

our share. It might not be wise to speculate what that debt would be. Those who professed to know said it would be in the neighbourhood of eight millions. But how that eight millions might be distributed between Upper and Lower Canada was unknown.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON—It is said that our share may be eight millions.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—Perhaps so; but he thought it premature to discuss that question.

Hon. Mr. McMURRICH, while disposed to make every allowance for the Ministry for the time that was past, could not but express his extreme regret that they were in the position just announced—that in point of fact we had not the control of our own means, but allowed them to be disbursed at Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—Not now; not since the 1st January.

Hon. Mr. McMURRICH said he had no great confidence in the economy practised at Ottawa, and the sooner our Government had command of their own funds the better.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD—We have now.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—The disbursements made at Ottawa have only been statutory disbursements.

Hon. Mr. McMURRICH went on to express his regret that our funds, in consequence of the arrangement with the Ottawa Government, instead of being in one of the Ontario banks, were still principally in the Bank of Montreal, and were being used for the benefit, not of this Province, but of Montreal—if, indeed, they were not being employed in New York.

Mr. FERGUSON said it was a question, whether it would not be better to have our money in a bank, where it could be got when wanted, than to have it invested in six per cent. Government bonds. He agreed with the member for North York, that if we had surplus funds, they should be kept where they would be of some benefit to our own Province.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said he would discuss these points when the resolutions of which he had given notice came before the house.

The motion was then withdrawn.

Mr. BLAKE asked the Attorney-General if he proposed to proceed this evening with his resolutions respecting the consolidated revenue fund.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD—I am prepared to do so.

Mr. BLAKE suggested whether it would not be better to postpone the discussion until the promised returns as to the state of the Provincial accounts, were before the house.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD agreed in this view, and moved the adjournment.

The house at six o'clock adjourned until Monday, at 3 p.m.

## COMMISSIONS AND "OFFICIAL GAZETTE."

Hon. J. S. McDONALD introduced a Bill, intitled, "An Act to repeal chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada so far as the same relates to Ontario; to authorize the publication of an Ontario Gazette, and to make provision for inquiries concerning public matters and official notices."

The first clause enacts that the Lieutenant-Governor, in appointing commissioners for inquiring into matters relative to the public business of the Province, may empower them to receive evidence on oath.

The second clause enacts that the Commissioner or Commissioners shall then have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses, and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any court of law in civil cases; and any wilfully false statement made by any such witness, on oath or solemn affirmation, shall be a misdemeanour, punishable in the same manner as wilful and corrupt perjury; but no such party or witness shall be compelled to answer any question, by his answer to which he might render himself liable to a criminal prosecution.

The third clause, relating to the publication of an Official Gazette, is as follows:—

"That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the publication of an Official Gazette, to be called the Ontario Gazette, for the publication of proclamations, official and other

notices, and of all such matters whatsoever as may be from time to time desired, and that all advertisements, notices or publications which, by any Act or law in force in this Province, are required to be given by the Provincial Government or any department thereof, or by any sheriff or other officer, or by any municipal authority, or by any officer, person, or party whomsoever, shall be given in the Ontario Gazette, unless some other mode of giving the same be directed by law; and if in any Act in force in Ontario, of the late Province of Upper Canada, or of the late Province of Canada, any such notice is directed to be given in the Upper Canada Gazette by authority, or in the Canada Gazette—the Ontario Gazette shall be understood to be intended."

## MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

The following are the exacting clauses of the Bill introduced by Hon. J. S. McDonald respecting the appointment of Magistrates and Coroners:—

"1. That it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, whenever he shall think fit, to appoint, under the Great Seal, one or more Justices of the Peace, and one or more Coroners, in and for every city, town or county in the Province of Ontario.

"2. That whenever a new Commission of the Peace shall be issued, after the passing of this Act, all and such like former Commissions shall become absolutely revoked and cancelled, but nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the re-appointment of any Justice of the Peace named in such former Commission, if the Lieutenant-Governor shall think fit."

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS

The following Notices of Motion have been given:—

Mr. Pardee—Address for a Return showing in detail all the surveyed lands unsold, and now owned by the Province of Ontario—giving the numbers of the lots and concessions—with the names of the townships and counties in which the said lands are situated.

Mr. Fraser—Bill to confirm survey made by E. C. Cuddy, in Township of Hamilton, West Riding of Northumberland.

Mr. Rykert—Bill to amend the Assessment Act of Upper Canada.

Mr. Rykert—Bill to amend the Municipal Institutions Act of Upper Canada.

Mr. Blake—Bill to incorporate the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Blake—Address for copies of any letters or circulars addressed to any of the electors of Algoma, by the late Commissioner of Crown Lands of the late Province of Canada, during the months of May or June last, touching their choice of candidates at the then ensuing election.

Mr. Lander—Address for return of all orders in Council of the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, passed under the 143rd section of the British North American Act, 1867, and which have been communicated to the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Rykert—Address for a return showing the names of all Immigrant Agents employed in Canada and foreign countries by the Government of Ontario, and the salaries paid the same; also, the names of all Crown Lands Agents employed by the Government, and their salaries.

Mr. Rykert—Address for a return showing the amount of money apportioned to each Electoral Division Agricultural Society, and the amount of their several subscriptions.

Mr. Coyne—Bill to amend the 397th section of the Municipal Institutions Act of Upper Canada by striking out the words: "And that I will not connect myself with, or attend the meetings of any secret society, while I am a member of the Police Force for the said — of —."

Mr. J. M. Williams—Address for a return of all papers and contracts in connection with the Hamilton and Port Dover Road Company.

Hon. Mr. Carling—Bill respecting the Department of Agriculture, and Agricultural Societies.

Mr. McLeod—Address for a return showing the number of employees in the house and the various departments under the control of Government, with their respective duties and salaries.

Mr. Blake—Address for copies of all papers and documents touching the dismissal of Mr. Hammond from the Registrarship of Bruce, and of the evidence on which such dismissal was founded.

Mr. Boyd—Return in detail of Crown, School and Clergy Lands on which payments still remain due—the persons in whose