

secution against the Stamped Ware Association under the combines act, but this along with the others was deferred.

Married Women's Votes.

The House spent the remainder of the sitting in committee on the revised municipal act. When the clauses defining who were entitled to vote were under consideration, Mr. Rowell proposed an amendment to enable married women holding property to have the municipal franchise, but Mr. Hanna took the ground that this involved an amendment that could not be introduced at the committee stage, and the bill would have to go to the third reading, when the amendment could be moved, and if allowed, the bill sent back to committee.

Mr. Rowell stated that Mr. Elliott had a bill prepared to make this change, and was ready to introduce it.

A little humor was introduced into the tedious routine by Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton), who moved that the property qualification for election to a seat in a City Council must be \$1,000 freehold or \$2,000 leasehold. Mr. W. S. Brewster (South Brant) seconded the motion.

When the vote was taken the only one saying "Aye" was the member for East Hamilton. Most of the House cried "No." Mr. Studholme then said he thought his seconder did not vote, though favoring his motion. He wanted due record to be made of the vote.

"I do not want to be deprived of my vote. It was too hard to get," he added.

"This is evidently not a democratic country," commented Sir James.

More Questions.

Another grist of questions has found its way from the Opposition query mill. Mr. Sinclair will further probe the combine prosecutions. This time he wants all correspondence and other papers in connection with the indictments against the Canadian Washing Machine Manufacturing Company and the Canadian Clothes-wringer Manufacturing Association. Mr. Mageau (Sturgeon Falls) will ask about the Hydro-electric election in North Bay, the expenses of the election and all persons employed by the Hydro-electric Power Commission who visited the town at the time, as well as certain statements by Hon. Adam Beck. The member for Sturgeon Falls also wants the number of all passes issued by the T. & N. O. from July, 1911, to July, 1912, and the names of the parties. Mr. Proudfoot (Centre Huron) wants to know if the water-power lease of rights on the Winnipeg River is still in force with the town of Kenora.

The report of the special committee on assessment, which considered the tax reform proposal last fall, was tabled. A discussion will likely ensue later in the session, when a minority report will be offered for adoption.

Before adjournment Sir James contradicted a report in a Toronto paper, that the Hydro-electric Power Commission was preparing plans for a system of radial railways in the Province. The fact was that several municipalities had asked the Hydro-electric Commission for plans and estimates of certain lines, and that request was still before the Commission, but no action has yet been taken on a completed scheme.