

Mr. SCOTT said this was the object he had had in view—that the Indian lands might be brought under the control of the Provincial Government. The purchasers of these lands had paid high prices for them, and were entitled to relief.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD—They have to do with the Dominion Government as to that.

DOMINION STOCK.

Mr. BLAKE inquired of Ministers whether they have made any proposals to the Government of the Dominion for the purchase of any of the Stocks or Securities of the Dominion, and if so, when, and what amount.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said the Government had made no proposals to the Government of the Dominion. The Government of the Dominion were aware that a Bill had passed this house, authorizing this Government to invest in Dominion Stock. Beyond that, this Government had done nothing.

ACCOUNTS WITH THE DOMINION.

Mr. BLAKE inquired of Ministers whether they have applied to the Government of the Dominion for the payment of interest on undrawn balances in the hands of that Government, if so, when, and with what result.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said the Government had not made any such application. He really believed the Dominion Government would not pay interest on undrawn balances. That was his impression, but he did not know it from any authority. As regarded the investment in Dominion stock, this Government had been waiting to see the result, as to the disposal of the stock already put upon the market. They had as yet got no official notice how the stock had been disposed of, and whether at par or under.

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT.

Mr. BEATTY moved for a select committee to inquire into the present position and past management of Toronto University and University College; and also those Colleges and Universities of Ontario which have received grants from the funds of the Province—committee to have power to send for persons, papers and documents, and to report to this house; said committee to consist of Hon. Mr. Cameron, Messrs. Scott (Ossawa), Lander, Carnegie, Cumberland, Blake, McKellar, Shaw and the mover.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD asked the mover what the object of the motion was.

Mr. BEATTY said he did not desire to raise any objections against the Toronto University or University College. But he desired an inquiry into the management of the institution—as one in the erection of which, and in its maintenance, they expended a large sum of money. It was only right that the house should know whether this money was properly expended or not. He did not state—neither would he have any foundation for the statement, that there had been mismanagement. But in consequence of the proposed course of the Government in regard to these institutions generally, they would soon have to consider in what way they could best provide for the future management of the higher education of the youth of the country, and with a view to this, and that a broad general scheme for the higher education of the youth of the country should be laid down, he asked for this committee.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said it appeared