

THE ALBANY LEGISLATORS.

PARKS FOR NEW-YORK CITY — LIMITING MAYOR EDSON'S APPOINTMENTS.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—Mr. Campbell's project for a park in the Seventh Ward came up on its third reading this evening and was opposed by Mr. Robb, who said the locality was the most unfit and the least appropriate place for a public park that he ever saw, and he had been to look at it in company with Mr. Campbell. It also took in part of the water-front, which would in the future be very much needed. He also objected to it because it would turn several thousand men out of employ to have property taken for a park. Mr. Lansing said that the bill simply left to the discretion of the city authorities whether to lay out the park or not, and in that respect was in the direct line of "home rule," of which Mr. Robb was so zealous a champion. After a good deal of discussion the bill was passed by a vote of 23 to 2. Mr. Campbell says the park will cost the city about \$900,000.

Mr. Gibbs's bill limiting the term of the appointees of heads of departments by the present Mayor of New-York to Jan. 30, 1885, was passed by a vote of 18 to 7. Messrs. Robb and Newbold were the only Democrats who voted for it.

Mr. Thomas's bill giving preference to honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors fully qualified for employment on the public works of this State came up for its third reading, when Mr. Murphy moved to amend by exempting this class of employes from civil service examination. Mr. Thomas said that before such an amendment was adopted it should be carefully considered, and he moved to refer the bill back to the Judiciary Committee for that purpose, which was carried.

Mr. Cullen got through by unanimous consent a bill authorizing the Controller of New-York to appoint a Deputy Auditor of Accounts. He represented that the Auditor was sick and the law was needed.

Mr. Plunkett introduced a bill authorizing the purchase by the city and the laying out of parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of New-York. The bill includes four of the parks proposed by the Commission headed by Luther R. Marsh, to wit, the St. Marys, part of the Van Cortlandt estate, the Crotona, and the Claremont.

Mr. Murphy introduced a bill incorporating the Safety Elevator Insurance Company, of New-York, to insure against accidents from elevators.

Only 55 members of the Assembly were present when the House was called to order. A number of bills from the Sub-committee of the Whole were placed on the order of third reading. Among the bills passed was one to pay the heirs of Jerome J. Collins for his services as engineer in draining swamp lands on Long Island.