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of Charity and Refuge of Ottawa.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa.)

Bill to incorporate the Church of England Ladies' School at Ottawa.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa.)

Bill to authorize the Corporation of the City of Ottawa to acquire certain lands for the enlargement of the By Ward Market.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa.)

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.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa.)

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 Uebelheer to construct a railway in the township of Bertie, county of Welland.—Mr. Beatty.

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

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 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 forty-one, 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 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 purposes 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.

ALBERT COLLEGE, HASTINGS.

On the motion for the third reading of a Bill to amend the Act incorporating Albert College.—Mr. Graham (Hastings).—

Mr. BLAKE said he was not going to oppose this Bill; but it appeared to him that the House should pronounce in favour of a uniform system of graduation. He thought the sense of the House—as expressed on a former occasion—was strongly in favour of coming as soon as possible to a uniform and elevated standard of graduation. He would move that the following words be added to the Bill:—

"That this House, while enlarging the graduating powers of Albert College to the extent of those already possessed by other like institutions, adheres to the views already expressed as to the importance of establishing a uniform and elevated standard of graduation."

The motion was carried, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

QUEEN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill to incorporate the Queen City Fire Insurance Company.—Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Mr. BOYD moved that the Bill be referred back to committee of the whole for the purpose of adding a proviso that the company should deposit ten per cent of the paid-up capital in the hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be invested in Dominion stock or Provincial securities. His object was to establish a very important principle. The present was the first instance in which this Legislature had been called upon to charter a joint stock company of this character. According to the requirements of the Dominion Act, the promoters of such companies were obliged to deposit in the hands of the Dominion Government a certain deposit, in order that if the parties became insolvent the fund might be for the benefit of creditors. In looking over the Dominion Act, he had found several clauses referring to this provision, on the wording of one of which he had founded his motion.

Mr. CAMERON said that it was only asked to place this company on the same footing as those already existing. The hon. gentleman had not shown that this provision

would protect the public, nor that it was required.

Attorney-General MACDONALD suggested that the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Boyd) should give notice of such a resolution, so that the principle might be incorporated in all future legislation of this character, and notice would thus be given to all parties who might propose to come before the Legislature for charters. The principle was one which would add much to the security of the public, and he thought was one which was very much required.

Mr. BLAKE was glad to hear that the Attorney-General was in favour of the general public. This was no doubt because the public security required it, and he (Mr. Blake) could not see why they should charter any company without securing the interest of the public. He would suggest that the principle should be applied to the present company, which might be accorded a certain time within which to fulfil its provisions.

The amendment of Mr. Boyd was put, and declared lost on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

CHURCH STREET, LONDON.

On the motion for the third reading of the 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—

Mr. McKELLAR moved that it be referred back to the Private Bills Committee, in order that further evidence might be taken. He understood that a gentleman whose property was proposed to be taken, had been sick, and he hoped the House would afford him an opportunity of giving his evidence.

Mr. CARLING said he had no objection, and the Bill was consequently referred back as proposed.

PROCEDURE OF SUPERIOR COURTS.

Mr. RYKERT moved that the Bill to amend the Act to regulate the procedure of the Superior Courts of Common Law, and of the County Courts, be not now read a third time, but be referred to the Committee of the Whole with instructions to substitute, in the last clause, the word "June" for "July." Carried.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill, which was read a third time and passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved the third reading of the Bill respecting Commissioners of Police.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

LONDON LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Hon. Mr. CARLING, presented, in accordance with a previously expressed desire by Mr. Blake, a report with regard to the health of the inmates of the London Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. BLAKE said at an early period of the session he had moved for certain details respecting this institution. They had not yet been given.

Hon. Mr. CARLING said that if they were in the Public Works Department he would bring them down to-morrow.

It now being six o'clock the House rose for recess.

After recess,

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved that on and after Tuesday there should be two distinct sittings of the House. Carried.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REPORTERS.

Mr. CHRISTIE brought before the House the subject of the remuneration owing to reporters employed on the Upper Canada College committee of last session.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD said he objected to the proposition; and unless with the consent of the Government it could not be brought forward.

