

No Distinction Against Lumbermen.

Messrs. Mahaffy, Smyth and Gamey opposed the clause, which included men employed in lumber camps among those prohibited from carrying firearms with-

out a special license, and the former moved an amendment to that effect. Messrs. Eilber and Tudhope favored it, on the ground that many of these men shot deer and other game out of season. Mr. Graham suggested that great care should be taken in framing legislation, so that in its enforcement it would have the co-operation of the people. There was a danger of making some of the people think they were being specially legislated against. The amendment carried.

The Game Fish.

Mr. Dargavel spoke of the manner in which the sporting fish of the Province were being depleted. He was of opinion that in respect to black bass, for instance, there should be a limit of six fish to each fisherman, or to each rod in the party, and the number of rods should be limited, too.

Hon. Mr. Hendrie asked if it was known that any lake or stream in Canada had been fished out by rod fishing. The dumping of refuse from saw-mills and other establishments into lakes and streams, netting and fishing out of season, were chiefly responsible for the depletion of game fish in some sections.

Competent Overseers Wanted.

Mr. Graham was not impressed with the provisions for overseeing included in the bill. The policy for some years had been wrong, and he wanted to know if the Government proposed to adhere to it. The law could not be enforced by hiring a number of young fellows at \$50 each. They simply regarded it as a sort of honorarium for party services, and the work was not looked after. The Opposition leader also referred to an organization known as the St. Lawrence River Anglers' Association, an international club operating in the Thousand Island district. This club was composed of American and Canadian gentlemen, who enjoyed an agreement with the Dominion Government. He asked what the status of the United States hunters and fishers would be when their privileges conflicted with the Ontario law. Reverting to the question of overseeing, he thought the enforcement of the game laws of greater consequence than any revenue which the Province hoped to derive. He advocated competent overseers, paid sufficiently well to devote their whole time to the work. What was the

policy of the Government on this question?

Would Improve the System.

Hon. Dr. Reaume said it was the policy of the Government to endeavor to improve the system of protection. They could not do away altogether with local men to issue licenses, etc., in the various districts. They proposed to have a game warden over each district, and men from headquarters would see that the wardens did not neglect their duties. With reference to the International Game Club, he found that there was an agreement between the Dominion Government and the State of New York, and the Yankees seemed to have all the best of the arrangement. Subsequent to that arrangement the Fisheries Department was established in Ontario, and the agreement had ever since been respected. After the present Government came into power they undertook to correct the agreement as to fishing privileges, but again the agreement had been resorted to as a defence, and no steps had since been taken to repudiate it. He had a great deal of doubt whether they would permit the club to keep it up much longer.

Some Must Have Licenses.

The provision that persons not British subjects and persons not residing or domiciled in Ontario shall not hunt or take game or carry or use a rifle in the Province without the authority of a license caused some discussion. Mr. Graham thought the provision a hardship against persons who had lived in the Province a long time but had not formally become British subjects. Hon. Dr. Reaume accepted a suggested amendment whereby the clause will not apply to persons who have been resident in Ontario twenty years. On Hon. Mr. Hendrie's suggestion the clause was further amended so that it would not apply to persons from the United States coming to Canada for shooting tournaments. Premier Whitney, while agreeing to these changes, was of opinion that in similar circumstances the United States would never agree to anything in which they did not get the best of the bargain.

Mr. Mahaffy pointed out that some of the qualifications required would have a pronounced effect on the tourist business. The license seller should be always available. Hon. Dr. Reaume promised that the permits would be procurable at hotels and boarding houses.

Mr. Graham could not understand why the Government should wish to have a clause in its bill giving the right to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to issue leases for game preserves if it was not their policy to grant such rights to

private individuals or clubs, as, for example, the Tadenac Club.

Mr. Studholme took the same ground and moved that the clause be struck out.

The Premier rose to state that the Government had not tried to make political capital out of the bill. The Government had not announced any policy on the section mentioned. When they did they would have to stand or fall on their policy, and they would be prepared to do so.

Mr. Studholme seemed to see something personal in the remarks of the Premier, and declared that he had as much right to voice his sentiments in the Legislature as the First Minister.

The Premier said that the trouble with his hon. friend from East Hamilton was that he took to himself remarks that had been addressed to another person.

Gently rapping his forehead, Mr. Studholme said that it was not his fault, but the fault of the Giver, who had not endowed him with a broader understanding.

Liability of Municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Hanna moved the first reading of his bill to amend the municipal act, which contained the clauses discussed in the Municipal Committee. Taking up some of the clauses of the bill respecting the liability of municipalities for damages due to neglect, Mr. Hanna said that the committee had not been unanimous by any means. The reported clauses had been carried in some cases by a bare majority of the committee. The Minister defended the clause which provides that express notice must be given to a municipality respecting dangerous conditions of walks or highways before the municipality shall be open for suits for damages.

A second bill was also introduced by Mr. Hanna amending the assessment act, which embodies the recommendations dealt with during the past several weeks in the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Studholme gives notice of the introduction of a bill to regulate the hours of labor of cab drivers and others.