

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Graham (West Hastings)—Bill for the formation of Joint Stock Companies, for the purpose of manufacturing cheese and butter.

Mr. Trow—Inquiry if the Government intend to relieve municipalities who are borrowers from the Municipal Loan Fund for the construction of railroads, from their liabilities, or a portion of the same.

Mr. Hays—Inquiry whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an Act having for its object the payment of criminal witnesses.

Mr. Hooper—Address for a return, showing the amounts granted for the purpose of improving the colonization roads in the counties of Addington and Frontenac, in the years 1866 and 1867, such return to show how much of said grants have been expended and under whose supervision the same were laid out.

Mr. Trow—Inquiry whether it is the intention of Ministers to carry out the policy of the Federal Government in respect to the Improvement Fund.

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## THE LAND GRANT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions to be moved by the Hon. Mr. Richards in Committee of the Whole.

1. That in the opinion of this House, free grants of public lands to actual settlers would tend more rapidly to develop the agricultural resources of the Province, and that it is expedient that authority should be given to provide for such grants, under regulations to be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, not inconsistent with the following resolutions.

2. That such grants should be confined to lands lying in the townships between the Ottawa river and the Georgian Bay, to the west of a line drawn from a point opposite the south-east angle of the township of Palmerston; north-westerly along the western boundaries of the townships of north Sherbrooke, Lavant, Blithfield, Admaston, Bromley, Stafford and Pembroke, to the Ottawa river, and to the north of the rear or northerly boundaries of the townships of Oso, Olden, Kennebec, Kalador, Elzevir, Madoc, Marmor, Belmont, Dummer, Smith, Eanimore, Somerville, Laxton, Carden, Rama and of the river Severn; and the townships in the districts of Nipissing and Algoma; and in the townships hereafter to be surveyed in the said districts, and in the county of Simcoe.

3. That any person being the head of a family, or of the age of twenty-one years, should be allowed to enter upon and be located for any lot or parcel of land not exceeding in quantity        acres, upon such terms as may be prescribed by such regulations, with a view to a free grant thereof.

4. That after a continuous and actual residence thereon of        years next after the date of such location, and the clearing and cultivation of not less than        acres annually, for the period of        years next after such location, and the erection of a house thereon of at least        feet by        feet, and in compliance with the regulations aforesaid, the locatee should be entitled to a patent for such land.

5. That to give greater encouragement to occupy and improve lands, the subject of such location or grant, it is expedient that such lands should not be liable for any debt or cause of action incurred or accrued within        years from the date of such location, and that the locatee should not have power to alienate, mortgage or pledge such land within that period.

6. That such locations should be made only upon lands suitable for actual settlement and cultivation, and not upon lands valuable chiefly for their timber or mineral resources; and that it is expedient that all merchantable timber, mines, minerals, &c., upon any lands so located or granted should be reserved.