

erated business. It was now twenty-five minutes past five, yet the order paper had been gone over. He would remind the member for Middlesex that it was not the Opposition who delayed business. It was not their fault if the School Bill were not advanced another stage to-day. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that he required the assistance of Dr. Ryerson before he proceeded with the Bill; but, unfortunately, that gentleman was ill.

The House adjourned at half-past five.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

This Committee met at half-past nine yesterday morning.

There were present—Mr. Cumberland (chairman), Hon. Mr. Wood, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Messrs. Blake, McLeod, Cameron, Beatty, McDougall and Smith.

Item \$150, in the case of Hamilton v. Bedell, came up.

Mr. BLAKE demanded explanations.

Mr. MCGREGOR, being summoned, stated that Bedell was an old soldier and was entitled to certain land. The land, by mistake, was sold to one Hamilton. Finally, the Crown, a law suit arising, paid Bedell a thousand dollars, and also gave a quit claim, at the same time paying its own costs.

In the case of the item of \$50, for advertising in the *Canadian Freeman*,

Hon. Mr. WOOD explained that the charge was for advertising in connection with the murder of McGee, and the reason why the advertisement was inserted in this paper was that it would reach persons other papers did not reach.

Mr. BLAKE said he could not see that this advertisement was authorised; nor could he understand why it should be charged to the Executive Council office.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said he could give no answer. He thought the advertisement should not have been charged to the Executive Council office, but to the expenses of criminal justice.

Mr. BLAKE said he could not see that other advertisements about the same subject had been charged to the Executive Council. He would move that the Treasurer be authorized to lay before the Committee the names of the other papers in which the advertisement that had appeared in the *Freeman* had been inserted, and to what departments the other advertisements of like nature had been charged. Carried.

In the case of Mr. Russell, the Crown Lands Agent,

Mr. BLAKE moved that the committee should have a return of the average remuneration of Mr. Russell for the past three years. Carried.

Hon. Mr. MCMURRICH asked when the examination of Mr. Cayley should be proceeded with.

The CHAIRMAN said the examination would be most likely a protracted one.

Hon. Mr. WOOD suggested that the series of questions which it was determined to ask Mr. Cayley should be submitted to him in writing.

Mr. BLAKE said that perhaps Mr. Cayley would have no objection to draw up a series of questions and answers himself. (A laugh.)

The returns of expenditures on the Government House having been submitted,

Mr. BLAKE said that the statement did not give the dates of the expenditures, so that the committee could not tell how much was spent each year.

Hon. Mr. WOOD promised to have the dates supplied by Monday.

The question of the examination of Mr. Cayley having again come up,

Mr. BLAKE said there were many things in favour of a *viva voce* examination; besides, the committee would doubtless wish to examine Mr. Cayley with reference to certain irregularities which had been mentioned by the Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said that Mr. Cayley knew of no irregularities except those he had discovered himself.

Mr. BLAKE—As to the *Gazette*.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—Yes; that was a bad business.

It was finally agreed that the examination of Mr. Cayley should not be proceeded with until the committee had made further progress in their present investigations.

The committee then rose, to meet at half-past nine on Monday morning.

PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this committee was held at eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon, the Attorney-General presiding.

The Bill for the distribution and settlement of the estate of the late Hon. Mr. Goodhue, of London, came up again for consideration.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON addressed the committee on behalf of the promoters of the Bill, and cited numerous cases in the past legislation of the country where Parliament had stepped in and defined the construction that should be put upon wills of the same description as that of the Hon. Mr. Goodhue.

The question as to whether evidence should be taken was decided in the negative by the Committee, who then adopted the preamble of the Bill, thereby giving sanction to the measure.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Coyne—Bill to amend the Statutes of Limitations, by shortening the periods within which claims to real estate may be paid.