

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

TUESDAY, Dec. 21.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Library Committee presented a Report referring to several additions made, and suggested some new regulations.

In moving the adoption of the Report, Atty-Gen. MACDONALD called attention to the negligence of hon. members in returning the books which belonged to the Library. Members who appropriated books for the recess deprived all others of them for that time. It was unfair that the hon. members should thus keep the books during the whole vacation.

Mr. COYNE said the hon. gentleman had better issue a search warrant.

Mr. CLARKE said they could not take away any, for there was but a very few there.

Atty-Gen. MACDONALD—That is the greater reason why we should take care of those we have. (Laughter.)

ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT.

Hon. Mr. McMURRICH withdrew Bill (No. 97) to amend the Ontario Medical Act. In doing so he said there had been a lengthy discussion in the Committee, and there was a wish on the part of the Committee that this Bill should be reported without amendment on the understanding that it should be dropped in the second reading. This was not the desire of the promoters of the Bill; but they thought it better to acquiesce in the decision, and to await the action of the Medical Council in the matter.

The Bill was consequently withdrawn.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Bill (No. 77) to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Toronto Wharf and Warehousing Company—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Bill (No. 46) to incorporate the Mississippi Navigation Company—Mr. Carnegie.

The above Bills were read a third time and passed.

The following Bills passed through Committee, and were read a third time:—

Bill (No. 66) to incorporate the Nazrey Institute—Mr. Smith (Kent)

Bill (No. 84), amending the Acts relating to the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company—Mr. Paxton.

Bill (No. 63) to authorize the construction of a Railway from the City of Hamilton to Caledonia—Mr. Williams (Hamilton.)

The following Bills were read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 49) to authorize the Trustees of McNab Street Wesleyan Methodist Church, in the City of Hamilton, to sell and convey certain real estate vested in them, and to apply the proceeds in payment for another church—Mr. Lauder.

Bill (No. 81) to authorize the Corporation of the township of Collingwood, in the county of Grey, to construct certain works, and to acquire certain lands at the mouth of Beaver River, in said township—Mr. Scott (Grey.)

Bill (No. 94) to divide the township of Marysburgh into two Municipalities—Mr. Greely.

SHERIFF'S FEES.

Atty-Gen. MACDONALD moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole on the resolutions with respect to fees of Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, and County Attorneys. Mr. Clarke in the chair.

The resolutions were reported without amendments, and a Bill, founded on the resolutions was then introduced, read a first time, and ordered for a second reading at the second sitting of the House to-morrow.

SUPPLY.

Hon. Mr. WOOD moved the reception of the report of the Committee on Supply.

The following items were carried without discussion.

Civil Government, \$120,970.

Legislation, \$75,615.

Administration of Justice, \$194,059.

On the item of \$75,000, for the construction of an asylum for the blind,

Mr. BOYD moved, seconded by Mr. OLIVER, that this House, while willing and anxious to make suitable provision for the relief of the indigent blind, is of opinion that, with the estimates, the probable cost of the proposed asylum according to the full plans should be submitted by the Government before it is called upon to vote \$75,000 in respect thereof.

A division was taken on the amendment without discussion, with the following result:

YEAS—Messrs. Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Clemens, Crosby, Evans, Fraser, Galbraith, Gow, McCall (Norfolk), McDougall, McKellar, McLeod, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Beatty, Boulter, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Clarke, Cockburn, Code, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Graham (York), Greely, Hooper, Lauder, Luton, Lyon, Macdonald, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, McCall (Elgin), Paxton, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Wallis, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—49.

Mr. BOYD moved that this House ought to have an opportunity to express its opinion as to the place to be selected for the asylum for the blind before any expenditure of money be made in respect thereof.

Hon. Mr. WOOD had no objections to allowing a vote to be taken on the motion, but considered it covered precisely the same ground as the motion just voted down.

Mr. BOYD said there was nothing about the site in the other motion.

Mr. SINCLAIR thought that it would be a very suitable place, and that it would only be graceful on the part of the Government to erect the Asylum at Hamilton. He moved in amendment to that effect.

Mr. McKELLAR said that he would second it.

