

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved the House into committee (Mr. Rykert in the chair) on the Bill to incorporate the Queen City Fire Insurance Company (Toronto).

Mr. BOYD suggested that the capital to start with should be \$20,000, \$10,000 to be paid up, and the other \$10,000 to be invested in Dominion or Provincial bonds, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this province. He would further suggest that, in proportion as the capital was paid up, a certain margin should be set aside until the sum amounted to \$25,000, this money to be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he was not disposed to consent to the amendment. The charter was precisely in the same terms as those of the other insurance companies which were now doing a large business.

Mr. BOYD asked if the other Insurance Companies had not to lodge \$50,000 with the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON replied that they had not to do so when they were organized.

Mr. BOYD said he would, if his suggestions were not acceded to, move an amendment when the bill came up for a third reading.

The committee reported the bill without amendment. Third reading on Monday.

SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time, and referred to committee of the whole House on Monday.

Bill to enable Sullivan Caveno to convey certain lands in the County of Welland.—Mr. Beatty.

Bill to authorize the trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the Township of Notawasega, in the County of Simcoe, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to sell the west half of lot number twenty-four; in the seventh concession of the said township.—Mr. Lount.

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Napanee River Improvement Company.—Mr. Hooper.

Bill to extend the Limit of the Corporation of the Town of St. Thomas.—Mr. Luton.

Bill to incorporate the Glenwood Cemetery Company of the Town of Picton.—Mr. Anderson.

Bill to incorporate the Pembroke and Ottawa Railway Company.—Mr. Murray.

Bill to incorporate the Merrickville and Westport Railway Company.—Mr. Smith (Leeds).

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and Lake Erie Railway Company.—Mr. Williams (Hamilton).

Bill to incorporate the Toronto Union Passenger Station and Dock Company.—Honourable Mr. Cameron.

Bill to establish and declare the mode in which the Side Lines of the lots in the Township of Huntley, in the County of Carleton, have been, and shall be run.—Mr. Lyon.

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Bill to make the Members of the Law Society of Ontario elective by the Bar thereof (Hon. Attorney-General Macdonald) was read a third time and passed.

ELECTION PETITIONS.

Bill to amend the law relating to Election Petitions, and for providing more effectually for the prevention of corrupt practices at Elections for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Hon. Attorney-General Macdonald) was read a third time and passed.

THUNDER BAY.

Bill to provide for the organization of the Territorial District of Thunder Bay (Hon. Attorney-General Macdonald) was read a third time and passed.

ELMA.

Mr. GRAHAME (York) moved address for returns referring to lots one or two in the 14th concession of Elma. Carried.

COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

On the motion of Attorney-General MACDONALD, the House went into committee on the Bill respecting Commissioners of Police, Mr. Scott (Ottawa) in the chair.

PROCEDURE OF COURTS.

The House went into committee on Bill to amend the Act regulating the procedure of Superior Courts of Common Law, and of County Courts. The clauses were passed and the committee rose and reported.

The House adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Mr. BOYD moved the amendment of which he had given notice, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following proviso:— "Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the advancement of any moneys accruing from the sale of any securities which may have been held by the said Town of Brantford, in respect of any moneys borrowed from the Municipal Loan Fund."

Hon. Mr. WOOD said the by-law did not appropriate any money in particular; but authorized the town of Brantford to appropriate certain moneys for a certain purpose. Under the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act of 1859, the town of Brantford paid five cents on the dollar. Now, if the views of the hon. member for Prescott were correct, the remedy remained as potent without the amendment as with it; for in the Act itself there was a provision that nothing contained in the act should in any way affect the rights of the late Province of Canada or of the Province of Ontario. As respected the town of Brantford, the town was abundantly able to pay all it owed under the Municipal Loan Fund Act. He had never advocated that any Municipality that was able to pay should not pay. This motion was a little invidious in respect to the town of Brantford. This bill left the question of liability or non-liability as regarded that town in just the same position as it was before. The town wished to have a railway constructed to the town of Harrisburg, and also to erect machine works. These works would so increase the taxable property of the town of Brantford, as to put it in a position to enable it to meet the principal of the Municipal Loan Fund.

Mr. BLAKE said that the Treasurer had not ventured to deny that the moneys with which this Bill was concerned were the proceeds of Municipal Loan Fund securities.

Hon. Mr. WOOD.—I beg your pardon. They are not Municipal Loan Fund securities.

