there would be very little dis-

cussion.

Premier Whitney acquiesced, and moved the adjournment of the House at 4.55.

Mr. Carscallen, who was acting as Speaker, then declared the House adjourned till Monday, the members applauding the representative for Hamilton.