

# NO ALIEN VOTES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS HERE

TORONTO, March 6.—All bakeries and manufactories of confectionery will require a license from the municipality under the bill of Thomas Hook, which was up for consideration by the municipal committee of the Legislature this morning. This license will be issued until the medical health officer certifies that all sanitary regulations have been complied with and the municipality has power to revoke the license. An amendment by Wm. Proudfoot that there be no fee for the license was agreed to by the committee. Hon. W. D. Macpherson, the chairman, pointed out that both the public and the trade had to be protected.

In regard to the bill of Mark Irish to amend the Public Schools Act to make the qualifications of electors for Boards of Education the same as that of public school supporters at municipal elections for mayor and controllers, the cost of preparing separate voters' lists was urged in its favor. It would have the effect, admitted Mr. Irish, of disfranchising those assessed under \$400 but few of them voted anyway. This, said Mr. Proudfoot in reply might be true of cities, but was not the case in the smaller communities. The bill represented a retrograde movement. He would rather reduce the qualifications of municipal electors in the interests of a uniform franchise. He suggested that the provisions of the bill be confined to cities.

George C. Hurdman intimated that Ottawa was equally interested in the bill with Toronto. They had had the same trouble with unproductive voters' lists.

At the suggestion of the chairman a bill will be prepared to amend the Education Act to exclude aliens from the franchise for boards of education, as they are now excluded from voting for Mayor, Controllers, and Council. This would make the franchise uniform and subject to this Mr. Irish's bill was approved by the committee.