

tions had been made with reference to an honourable member of the Administration, and that when that gentleman took his place in the House he would make some explanations. He (Mr. Cameron) was not aware that the President of the Council had announced the nature of the negotiations that had passed between him and the member for Ottawa, and which had induced the latter to join the Administration.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said he would have great pleasure in laying full explanations before the House when the benches on the Opposition side were occupied. There was one gentleman opposite whom he would like to see in his place, (Hon. J. S. Macdonald) It would not be right to enter into explanations as to his (Mr. Scott's) assumption of office until the member for Cornwall was in his place, (hear, hear,) and he understood that that gentleman would be here tomorrow. He would not now trouble the House with personal explanations, but he would give at the proper time the explanations due to the House; and would avail himself of the very earliest opportunity of doing so. (Applause)

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he did not rise to oppose the motion, as it was only right the Administration should have the preponderance in the members of the committee already struck. The Commissioner of Crown Lands had said he would be prepared to make explanations when another gentleman was present; and he (Mr. Cameron) admitted that there was a degree of reasonableness in this course, and would offer no objection. It was not his intention to offer anything like unnecessary hostility to the proceedings of gentlemen opposite. He would be quite prepared to aid them in all just and proper legislation, being careful, however, to watch their proceedings. He would take the opportunity when the House was full to ventilate the arrangements that had been made in the forming of the Administration, for it had been formed on terms utterly at variance with the declarations made on the floor of the House by gentlemen opposite.

The motion of Mr. Blake was carried.

#### REPORT OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Hon. Mr. GOW laid on the table the report on the Normal, Grammar and Common Schools of Ontario for the year 1870 by the Chief Superintendent of Education.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said it had always been usual to do nothing more than routine on the first day of the session. A number of members, relying upon that practice, had not yet arrived, and he would therefore move the adjournment of the House.

After some remarks from Hon. Mr. Cameron the motion was agreed to, and the House adjourned at 3:30.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Rykert—Bill for the prevention of corrupt practices at municipal elections.

Mr. Sexton—Bill to amend the Joint Stock Road Companies Act.

Mr. Merrick—That the House resolve itself into a committee to consider the following resolution:—"That this House is of opinion that inasmuch as the old Parliament of Canada and the present Dominion Parliament have furnished their respective statutes to qualified Justices of the Peace free of cost, this House should also furnish the Ontario Statutes upon the same terms."

Mr. Macdonald (Leeds)—Enquiry of the Ministry whether they are prepared to recommend His Excellency to make an appropriation of a reasonable amount for the purchase of land, issued in such a way, and subject to such Government lien as may be considered advisable.

Also—Enquiry of the Ministry whether they intend, during this session, to initiate legislation in reference to the solemnization of marriage in the Province of Ontario, and the appointment of the issuers of marriage licenses.

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The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock, and announced that he had received the return of Mr. Bethune for Stormont.

Mr. Bethune was introduced by Mr. Blake and Mr. Mackenzie, and took his seat.

Mr. McNair, of Prince Edward, was also introduced, and took his seat.

#### PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. Scott—From the City Council of Ottawa for an Act to enable them to raise money for the construction of Water Works.

Mr. Rykert—From Thomas F. Nellis and others, of Ottawa, for an Act to sell certain lands.

Mr. Williams (Hamilton)—From the Hamilton Agricultural Society, for aid.

Mr. McLeod—From the Township Council of Manvers, for an Act of Incorporation for the Bowmanville, Lindsay, and Bobcaygeon Railway Company; also from Thos. Fowke and others, of Darling; from George Workman and others, of Cartwright; and from Robt. McGilland and others, of Manvers, to the same effect.

Mr. Wood (Victoria)—From the Town Council of Lindsay, and from M. Boyd and others, of Verulam, to the same effect.

Mr. Monteith—From the Town Council of Logan, for an Act to enable them to repeal certain bye-laws.

Mr. Perry—From Wm. Grey and others, of Woodstock, for an Act to incorporate a railway from Port Dover to Lake Huron.

Also, from McClenaghan and others, of Woodstock, for an Act to authorize them to purchase and hold real estate for purposes of temperance.

Mr. McCall—From George Rice and others, of Walsingham, praying that no further territory be granted to the Long Point Company.

Mr. McCallum—From David E. Winslow and others, of Canborough, for the appointment of commissioners to make a certain survey.

Mr. Monteith—From George Ney and others, for an Act to invest certain property in them as trustees for the Lutheran Church of Ellice.

Mr. Fairbairne—From Henry Ludgate and others, of Peterborough, for certain amendments to the Game Law.

Mr. Deacon—From the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Co., for an Act to legalize certain bye-laws. Also, from Boyd and others, of Bobcaygeon, for an Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Clemens—From the County Council of Waterloo, for certain amendments to the Municipal Law.

Dr. Boulter—From the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, for certain amendments to the Dentistry Act.

Mr. Fairbairne—From Henry Collins and others, of Peterborough, for the repeal of certain laws.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE, from the Select Committee appointed to strike the standing committees, reported a list of committees on Railways, Public Accounts, Private Bills and Privileges, and Elections.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE moved the adoption of the report.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he was not familiar with the names, and would ask that the motion be deferred till the names of the committees were printed.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said of course the motion could not be pressed to day if any member objected, but he regretted that the motion could not be passed to-day so that the committees could get to work.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Prince—To confer further corporate powers upon the Canada Southern Railway Company.

Mr. McLeod—To incorporate the Bowmanville, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon Railway Company.

