

yea, yea, or nay, nay. The Government had only announced two measures in the speech, and so far they had only introduced two bills—one respecting an official Gazette, and the other respecting the appointment of magistrates and coroners. Was the house to do nothing but to consider these bills? If he was not to be permitted to take his share in introducing useful legislation, he would go home. He appealed to honourable members—to the new members as well as those who had previous Parliamentary experience—whether they had not ideas of their own. Let not a damper be thrown upon them by telling them they were not to introduce measures to carry out those ideas. The Government had enough to do, and it was the duty of hon. members to assist them. But if, after considering this bill, the Government approved it, and were willing to adopt it, he should be happy to make it over to them. He concurred in the observations of the Premier; they should remember, however, that there was another legislature affected by these statutes, and it might be well, perhaps, for this house not to interfere too much with these statutes, until they saw what the action of the other legislature might be. It might be enough at present to proceed merely with those important changes on which the public had made up its mind as advisable, for putting down bribery and corruption, by having one day of election and one day's polling, and also so abolish the dual seats. On these points he thought the house was all of one mind.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said, in the Parliament at Ottawa, a Bill had been introduced on the same subject as that covered by the Bill of the hon. member for Frontenac; and that might be the reason why this Government had not thought it advisable to propose putting a law on the subject on the statute-book, until they should see what was done at Ottawa. He thought it would be an advantage to the country generally, that there should be but one franchise—for municipal purposes, for the Province of Ontario, and for the Dominion. This would avoid embarrassments at the general elections. With this view, it might, perhaps, be conceived advisable to lay the matter over, until they saw what was done by the Legislature of the Dominion.

Mr. BLAKE hoped the suggestion of the hon. Treasurer would not be listened to. From the slight experience he had had of legislation at Ottawa, he did not think they would derive much advantage from the care bestowed on the consideration of measures introduced there. Nor did he think it would be wise for them, setting out as an independent Legislature, to wait and watch and see what their betters down below proposed to do. (Hear, hear). He thought they should exercise their best judgment, according to the abilities they possessed, looking at what the Ottawa Parliament proposed to do, but not waiting to amend an acknowledged and admitted grievance, because the gentlemen at Ottawa might, in their wisdom, and after their own fashion, amend it at some future time. He could not then accept the hon. gentleman's suggestion, as a reason for not proceeding with an amendment of the election law, in this house. He agreed with his hon. friend from Bothwell, that the measure was one which should be introduced by the Government. He did not, however, make this a charge against the hon. member for Frontenac. Quite the contrary. If the Government did not choose to introduce a measure to remedy an acknowledged grievance, then it was the duty of his hon. friend, or of some one else, to do so. Although the Government saw fit rather to throw a damper on the Bill, by suggesting that they should wait to see whether the Parliament at Ottawa might not at some future time carry a Bill that might answer the purpose. He (Mr. Blake) would be happy to assist the hon. and gallant knight in making his measure as perfect as possible and pushing it through, as it was quite possible that another general election might take place before the Parliament at Ottawa moved in the matter.

The Bill was introduced and read a first time. Second reading on Monday.

#### TAVERN LICENSES.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD gave notice of resolutions respecting licenses to tavern-keepers.

#### CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.