

the private corporation, subject to the right of the municipal system to string and maintain wires thereon. The Commission's power is extended to cover renewing of poles and conduits.

Mr. Studholme Was Misreported.

When the House opened, Sir James Whitney arose to speak with reference to the question of privilege raised by Dr. Smellie of Fort William, who protested against statements made by Mr. Allan Studholme at a meeting on Wednesday night. The Labor man was reported in *The Mail and Empire* to have described his fellow-members in the House as a "lot of loafers." The Prime Minister stated that the jurisdiction of the Speaker did not extend outside the House, and that it could not be held that even if Mr. Studholme had used the words attributed to him he had committed an offence. Sir James remarked that he had been assured that the statement as reported in the newspaper was incorrect.

"I was misrepresented," said the Labor member, and the incident was closed by the Speaker declaring that the matter was "at an end."

Wolf Bounty Bill Stands.

The Provincial Treasurer's bill to prevent any further wolf bounty frauds was considered in committee, but upon the suggestion of Hon. Mr. MacKay was allowed to stand over in order to allow an amendment to be inserted. The bill provides that instead of the wolf skin, with the ear clipped, being returned to the person securing the bounty, it becomes the property of the Province, to be disposed of at such terms as can be made. The investigation into the wolf bounty frauds showed that coyotes were rented in the west, brought down to Ontario, and the bounty collected upon them. They were then shipped back. It was also shown that collusion between Crown officers and others had resulted in the bounty being collected on the same skin more than once.

The amendment provided that the ears be clipped from the pelts, but Hon. Mr. MacKay and Mr. R. R. Gamey pointed out that if the Government was taking the skins they could be sold to better advantage with the ears on. The necessity of marking the skins in some other way impressed itself upon the Provincial Treasurer, and he asked that the bill be allowed to stand over until the matter could be considered.

A Reciprocity Resolution.

Following the Conservative caucus yesterday, at which Sir James Whitney's resolution condemning the reciprocity agreement was approved by the members, the Prime Minister officially stated that an anti-reciprocity resolution would be introduced in the Legislature. He added that there was no foundation for the report in an evening paper that there had been difficulty in arriving at a conclusion.

"There are no two opinions in the Government party on the subject," he said, "and there has been no delay in coming to a conclusion." It is likely that the resolution will be introduced on Tuesday.

RURAL MEMBERS OBJECTED TO POWERS GIVEN TO LARGE CITIES.

Instead of putting into effect any of the three bills providing for the registration of suburbs bordering city boundaries, the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday voted to allow the whole question to stand over until next session.

The bills, which were introduced by Mr. W. D. McPherson of West Toronto, Mr. Allan Studholme of Hamilton and Mr. R. W. McElroy of Carleton, were opposed by a number of rural members, who considered that the measures were giving altogether too much power to the cities.

The proposal to reduce the qualification of income voters was defeated after a brief discussion. The clause giving Toronto power to expropriate land for street extensions did not meet with approval, but was allowed to stand over. The clause providing that moving picture shows giving a vaudeville performance must pay the regular theatre license was approved.