#### HON. MR. SCOTT—EXPLANATIONS AND DENIALS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT rose and said he was sorry the member for Cornwall was not today in his place. But he supposed, from the authoritative manner in which the member for East Toronto addressed the House, that the presence or absence of the member for Cornwall was not of that importance it had been on the occasion when the House first met. He (Mr. Scott) was thoroughly prepared to make the explanations which had been demanded of him and which he had promised yesterday. He would prefer, however, that the member for Cornwall was present, for he did not like to follow the example that gentleman had set, to attack a man in his absence. The member for Cornwall and two or three others had hurled their darts at him (Mr. Scott) when he had no opportunity of defending himself; it was an unmanly act, and he did not hesitate to say was contrary to all British practice. (Hear, hear.) It was dishonourable in those gentlemen to strike their blows below the belt, and gag the mouths of their opponents at the same time. (Hear, hear.) The charges those gentlemen uttered were calculated to defile the character of any man, but they had fallen harmless upon the House and the country. He (Mr. Scott) had a name before the member for Cornwall was called upon to form a government for Ontario; he had been elected by acclamation over and over again by the city which he had the honour to represent. The country knew that the charges made against him had no foundation; and not only in Ottawa, but in Prescott and Carleton—the latter an old Conservative county that had never returned a Conservative—were those charges refuted. (Hear, hear.) In Carleton the whether the present Ministry should, as to

ported, and the gentleman at the end of these benches (Mr. Monk) said he would come to the House and support the Administration. (Applause) The response of these constituencies in the East of Ontario ought to be most corroborative evidence of his (Mr. Scott's) perfect freedom from the charges laid at his door. (Hear, hear.) Personal explanations were at all times disagreeable to the House and the country, but he occupied a position of trust in the Councils of Ontario, and it was due to this House and the people of Ontario that he should answer succinctly the charges laid at his door.

In consequence of the absence of the member for Cornwall he (Mr. Scott) would be somewhat guarded in his utterances; but if he were present he could lay before the House many things he would now refrain from saying. But he hoped he would soon have an opportunity of measuring swords with the member for Cornwall. It had been charged against him (Mr. Scott) that he was not a fit person to be entrusted with the department over which he had been placed, as he was a paid advocate of the lumbermen. Mr. Richards had said "that it was highly improper to appoint a gentleman who was interested in the

terest—an interest which interested in the honest payment of the timber dues." Mr. Cameron had made assertions to a similar effect. Now he (Mr. Scott) emphatically and distinctly said that the charge was not true. (Cheers) He repeated again that the charge that he was the paid advocate of the lumbermen was not true. (Hear, hear.) He had had occasion in the late Parliament of Canada, as well as here, to speak very fully in reference to the lumber trade. He lost no opportunity of doing so in the late Parliament of Canada. He did say—and he could prove it when the proper time came—that it was in the interest of the people of Ontario and of Canada that his views were enunciated, for he thoroughly understood the value of that great trade. (Applause) He would not now give utterance to these views, but the time would arrive when he would lay them before the people of Ontario and this House, and he hoped that they would meet the approbation of the people of this country. He had always urged that we should save and protect our forests, and he had no doubt but that the people of Ontario would agree with him on that subject. (Hear, hear) The charge had been made that he was the paid advocate of the lumber trade. Now, for the last twenty years of his life, while practising in the city of Ottawa, he had never drawn fifty dollars a year from the professional business extended to him by those engaged in the lumber trade. (Hear, hear.) He could name on

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### Parliament of Ontario.

#### SECOND PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

The House re-opened yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Hon. J. G. Currie, Speaker, in the chair.

#### PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. Graham—From the St. Andrew's Church of Belleville, for the passing of an Act appointing certain trustees.

Mr. Williams (Durham)—From the Trustees of the Port Hope Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, for an Act to enable them to sell certain bonds.

Mr. McCall (Norfolk)—From James Carson and others, for an Act to incorporate a certain mining company.

Mr. Deroche—From R. Rathbun and others, for an Act to build up and maintain certain dams.

Hon. Mr. Scott—From the Ottawa City Council, for an Act to enable them to mortgage the By Ward Market property, &c.

Mr. Calvin—From the County Council of Frontenac, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

Mr. Wilson—From S. Maudlebaun and others, for an Act to incorporate a certain mining company.

Mr. Williams (Durham)—From the Port Hope Trinity College School for an Act of incorporation it.

Mr. Coyne—From James Carson and others, for an Act to incorporate a certain mining company.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The SPEAKER announced that he had received returns of the election of Hon. E. Blake (South Bruce,) Hon. A. Mackenzie (West Middlesex,) Hon. A. McKellar (Bothwell,) Hon. R. W. Scott (Ottawa,) Hon. P. Gow (South Wellington,) Captain Gifford (West Northumberland,) W. G. Monk (Carleton,) A. W. Lauder (South Grey,) W. D. Ardagh (North Simcoe,) Mr. McNair (Prince Edward,) Mr. McLeod (West Durham,) and G. W. Hamilton (Prescott)

All these gentlemen, except Mr. Hamilton, were introduced and took their seats.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES—EXPLANATIONS.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE moved that Mr. Clarke (Centre Wellington,) and Mr. Hodgins be added to the Select Committee already appointed to strike the Standing Committees.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON asked if hon. gentlemen opposite were prepared to make any statement of their policy. He made this inquiry because for certain reasons the President of the Council had formed a union with the member for Ottawa, who was a Conservative, and because the President of the Council had always been opposed to coalitions.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that the Government was always ready to reply to argument. He would now say that he had stated the policy of the Government before recess; he had stated it fully and fairly. If gentlemen opposite wished to raise any further debate, they would find the Government quite prepared to answer them.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he understood, before adjournment, that certain accusa-