

Mr. W. Proudfoot (Centre Huron), Mr. W. K. McNaught (North Toronto) and Mr. Sam Clarke (West Northumberland) approved of the principle involved, but doubted whether the bill would accomplish the desired end.

Mr. Johnson still persisted that his bill be put to the vote, and it was finally lost.

"Votes for Women."

The day of the women has come at last. A record of a bill to give the fair sex a vote is to go upon the order paper of the Legislature. Notice of motion was given yesterday by Mr. Allan Studholme of a bill to amend the Ontario election act by extending the franchise to women, and backed by Mr. W. Proudfoot, the Labor member will brave the displeasure of Sir James Whitney and make a brave fight for the ladies. A woman suffrage bill was prepared last session, but Mr. Studholme could get no one to second it. This year Mr. Proudfoot has volunteered. Mr. Proudfoot's bill to amend the liquor license act by striking out the three-fifths requirement was given a first reading among a number of other bills.

Increase For Commissioner Dane.

For the purpose of increasing the salary of Mr. Fred Dane of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission, a bill was introduced yesterday by Hon. Dr. Reaume. It provides for an increase from \$2,500 to \$2,750.

Mr. W. Proudfoot has given notice of an amendment to the wages act, which seeks to put agents working on commission upon the same footing as salaried men as creditors of the company employing them. Mr. G. H. Gooderham introduced a bill to amend the municipal act by giving the Ontario Motor League the right to erect guide signs throughout the Province.

The new milk bill, introduced last week by Hon. J. S. Duff, was given a second reading. There was no discussion, the Minister suggesting that the bill be taken up in committee.

Lengthen School Holidays.

The House dealt in committee with Mr. W. K. McNaught's bill to incorporate the Hospital for Sick Children; Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill respecting the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company; Hon. Col. Hendrie's bill to amend the Ontario railway act regarding interswitching and interchange of freight, and Mr. P. H. Bowyer's bill to amend the public school act by adding the last half of August to the vacation for rural schools. Each was reported without amendment.

In the discussion on Mr. Bowyer's bill to lengthen the rural school summer vacation to the end of August, Hon. Mr. MacKay asked the Minister of Education whether the department had definite information of the attendance during the latter half of August, and whether it was fairly good or slim. Hon. Dr. Pyne replied that he could not exactly say what the attendance was, but it would probably be pretty good, he would say perhaps about three-fourths of that in September. Hon. Mr. MacKay's idea is that if the attendance is very poor during the weeks in August when school is open under the present regulations, it might be as well to extend the holidays, but if the schools are well attended in August they might as well be open for the sake of the little children who can come then but cannot attend during part of the winter. In any case he thinks the department ought not to make any change in the existing regulations without having in view the full facts as to attendance.

of the Museum.

SOME PRIVATE BILLS.

Sturgeon Falls Dispute Settled in Committee.

The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday settled the dispute between the Public and Separate School Boards of Sturgeon Falls by arranging a new agreement in which the Separate School Board gives up all claim to taxes from the Imperial Pulp & Paper Company, and receives from the Public School Board the sum of \$1,200 at once and \$700 in three years.

The city of Stratford was given power to purchase the Light, Heat & Power Company of Stratford and the electric plant, and to combine the Light and Water Commissioners.

Approval was given a bill authorizing Owen Sound to grant a loan of \$20,000 to the Canadian Heating & Ventilating Company, Limited. Approval was also given a town by-law authorizing the municipality to bonus a company to be formed for the construction and operation of a drydock and shipbuilding plant.

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