

resignation had been demanded. In view of Mr. Saunders' emphatic statement that such proceedings were not allowed between license inspectors and hotelkeepers, Mr. Proudfoot was surprised that Mr. Morand should have been reinstated.

Mr. Rowell remarked that the resignation of Mr. Morand had been hastened in order to stop the investigation which had opened, and the action of the Government was clearly an attempt to cover up what might have proved an embarrassing situation at election time.

Some discussion centred around just when the parties from whom Mr. Morand borrowed money to finance his canning enterprise were engaged in the liquor trade, but the Liberal leader made it clear that at least one of the parties at the time was a licensed hotelkeeper, and the later volte-face could not be accepted without some explanation. Mr. Proudfoot asked if the unctuous resolution that Mr. Hanna read from the License Commissioners was really their own product, and suggested that such an eloquent testimonial might have been prepared in the department, but Mr. Hanna said not.

Afraid of the Women.

That the Government was afraid to give the married women the vote in municipal elections because they might antagonize the liquor interests was the statement made by Liberal members during the continued debate on the woman suffrage bill. Not a Government member spoke during the debate, and the Premier moved the adjournment of it.

Wm. Grieve (North Middlesex), arguing on these lines, said that every barroom in Ontario influenced from ten to fifteen votes. Nobody doubted the ability of the women to vote. Seventy per cent. of the women in Chicago had voted. The whole trouble was that if the Government passed the measure it would lose the support of the liquor interests.

To Amend Municipal Act.

A bill introduced by T. Magladery to amend the municipal act would make it possible for a non-resident of a municipality owning property in the municipality, and living within five miles of that municipality, to qualify as a candidate in municipal elections. It received its second reading, as did a bill to make it possible for a police village to buy land on which to build a public hall, and another making it possible to build a bridge between two municipalities other than on a public highway.

Three Votes to be Fought.

When the report of the Committee on Supply on the supplementary estimates was being presented the Opposition made it known that three votes will be challenged and fought to a division. The first was the item of \$200,000 additional for new Government House, to which reference has previously been made in the session. An animated debate is likely to ensue on this subject, as the Opposition is determined to make the facts of the enormous expenditure on the new premises known throughout the Province. Following the same line of reasoning, when Mr. Hanna informed the House, in respect of an item of \$125,000 for the new reformatory, that the institution when completed would cost about \$1,600,000, Mr. Bowmar promptly asked that the resolution be held over for discussion, and, as a further warning, a similar request was made regarding a vote of \$200,000 for the new Hospital for the Insane at Whitby.