

much easier to enforce the law where there were a few licensees doing a good business, than when there were many licensees, doing unprofitable trade.

Mr. Horace Greeley objected to giving a monopoly to one hotel in a village of 300 inhabitants.

Dr. De Voe said the only way to provide good liquor was to have competition.

Ultimately the bill passed through committee without alterations.

**THE SCHOOL ORIGINATOR.**

Mr. Haultain moved second reading of a bill to amend the School Ordinance. He said that in a future more or less remote he hoped there would be a general auditor for the whole of the school accounts of the Territories. They were not, however, ready for that today; but the bill proposed to apply the principle to some groups of districts where the persons could not read or write in English. Another point the bill dealt with was the children of non-resident ratepayers. Non-resident ratepayers had the right to send their children to schools; and a man might buy a small \$1 lot, and get the privilege of sending his children in the town school. The bill provided that non-resident ratepayers should not have the privilege when their assessment was less than the average assessment of the ratepayers in the town.

The bill was read a second time.

**TAX SUES.**

Mr. Haultain moved second reading of a bill respecting confirmation of sale of land for taxes. He said the object of the bill was that the production by proper officers of evidence of sale would be taken by the judge as proper evidence of the validity of the tax. The bill covered both municipal and school taxes.—Carried.

**PATRIOTIC GRANTS.**

Mr. Haultain moved second reading of a bill to legalize the payment of grants by municipalities for patriotic purposes. He said there were some doubts as to whether municipalities were strictly within their rights in the grants recently made for patriotic purposes, and he therefore proposed the passage of the enabling bill.—Carried.

**REGINA HOSPITAL.**

Mr. G. W. Brown proposed second reading of a bill to incorporate Regina hospital. The bill would enable G. T. Marsh, A. McDonald, F. N. Barker, Jas. Ballour, H. J. Goggin, G. Michael, W. V. Leitch, G. H. V. Holmes, G. W. Brown and such other persons as from time to time might become members of the corporation to be incorporated a body politic under the name of the Regina Hospital. The corporation would be enabled to acquire real and personal estate, provide the real estate, did not exceed \$100,000. The bill contained the usual provisions as to management. A life membership, and the annual subscribers will have a right to take part in the annual meeting. Provision is also made for the free vaccination of all poor persons, and of any others at a charge of not more than 75 cents.

The bill was read a second time. The House then went into committee of the whole, when several bills were advanced a stage. In the dentistry bill the qualification for students in regard to the several class non-professional certificate was left as in the old bill.

The House adjourned at half past noon.

**THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES.**

**SPEECH BY MR. HAULTAIN.**

The House re-assembled at 10:15, five-thirty o'clock, and proceeded to business.

Mr. Haultain rose and addressed the resolution.

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