

THE GLOBE TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1907.

The Premier took occasion last night during the debate on the supplementary estimates, to repeat his assurances of cordial support to Queen's University. In this he found a warm supporter in Mr. A. G. MacKay, who said that the grant for pedagogical instruction at that university would prevent many of its students being compelled to drift to the University of Toronto. Incidentally the Premier justified the removal of the Normal College from Hamilton as a part of a great public duty in consolidating the work of the University of Toronto and building up a powerful institution of higher education. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

No Medical Council Legislation.

In reply to Mr. Bowyer the Premier stated that the Government was aware of the recent trouble and litigation between Dr. Crichton and the Medical Council of Ontario. Regarding the query as to the intention of the Government at this session to introduce legislation with the object of curtailing the powers, real or arrogated, of the Medical Council, the Premier replied in the negative, and stated:—

"If any powers are improperly arrogated by the Medical Council of Ontario no legislation is necessary in regard thereto. The power to remove a name from the register is now confined to cases of conviction for felony or misdemeanor, or to a case where a practitioner has been guilty of any infamous or disgraceful conduct. There is an appeal to a Divisional Court of the High Court of Justice."

Third Readings.

The following bills received their third readings:—

To amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board act—Mr. Hendrie.

Respecting the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway Company—Mr. Mahaffy.

To incorporate the Thessalon & Northern Railway Company—Mr. Smyth.

To incorporate the Ontario Interurban Railway Company—Mr. Currie.

Respecting the Petrolia Rapid Railway Company—Mr. Preston (Brant).

Respecting the city of Hamilton and Canada Screw Company—Mr. Downey.

To incorporate the Stratford & St. Joseph Radial Railway Company—Mr. Aubin.

Respecting the city of London—Mr. Hodgins.

Respecting the Pembroke & Southern Railway Company—Mr. Dunlop.

Does Away With Land Grant.

Hon. Dr. Reaume introduced a measure respecting the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. This is a consolidation of the various acts relative to the Government railway. It also does away with the per mile land grant vested under other measures in the commission, and which they had authority to dispose of to meet the cost of the railway. As the cost is being met by the Government by loans and otherwise this provision is now considered unnecessary.

Supplementary Registration.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced an act amending and consolidating the manhood suffrage registration acts. He said the only change of importance in the measure

had regard to supplementary registration. The present law was that after the usual sittings for registration there shall be supplementary sittings. It had been suggested by the Chairman of the Toronto Board of Registrars that a better method would be to permit on the regular days application to be made by a relative or person living in the same house by putting in the affidavit of the person unable to be present, but desiring to register. Afterwards this would be confirmed by the person for whom the application was made.

Dissolution of Consolidated Schools.

Hon. Dr. Pyne's measure amending the public schools act was taken up in committee. It provides, among other things, a basis for distribution of the increased grant made by the Government to supplement the municipal grants toward larger salaries for teachers. Another clause embodies provision for the dissolution of consolidated schools. This, the Minister explained, applied particularly to the consolidated school at Guelph. There were grave doubts among some of the municipalities interested as to whether this school should be continued. Messrs. Graham and Harcourt thought that

consolidated schools would be quite successful in some sections. The plan had not yet been sufficiently tested in Ontario to allow of the conclusion that it was unsuccessful. Mr. Preston (Brant) asked if some provision should not be made for the compulsory medical inspection of children in the schools, on which point there was a brief discussion. The Premier thought it should be discretionary, as now. Finally the clause was made to provide for both dental and medical inspection at the discretion of the trustees.

Hon. Mr. Hanna introduced a bill to amend the liquor license act.

Conduct Railway Business Only.

The bill incorporating the Silver Belt Electric Railway Company, sponsored by Mr. Smyth, was amended in committee by eliminating clauses giving powers in respect to the sale and distribution of electricity. The railway runs from New Liskeard to Cobalt and Latchford, and in part parallels sections of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway.

The House went into committee on Mr. Foy's bill, "The statute law amendment act." There was a discussion, led by Mr. MacKay, in which he maintained that better salaries should be paid to Division Court Clerks.

The House went into committee on Hon. Dr. Reaume's bill respecting game fur-bearing animals and fisheries of Ontario. Mr. Graham broached the question of game preserve leases, which has been given prominence through the Tadenac Club's application. The Premier said in reply that he understood that that transaction was a sale of land, not a lease. He believed, however, that the waters of the bay were leased. The application was for the purchase of land on two sides.

Mr. Graham was satisfied with clause 37 of the act. It would apply to any leases the Government might make, and the presence of the provision in the bill would be a kind of standing notice that the Province had a law providing for such leases.

Mr. Auld spoke strongly against leases of game preserves being transferrable. The bill will be given its third reading on Thursday.

Private Bills Disposed of.

The following private bills received their third reading at the evening session:—

To incorporate the Silver Belt Railway Company—Mr. Jessop.

To incorporate the village of Neustadt—Mr. Jamieson.

Respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company—Mr. Jessop.