

By Hon. Mr. CARLING—From the London, Huron and Bruce Railway Company, to extend the time for the beginning and completion of the said road.

By Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham)—From John Sutton and other public school teachers of Ontario, that no alteration be made in the Superannuated Teachers Fund.

By Mr. McLEOD—From the Town Council of Bowmanville, to incorporate the Bowmanville, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon Railway Company.

By Mr. OLIVER—From Daniel Freeman and others, of Norfolk, to incorporate the Port Burwell and Ingersoll Railway Company.

By Mr. CHRISTIE—From the Town Council of Dundas, to enable them to close Rosina street in the said town.

By Mr. SPRINGER—From the Village Council of Waterloo, to empower them to extend the Grand Trunk Railway from Berlin to Waterloo.

By Mr. SPRINGER—From the Town Council of Galt, to confirm a certain agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and for power to extend the line from Doon to Galt.

By Mr. CLEMENS—From the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, to confirm a certain agreement with the town of Galt, and for power to extend the line from Doon to Galt.

By Mr. COYNE—From John Haggert and others, of Brampton, to incorporate the Brampton water works.

By Mr. McCALL—From Thomas Fry and others, of Norfolk, that no further acquisition of territory be granted the Long Point Company.

By Mr. ARDAGH—From the Village Council of Orillia, to empower them to sell certain lands known as the Market Block.

By Mr. SINCLAIR—From the Township Council of Amabel, that the Indian lands in Ontario may be under the control of the Crown Lands Department.

By Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk)—From the County Council of Norfolk, for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

By Mr. TOOLEY—From the County Council of Middlesex, that the township of Delaware may be annexed to the east riding of the county of Middlesex.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

On motion of Mr. HODGINS, seconded by Mr. Barber, leave was given to introduce a Bill "to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Co.," which was read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

On motion of Mr. PARDEE, seconded by Mr. Price, a Bill to incorporate the Ontario Mineral Mining Co.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

In reply to Mr. Oliver,

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said it was not the intention of the Government to bring down during the present session a general Railway Bill to provide for the construction of railways, without applying to this Legislature for special charters.

In reply to Mr. Scott, (North Grey),

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said the Government did intend to distribute the Improvement Fund on the Grammar School lands, &c., paid into the treasury since Confederation, and that a sum would be placed on the estimates for the purpose.

In reply to Mr. H. S. Macdonald,

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said the Government did not intend to recommend any appropriation for the purchase of target rifles for volunteers.

In reply to Mr. H. S. Macdonald,

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that the question of legislation with respect to the Solemnization of Marriage in this Province and the appointment of Issuers of Marriage Licenses was under the consideration of the Government, but it was not their intention to introduce any measure on the subject this session.

In reply to Mr. Lauder,

Hon. Mr. SCOTT stated that the Government proposed to introduce during the present session a measure authorizing the re-valuation of that class of the unpatented public lands sold to settlers, known as School Lands.

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Hon. Mr. SCOTT stated that he had not yet had an opportunity of examining the report of Messrs. Lewis and Thorburn with respect to the townships of Melancthon and Proton and that it was the intention of the Government to proceed with the re-valuation of unpatented lands sold to settlers.

In reply to Mr. Merrick,

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that the Government proposed to take steps to supply the Statutes of Ontario to qualified Justices of the Peace, free of cost. (Hear, hear)

MOTIONS.

Mr. McCALL called attention to the petition he had laid on the table with respect to the Long Point Company, and moved seconded by Dr. Clarke, that an address be made to His Excellency, praying for copies of all applications for land made by that Company. This was agreed to.

MR. WOOD'S RESIGNATION.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he had had occasion several times to refer to the circumstances under which the hon. member for Brant had resigned his position in the late Government, and to state that he thought it had been occasioned by some inducement being held out to him to take that step. The first intimation that any member of the late Government had of any intention of the late Treasurer to resign was by a letter sent by him to the late Attorney-General some few hours before he made it public in the House. Up to the time that he sent in his resignation he gave no intimation to his colleagues of his intention. The ground that he took in explanation to them was that he was unable to bring any Reform support to the Administration, but he (Mr. Cameron) believed that Mr. Wood had never been blamed at all for that by any of his colleagues. He had resigned in a very critical moment for the late Government; just when a vote of non-confidence was pending. He thought he was prepared to show that communication passed between Mr. Wood and the Hon. President of the Council previous to his resignation; that they had conversations together as to the

