

fixed assessments or bonuses. He thought these things should be made impossible. They had been the curse of this Province in small towns and cities.

Poolroom Licenses.

Before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature yesterday afternoon Mr. Rowell secured the statement from Hon. W. J. Hanna that legislation would be introduced this present session to settle beyond a doubt that municipalities had the control of poolroom licenses. This means that where there is local sentiment against the granting of a poolroom license the municipality cannot be overridden by a Provincial charter. There have been several instances brought to the attention of the Government lately where this was done, and the Provincial Secretary intimated that adequate power would be vested in the municipal authorities to regulate the poolroom business.

The Smoke Nuisance.

Mr. W. D. McPherson (Northwest Toronto) got a second reading for his bill to amend the smoke nuisance law, under which prosecutions can be taken more quickly than the procedure now permits. Within the 90 days' notice now required firms could change their identity and render the proceedings a farce.

Prison Farm Expenditure.

When the House was in concurrence on supplementary estimates and an item of \$125,000 on the Provincial prison farm was reached, Mr. Ham (South Brant) declared that the initial expenditure on the farm worked out at \$3,000 per inmate, which he thought was pretty steep. The worst feature, to his mind, was the fact that the present Government had for a sum of money given men the privilege of selling poison to other men, thus ruining them physically, mentally and morally, and filling this prison farm, for it was a well-known fact that 75 to 90 per cent. of inmates of institutions of that kind were there through strong drink. He did not see the wisdom of manufacturing criminals for such institutions and then spending money in this fashion.

Mr. Rowell declared it was not the intention of the Opposition to move an amendment, because they understood it was necessary to spend this particular money on installing machinery. They, however, thought the capital expenditure was too large for the purpose of carrying on this work.