Mr. CHRISTIE said that to refuse this claim would be an act of great injustice. The committee on the Upper Canada College met last session, and the chairman of the committee—the hon. member for Peterboro—urged that reporters should be employed to take a *verbatim* report for the committee. He (Mr. Christie) and other members of that committee had stated—so important was the business that came before the committee—that unless reporters were retained the sitting of the committee would be next to useless. As soon as reporters were obtained, the chairman called the committee together.

The reporters continued for two or three sittings to take the evidence *verbatim*. They took it very carefully indeed, and bestowed a very considerable amount of labour on it. To refuse payment for this important, and, to the reporters, exhausting labour, would be an act of injustice. The former session, during an investigation that was had, a reporter was retained, and this was done by the Provincial Secretary, who was chairman of the committee. The reporter was paid on that occasion, and why not now? The appointment of a reporter the session previous to the last one, was a sufficient precedent for the committee on the Upper Canada College—was ample justification for appointing a reporter themselves. He thought it would be an act of injustice—in fact an act of fraud—if the House disclaimed the payment of this debt. He found it was in accordance with British Parliamentary practice to retain reporters to take down *verbatim* reports of evidence; and he thought the Government ought to consent to this just and equitable demand. The amount was very small, and had been laboriously earned by the reporters who were engaged in taking the evidence on a highly important subject.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD proceeded to attack Mr. Christie for his investigation of the affairs of the Upper Canada College, and said that though the evidence had been reported, the institution remained untouched. It was a broken-down examination, and had cost a large amount in printing. The payment of the reporters would be considered by the Government, and a reasonable amount would be given to them. But the Government would put its face against this description of outlay.

Mr. SCOTT (Ottawa) said the question was settled at the very first session that members of this House should be ignored by the Government. The Upper Canada College Committee was a very respectable body, and such important witnesses as Dr. Ryerson were examined before it. The country was deeply interested in that committee; for there was no use disguising the truth—the circumstances connected with the Upper Canada College had been largely discussed by the Teachers' Association and by the press of Upper Canada. The evidence laid before the committee was exceedingly important, and could not have been taken except by reporters. The House—if not by direct order, at least by acquiescence—had instructed the chairman of the committee to employ a shorthand reporter. He (Mr. Scott) was sorry, for the dignity of this House, that this item had remained so long unpaid; and it was due to the honour of the chairman of the committee that it should have been paid long ago. It would have been an act of courtesy to this House if the Government, at the first, had admitted that this was a necessary charge, and had paid it.

Mr. CARNEGIE said he had brought the matter twice before the House, as to the necessity of having a reporter; and, though the motion was withdrawn, it was distinctly understood that the appointment required no formal order of the House. He (Mr. Carnegie), as chairman of the committee, spoke to Mr. Vance, who procured him a reporter. The evidence was taken down, and he understood it was to be paid for, and printed; but it was not printed. The reporter's account had been sent to him, and he had certified it; in the meantime the account had never been paid. The point attempted to be made by the Attorney-General for the Upper Canada College had failed, and he would yet find that the inquiry was not at an end, and that the House and country would not sanction the outlay on that building. He was sorry to see that, with the sanction of the Government, \$20,000 had been spent this summer on that building, the amount having been taken out of the Endowment Fund.

Mr. BOYD said that the remarks of the Attorney-General compelled him to say that he (Mr. Boyd) had to make a disbursement for services rendered in discharge of a public duty. Last session a question as to the privilege of the House came up for discussion—a question affecting the character of an officer of the House. The services of a shorthand reporter were necessary, and he, as chairman of the committee, engaged one, and certified his account. The account was not paid; and he (Mr. Boyd) feeling that it was unjust that the reporter should remain unpaid, gave that gentleman a cheque for \$25 out of his own pocket.

Mr. McKELLAR expressed his pleasure at the statement of the Atty.-General that the amount would be paid. He thought the country owed a debt of gratitude to the hon. member for North Wentworth (Mr. Christie), for his exertions in this Upper Canada mat-