

House ordered that copies of both the resolution and the amendment should be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Should be in Ontario.

After the House had been in committee on the bill of Hon. Mr. Cochrane to amend and consolidate the mines act Mr. Gamey raised the question of having all mining company transfer offices in Ontario. He claimed that it was absolutely necessary that every such company should have its transfer office in the Province. If such a provision could not be placed in the mines act he thought it ought to be in the joint stock companies act.

Stop Over-capitalization.

Hon. Mr. MacKay suggested that some provision be placed in the mines act curtailing the capitalization of mining companies in order to stop wildcat schemes. He thought that capitalization might be increased according to the amount spent for development purposes.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane said he realized the situation regarding over-capitalization, but he admitted he could find no solution.

Peterson Lake.

Mr. Hoyle stated that he was informed that the directors of the Peterson Lake Company in New York had refused to advance any more money for the development of that claim at Cobalt. He thought in such a case there should be some practical redress for Canadian investors.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill was reported, as was also one of Hon. Mr. Hendrie to amend the railway act.

Thousands a Minute.

In Committee of Supply the two items in the main estimates which had been held over, \$130,000 for mining development and \$273,850 for miscellaneous, were voted in four minutes, on condition that they may be discussed before being concurred in by the House.

Power Bill Introduced.

Hon. Mr. Beck introduced a bill to provide for the development of water power at Dog Lake. It provides for the construction by the Hydro-electric Power Commission of a dam or dams in Dog Lake or in the Kaministiquia River for the purpose of storing and controlling the flow of water. The commission will develop electrical energy, and may sell or lease such water power to such persons, firms or corporations as the Government may see fit. The commission is given power to regulate the use of the waters of the river by the owners or lessees of any water powers below the Dog Lake dam. The cost of the work is not to exceed \$20,000, and is to be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund of Ontario. It is understood that the bill is introduced in connection with Port Arthur's power scheme.

Hon. Mr. Monteith introduced amendments to the act respecting agricultural associations and the agricultural societies act. The former substitutes the Gardeners and Florists' Association for the Toronto Agricultural Society. The latter introduces a number of agricultural societies under new names.

To Borrow \$4,000,000.

Hon. Mr. Matheson introduced a bill for raising money on the credit of the consolidated revenue fund of Ontario. The bill authorizes the raising of a loan of \$4,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 will be used to repay money advanced by the Government for the construction of the T. & N. O. and the balance for the completion of the railway. The bill was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Matheson also introduced a bill to provide for auditing the public accounts of the Province. The bill is a consolidation of the old measure as carried out by the Statutes Revision Committee.

An Old Friend.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced a bill to amend the statute law amendment act. It contains the usual grist of amendments, many of them formal or clerical in character. One section amends the Surrogate Courts act, which heretofore has provided for the payment of \$1,000 in fees to the Surrogate Court Judge, who has generally been the senior Judge of the county, while the sum of \$666 goes to the junior Judge out of the excess fees, if any. Lately some junior Judges have been appointed as Surrogate Court Judges, and they have been receiving all the fees. The amendment now gives them the first thousand dollars, after which the senior Judge receives his \$666 out of the excess fees. Another section validates marriages solemnized prior to January 1, 1890, according to the law

of the Province of Manitoba, in that portion of Ontario west of the meridian drawn through the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The purpose of this amendment is to remove all doubts as to the legality of marriages entered into on a strip of doubtful territory on the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario. The masters and servants act is amended so that wages for piecework may be sued for before a Magistrate as well as day wages, as heretofore. Provision is made for the employment of interpreters in criminal cases, Coroners' inquests and preliminary examinations. The time for earning a bonus for the construction of a railway from Little Current to a point near Sudbury is extended. The land grant of 5,000 acres per mile, given to the Ontario, Hudson's Bay & Western Railway in 1899, is renewed for three years. The line is one of the Clergue lines.

The increasing of the minimum salary of Police Magistrates in cities of 20,000 or over is contemplated.

New Judicial District.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane introduced an act creating Fort Frances a separate judicial district, with the town of Fort Frances as the county seat. A district Judge, Sheriff, jailer and Registrar will be appointed later. The name of the district of Fort Frances may be changed by proclamation to Rainy River, and the name of Rainy River district may be changed by proclamation to Kenora.