

LEGISLATURE AT END OF THE SESSION

SOME MEASURES OF IMPORTANCE

During the session the Legislature

Passed a measure taxing stock transfers and race tracks, and increasing the tax on railways and express companies.

Approved a five per cent. tax on bar receipts.

Amended local option law, making residents alone entitled to vote.

Extended the jurisdiction of the Hydro-electric Commission.

Defined P.A.Y.E. cars.

Gave city power to purchase Toronto Electric Light Company.

Passed bill to provide for technical education and industrial training.

Passed a new milk bill.

Set Provincial standards for scaffolds.

Carried resolutions against reciprocity and in favor of the use of English only for instruction in the schools.

Formal Prorogation Will Take Place To- morrow

LAST AFTERNOON FULL OF BUSINESS

Bilingual Debate Short— Mr. Ferguson Submits an Amendment

At 6.40 o'clock last evening the Legislature cleared the last item of business from the order paper, and adjourned to meet again on Friday for the formal prorogation. The afternoon session was a busy one. The bilingual resolution of Mr. G. Howard Ferguson, of which notice had been on the order paper since early in February, was taken up, but the expected fireworks failed to materialize. Instead of moving his resolution in its original form the member for Grenville introduced an amendment drafted by the Government, which went little farther than to declare that the English language should be used wherever practicable. This, as Sir James Whitney later explained, practically embodies the principle now running through the statutes dealing with the question. The Prime Minister referred to the investigation Dr. Merchant, Chief Inspector of public and separate schools, was making, and declared that if any of the abuses alleged to have occurred were found the Government would take steps to abolish them. There was no debate upon the resolution.

Wider Powers For Commission.

Mr. W. K. McNaught's much-discussed bill to enlarge the powers of the Hydro-electric Commission by giving it jurisdiction over all private companies, as well as municipal systems, was carried after Sir James Whitney and Hon. A. G. MacKay had crossed swords. The Liberal leader vigorously objected to what he termed an operating and competing body having jurisdiction over a private company. Hon. Mr. MacKay also attacked Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill declaring that the purchase of land bordering on navigable waters gave the purchaser no right to the river bed.

The Toronto bill was amended to give the city power to purchase the Toronto Electric Light Company's plant, to issue debentures for the amount, and to appoint a Board of Commissioners to manage the municipal light and power system.

Bilingual Resolution.

In introducing his resolution Mr. Ferguson said he had been credited with almost every motive under the sun, and he wanted to say that his sole object has been the interests of the country at large.

"I want," he continued, "to secure better facilities for teaching the English language throughout the country. I don't wish to say anything derogatory of any class or creed or people who come to our shores or may be here to form a part of our citizenship. True, we have coming over