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD said that the House would not stultify itself by adopting this amendment. The Opposition had been

warmly defeated in a recent attempt to force a similar expression of opinion. It was too bad of the hon. gentlemen to say that Hamilton had been deprived of privileges because of its political principles; but even now the hon. gentleman came and actually showed the cloven foot. It was a kind of small potatoe. (Laughter.) He felt a kind of sorrow to see the hon. member for South Bruce rise up and speak his piece as he had done, for he was a Scotchman, and spoke Gaelic as well as himself. (Laughter.)

Mr. HAYS—Why, you ought to excuse him for that reason. (Laughter.)

Mr. McKELLAR said that the hon. member for South Bruce could draw a resolution and propose it. He thought the proposition was a proper one, and he should support it. The hon. Attorney-General was not so greatly annoyed with the honourable member for South Bruce speaking Gaelic, but because he could speak only what he thought with reference to any proposition introduced by either the Government or any private member.

Mr. McCALL, (Norfolk), moved a further amendment that the site selected should be Goderich.

The SPEAKER ruled that an amendment to an amendment could not be received, and the amendment therefore was not considered.

Mr. CUMBERLAND said if it had not been so ruled he intended to have proposed an amendment that the site selected should be at Vankleek Hill, County of Prescott.

Mr. HAYS thought the action of the hon. member for North Bruce would lead him to support the Government.

Mr. BLAKE said there was no fear in the mind of any reasonable member that the hon. gentleman by his course on the present occasion had made himself into a supporter of the Government.

Mr. FERGUSON read from a petition from the County of Simcoe setting forth their approval of the location of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Belleville, and suggesting that some portion of it should be used for the purposes of the Asylum for the blind.

Mr. WALLIS thought Toronto was the place where the Asylum should be built.

Mr. GOW thought it would be well that the House should show by their vote to-morrow that the charges of unfair treatment towards Hamilton were unfounded.

The amendment to the amendment was then put, with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Crosby, Evans, Fraser, Gow, McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Williams (Hamilton)—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Beatty, Boulter, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Clarke, Cockburn, Code, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Galbraith, Graham (Hastings), Grahame (York), Greely, Hays, Hooper, Lauder, Luton, Lyon, Macdonald, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, McCall (Norfolk), McColl (Elgin), Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Trow, Wallis, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—53.

The amendment was declared lost on the same division.

The item was then carried.

COLONIZATION ROADS.

Mr. McDUGALL moved that the item of \$20,000 for colonization roads be referred back to the Committee on Supply, with instructions to name the particular roads on which the expenditure was to be made. He explained that last year there had been a large appropriation had been made last year, not a cent of which had been spent in the eastern part of the Province, where the largest part of the unoccupied lands were situated. He did not wish any one to suppose that he made this motion because none of the appropriation had been expended in his particular constituency. He deprecated such narrow views; but he believed that money should be expended where it was most required. It had not been so expended last year, and for this reason he now moved the resolution.

A division was then taken on the amendment with the following result:—

YEAS—Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Crosby, Evans, Fraser, Galbraith, Gow, McCall (Norfolk), McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Kent), Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Williams (Hamilton)—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Clarke, Cockburn, Code, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), Grahame (York), Greely, Hays, Hooper, Lauder, Luton, Lyon, Macdonald, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, McCall (Elgin), Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Trow, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—49.

The item was then carried.

DRAINAGE.

The items following were then carried without discussion.

On item 14, an appropriation of \$200,000 for surveys and drainage of swamp lands.

Mr. McLEOD moved that the following words be added:—"That in the opinion of this House no works should be undertaken on swamp lands unless a majority of the owners interested, or the local municipalities shall petition for such work."

The amendment was lost on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baxter, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Evans, Galbraith, Gow, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, Oliver, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Kent), Smith (Middlesex)—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Clarke, Cockburn, Code, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Crosby, Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), Grahame (York), Greely, Hays, Hooper, Lauder, Luton, Lyon, Macdonald, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, McCall (Norfolk), McColl (Elgin), Pardee, Paxton, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Trow, Wallis, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—54.

Mr. BOYD moved that said resolution be re-committed for the purpose of specifying the certain localities and improvements on which the sum or part of the sum of \$200,000 mentioned therein shall be applied, so as not to leave so large a sum of money to be expended at the mere will or whim of the Executive without appropriating the sum, as far as possible to the works approved of by the House.

Mr. PARDEE was in favor of the Drainage Act, and believed that the drainage of