time that he (Mr. Wood) should speak, and that arrangements had been made as to when he should speak on the subjects under discussion. Communication had passed between Mr. Wood and the President of the Council just at the moment when he was speaking to the late Attorney-General in regard to the affairs of the Government, and he also believed communication had passed between the two gentlemen across the floor of the House afterwards. He also believed that he was closeted with members of the late Opposition about the time of his resignation. After the present Speaker of the House had spoken on the non-confidence vote, the late Treasurer had asked whether they would not accept the votes that had been taken and resign. When the Premier had declined to make a resignation the Hon. Mr. Wood had spoken to the Hon. Mr. Blake in order to get him to endeavour to induce the Government to resign. He then moved that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire whether any and what corrupt inducement or offer was made to the Hon. E. B. Wood, a member of this House, to induce him to resign his position as Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, by the Hon. E. Blake, or any other member of the present Administration, while members of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, such Committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE asked whether any other member of the Administration was charged in the accusation or not?

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that when the committee was appointed he would then answer that question.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE wanted the names of those implicated.

Mr. CAMERON said he had put the charge as it was.

Mr. BLAKE thought the practice of Parliament should be adhered to; he should therefore move an amendment to the hon. gentleman's motion. The matter might be referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. CAMERON should move for a select committee, and would not accept any other.

Mr. BLAKE agreed to a select committee under the circumstances. He would move that the motion be amended to include a distinct charge against himself and the other members of the Administration.

Mr. CAMERON said he did not bring charges against other hon. members than the Hon. Premier and the hon. member for Brant.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE maintained that the charge was against the whole Government, and that no committee had ever been granted to a private member under such circumstances.

Hon. E. B. WOOD had no objection to

a committee, for the charges made had no foundation. All that he done was simply to send in his resignation to His Excellency as soon as he decided that he could no longer properly hold office. The note which he had received from Mr. Blake had been openly handed to him there in the House after his resignation, in the presence of the hon. members for East Toronto and Cornwall. Then it had been said that there was an understanding between him and hon. gentlemen, but there was no foundation for it. If the hon. gentleman wanted to bring charges against him let him have his committee.

Mr. BLAKE said if the hon. member would take the responsibility of charging other members of the Administration by name, committees should be appointed for each case.

Mr. CAMERON said he brought no charge against other members of the Administration.

Mr. BLAKE said he did not think the House would allow a committee on such a vague charge.

Mr. CAMERON would not have his resolution changed to suit the hon. gentleman's views.

Mr. BLAKE would move, as an amendment to add after the word "that," the following words: "Whereas, the Hon. M. C. Cameron, a member of this House, had stated that a corrupt inducement was offered to the Hon. E. B. Wood, a member of this House, to induce him to resign his position as Treasurer of the Province of Ontario by the Hon. Mr. Blake while a member of the Opposition in that Assembly."

Mr. CAMERON declined to accept the amendment, which would rest on the responsibility of the hon. Premier. He was quite prepared to take the responsibility of his own motion, but would have nothing to do with the amendment tacked on to his motion.

The House then divided on the amendment, and the members were announced to be ayes 45, nays 20. The amendment was, therefore, declared to be carried.

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Blake, Christie, Clarke, (No. folk), Clarke, (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Craig, (Russell), Crooks, Crosby, Dawson, Deacon, Fairbairn, Farewell, Finlayson, Galbraith, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Grange, Guest, Hodgins, McKellar, Mackenzie, McLeod, Monk, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Perry, Prince, Robinson, Scott, (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Springer, Webb, Williams, (Durham), Williams, (Hemilton), Wilson, Wood, (Brant).—45.

NAYS—Messrs. Ardagh, Boulter, Boulton, Calvin, Cameron, Carling, Code, Corby, Deroche, Fitzsimmons, Giffard, Lauder, McCail, McCallum, McCuaig, Macdonald, (Leeds), McRae, Merrick, Scott, (Grey), Tooley.—20.

Mr. BLAKE said that until the hon. gentleman chose to bring a distinct charge against members of the Administration, he should hold it their duty to refuse a committee, and he should move an amendment to strike out the words "by the Hon. Mr. Blake or other member of the Administration," and insert "by any member."

Mr. CAMERON said he addressed himself to the reason rather than to the prejudice of men, and he declined to accept the proposition of the hon. gentleman. His (Mr. Cameron's) object had been gained; he had never brought a charge against an hon. gentleman without believing he had good grounds for doing so. The Government had thought proper to stifle the enquiry into their conduct; but they were capable of doing that after the way in which they had obtained the position which they now occupied.

PETITIONS.

The following were presented:—

By Hon. M. C. CAMERON—From George Thomas Haigh, of Toronto, to authorise the Law Society to call him to the bar.

By Hon. Mr. CARLING—From the London City Gas Works Company, to authorise them to extend their line of piping, &c. to the asylum.