

Mr. BLAKE said all that the member for Simcoe proposed was to allow the option of applying to the county court, in addition to the authority given in the Bill to apply to a judge in chambers.

Mr. LOUNT replied to the objections urged by the Provincial Secretary. He said he knew of no County Court Judge who was not capable of dealing with the matter in question. He would leave it optional with the party making the application to go to the County Court or to Toronto. He sympathized with the feeling of the Secretary, when he desired to keep up the emoluments of the profession in Toronto. At the same time he did not wish this done at the expense of their brethren in the country. He would be very glad if the Government would introduce a bill to increase the emoluments of professional gentlemen in the rural districts. (Laughter).

Mr. LAUDER objected to the clause as it stood. It would practically have the effect of giving the sheriff full poundage, and would operate very injuriously to the poor debtor.

Mr. McLEOD also opposed the clauses. The poor debtor, to get an extension of time, would be only too glad to get a settlement on any terms, and would submit to any charges that might be made by the sheriff.

Mr. LOUNT said he would ask that the committee rise to allow an opportunity to make amendments that would meet the suggestions which had been thrown out in this discussion.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—Question! Question!

After some further discussion, the Attorney-General read an amendment, allowing application to be made to the County Court, which was agreed to.

Mr. FERGUSON urged that a penalty should be put on sheriffs for over-charging.

The Bill was reported with amendments. Report to be received to-morrow.

TRACTION ENGINES.

On motion of Mr. CUMBERLAND,

The House went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Paxton in the chair—on the Bill to authorise and regulate the use of traction engines on highways.

The Bill was reported with a few amendments. Report to be received to-morrow.

ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.

After recess

The House, on motion of Mr. LYON, went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill incorporating the Royal Canadian Insurance Company, Mr. Rykert in the chair.

Mr. BLAKE suggested that it is expedient in reference to public companies of this description that their charters should contain some provision making it compulsory that new blood should be from time to time in-