

them. On the whole the Act was a good one. It was a bad thing to have three grades of teachers, for they knew that many of those who had 3rd class certificates were not competent to occupy the positions they held at present. He should support the Bill, although he would prefer to see the law consolidated.

Mr. BOULTER said it would better to consolidate the law after a trial of the present Bill, than to have it consolidated in their present state.

Mr. CHRISTIE believed his constituents were averse to a change in the present law, and he would, therefore, oppose the measure.

Mr. COCKBURN said that any amendments to our present Common School Law, having for its object the establishment of an improved system for the education of the masses, are of even greater importance than some of the enactments in regard to the higher branches of education. The Bill now before the House, having the stamp of the ripe experience of the Superintendent of Education, and having been considered by a Select Committee of this House, might be taken as a guarantee of the soundness of the measure. He, however, had some grave doubts as to the adaptability of the entire measure to new localities—the minimum salaries and the compulsory clauses may be objectionable.

Mr. Sexton, Mr. Trow, Mr. Monteith, and Mr. Crosby followed, referring to some details of the measure.

The Bill was then read a second time and was referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. BOYD moved a suspension of the rules in order to investigate the charges made in THE GLOBE against Mr. Vance.

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD said this was a matter that affected the privileges of the House. He hoped no objection would be raised to the suspension of the rule. It was a question which should be thoroughly sifted, for he believed there was not a shadow of cause for the complaint.

Mr. BOYD moved, seconded by Mr. GALBRAITH, That a Special Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the printing, distribution, and posting of Bills Nos. 43 and 44, said Committee to be composed of Messrs. Clark, Lount, Ferrier, Blake and the mover, with power to send for persons and papers.—Carried.

Hon Mr. CAMERON moved the second reading of Bill (No. 20), to incorporate the Toronto, Simcoe and Muskoka Railway Company.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to committee of the whole for to-morrow.

Mr. RYKERT moved the second reading of Bill (No. 33), to amend the Act to regulate the precedence of the Superior Courts of Common Law, and of the County Courts.

After some discussion on the details of the Bill, it was referred to a special committee composed of Hon. Mr. Cameron, Messrs. Clark, Pardee, Lount, Coyne and the mover.

Mr. CROSBY inquired whether the Government intended to introduce a Bill, this session, to amend the Division Court Act, with a view to extend the jurisdiction of said Court to the collection of \$200.

Attorney-General MACDONALD replied, certainly not. Such an idea never entered his head. The complaints of the expenses in the County Courts being already too many, he did not wish to extend them to the Division Court.

Hon Mr. CAMERON presented a return to an address, asking for the average annual attendance of pupils at Grammar Schools during the first three years of the existence of such schools.

The House adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Attorney-General Macdonald—Bill to amend the Law Reform Act of 1868.

Atty.-Gen. Macdonald—Bill to provide for the better despatch of business in the Chambers of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Common Law.

Mr. Wigle—Bill to amend the Municipal Institution Account of the late Province of Canada, Vic, 29 & 30, chap. 51, section 355, sub-section 9 & 12.

Mr. Currier—That rule No. 49 of this House, respecting private Bills, be suspended, as far as it relates to the petition of Edward Stonehouse, praying for the passage of an Act to authorize the Law Society of Ontario to admit him to the Bar.