

THURSDAY, APRIL 9,  
**NO NEED TO HURRY,  
SAYS OPPOSITION**

**Protest Entered in Legislature  
by Liberals.**

**THREE GOVERNMENT BILLS.**

**Proposal to Validate Municipal  
By-laws.**

**Another Stage in Power Legislation,  
and Hon. Mr. MacKay Scores  
Point—New Bill May Affect Elec-  
tion Date—Hon. Col. Hendrie on  
Quebec Memorial Commission.**

The Opposition in the Legislature yesterday were compelled to protest against the manner in which the Government are endeavoring to hurry on business. No fewer than three important Government measures were introduced a few minutes before the close of the afternoon session. These bills had not been distributed, and consequently the Opposition had had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with their contents. The most important of these was that fathered by the Hon. Adam Beck, who explained that its object was to validate the by-laws passed by municipal Corporations to permit them to enter into contracts for the supply of Niagara power. The Hon. A. G. MacKay again raised the point that the by-laws originally passed were not legal, the conditions of the act not having been complied with. The Premier protested that the Government did not desire to hurry business unduly. The Premier also announced that the Province would be represented by the Hon. Col. Hendrie on the Quebec Memorial Commission.

Not only were a large number of bills read a third time, but the House passed the supplementary estimates. The redistribution bill went through the committee stage on the understanding that the Opposition would have an opportunity to move a number of amendments when it comes up for third reading.

Hon. Mr. MacKay has given notice of a resolution providing for the passage through the House of estimates for the University of Toronto each year. The statute law amendment bill as made public yesterday may affect the Provincial elections, since it provides that the contests in New Ontario may be held on a different date from the rest of the Province if the voters' lists are not all completed.

Dr. Jamieson's bill to amend the assessment act in order that the assessment roll might in future be revised every three years was withdrawn at the instance of the Provincial Secretary. Mr. Thompson's (Wentworth) bill confining canvassing by a shop licensee to his own municipality met with the same unfeeling treatment, while Dr. Reaume stated that the Government were considering proposals for the protection of small game, and as a result Mr. D. Sutherland withdrew his bill. Mr. Lennox's measure embodying recommendations by the Good Roads Association was described as inopportune and killed.

Replying to a question of Mr. May (Ottawa), Hon. F. Cochrane stated that Dr. James S. Freeborn of Magnetawan was Crown Lands Agent for the district, and from report an officer of the Ontario Bark Producers' Association.

**Had Third Readings.**

The following bills were read a third time and passed:—