Mr. BLAKE said he meant "securities" taken by the town of Brantford, as counter securities for its loan to railway companies, and the stock it took up. The Bill recited that the town had a large sum on hand; but everybody knew whence that sum came. The House was asked to authorize the handing over of moneys by the town for the purposes of certain enterprises; and the Treasurer said the Province would be in just the same position—in other words that it could sue the town of Brantford. The Treasurer said there was an invidious distinction as regarded the town of Brantford. This was not the case; any other municipality would meet with the same objection if it made a similar application, as was the case with Port Hope. In the case of Port Hope, gentlemen on this side of the House took the same view as they now did in the case of the town of Brantford—namely that the country was entitled to their securities. The House was asked to legalize the division of money which ought to go into the public treasury; and he hoped that for this reason it would reject the bill.

Mr. CARNEGIE contended that municipalities were not reducing their assessment on account of the requirement under the Municipal Loan Fund. The assessment in the town of Peterborough was increasing yearly.

Mr. BOYD quoted some statistics showing the decrease in the value of assessed property in municipalities subject to pay the five per cent. In 1858 the amount was \$2,580,000; in 1863, when the record ceased, it stood at \$2,350,000; and in 1867 it appeared to have further decreased to \$2,050,000.

After some further discussion the amendment was put and lost, by 17 to 42.

YEAS—Messrs Anderson, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Cook, Crossy, Eyre, Galweith, Gow, McCall (Norfolk), McCall, McKellar, McKim, McMurrich, Pardee, Perry, Sinclair—17.

NAYS—Messrs Barber, Beatty, Bentler, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carnegie Clarke, Cockburn, Coad, Coghlan, Corby, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Evans, Fiddimons, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Lount, Lyon, Macdonald, McCall (Elgin), McGill, Macpherson, Menzies, Murray, Reid, Rykert, Scott (Ottawa), Seward, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Smith (Middlesex), Strange, Swinerton, Tett, Trow, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wood—42.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

ALBION AND KING TOWNSHIPS.

On motion of Mr. SWINARTON, the House went again in committee—Mr. Perry in the chair—on the Bill to extend to the townships of Albion and King the provisions of

the Act passed in the twenty second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and chaptered fifty nine.

The clauses were passed without amendment, and the third reading fixed for Monday.

ALBERT COLLEGE, HASTINGS.

On motion of Mr. GRAHAM (Hastings), the House went into Committee and passed the Bill to incorporate the Albert College, Hastings; Mr. Graham (York) in the chair.

FRIENDS' SEMINARY.

On motion of Mr. PARDEE, in the absence of Mr. Fraser, the House went into Committee and passed the Bill incorporating the Trustees of the Friends' Seminary of the Province of Ontario.

OTTAWA BILLS.

The following Bills, introduced by Mr. SCOTT (Ottawa), were passed through Committee:—

Bill to incorporate the Sisters of our Lady of Charity and Refuge of Ottawa.

Bill to incorporate the Church of England Ladies' School at Ottawa.

Bill to authorize the Corporation of the City of Ottawa to acquire certain lands for the enlargement of the By-Ward Market, and to enable the said Corporation to sell certain lands granted by the Crown for the purpose of a market.

Bill to vest the property belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, at Ottawa, in the present trustees, and their successors, to be appointed according to the discipline of the said Church.

Third readings on Monday

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills passed through Committee:—

Bill to incorporate the Georgian Bay Lumber Association.—Mr. Lauder.

Bill to revive the Act incorporating "The Hamilton Masonic Hall Association."—Mr. Williams (Hamilton.)

Bill respecting the Norfolk Railway Company.—Mr. Wilson.

Bill to enable Charles C. Grove and Nicholas Nebelhoer to construct a Railway in the Township of Bertie, County of Welland.—Mr. Beatty.

Bill to legalize and confirm a portion of the survey made by William Smiley, deputy P. L. S., of that part of the township of West Oxford and other divisions and boundaries lying on the southerly part of said township, known as the fifth and sixth concessions.—Mr. Oliver.

Bill to incorporate the Ontario Sugar Refining Company.—Mr. Lauder.

Bill to incorporate the town of Walkerton, and to define the limits thereof.—Mr. Blake.

Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery for Ontario to admit John Netterville Blake to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein.—Mr. Hays.

Bill to incorporate the Gananoque and Rideau Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Richards.

Bill to enlarge the powers of the town of Brantford respecting the Grand River Navigation Company.—Hon. Mr. Wood.

Bill to incorporate the Brockville and Westport Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Richards.

Bill to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Bill to amend the Act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of her Majesty, and chaptered 41, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company"—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Bill to incorporate the Simpson Loom Company (Limited)—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Bill to close part of Church street, in the city of London, and vest the same in the Corporation of the said city.—Hon. Mr. Carling.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Toronto General Burying Ground, to confirm certain purchases made by them, to authorize them to acquire additional lands for the purpose of the said trust and to amend the Acts relating to the said trust.—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Bill to confer upon the bishop and incumbents of the diocese of Toronto similar powers to those held by the bishop and incumbents of the diocese of Ontario.—Hon. Mr. Cameron.