

DISTRIBUTING THE STATUTES.

Mr. GALBRAITH presented the report of the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. S. MACDONALD called attention to the fact that there was an omission in the report. The committee had adopted a resolution recommending that the statutes be distributed to justices of the peace free of charge. That resolution did not appear in the report.

Mr. GALBRAITH said that was quite true. After the committee had adjourned, he was reminded that the recommendation respecting the distribution of the statutes involved a charge upon the revenue, and that, therefore, the report containing it could not be received by the House. As it was important to have the report adopted to-day, he consulted all the members of the committee except the member for Corwall, whom he could not find, and obtained their assent to changing the report by striking out the recommendation, so that the report could be received.

After some discussion, the report was adopted.

Mr. Pardee, from the Private Bills Committee, and Mr. Mackenzie, from the Railway Committee, presented the reports of these committees.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Rykert—To incorporate the General Trusts Company of Ontario.

Mr. Rykert—To amend the Acts relating to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.

Mr. Monteith—To incorporate the Trustees of the First Evangelical Lutheran, St. John's congregation, of the township of Ellice, Perth county.

Mr. Prince—To incorporate the Dominion Oil Works Association.

Mr. Williams (Hamilton)—To amend the charter of the Ontario Carbon Oil Company.

Also, to empower the Corporation of Hamilton to close certain streets in that city.

Mr. Robinson—To authorize the Corporation of Kingston to negotiate a loan of \$470,000, to consolidate the city debt, to issue debentures, and for other purposes.

Mr. Boulton—To amend the Act incorporating the Pigeon Harbour Joint Stock Company, and to invest the same in Hon. John H. Cameron.

Mr. Boulton—To incorporate the Superior Mines and Mining Company.

Mr. Prince.—To incorporate the Sandwich and Windsor Passenger Railway Company.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Mr. MACKENZIE moved the House into Committee of Ways and Means to cover the vote of credit.

The House went into committee, Mr. Pardee in the chair.

The committee rose and reported. The report was ordered to be received on Tuesday next.

AGRICULTURE AND ARTS ACT.

Mr. RYKERT moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of the Province of Ontario, entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act."

Mr. CARLING asked for explanations.

Mr. RYKERT said that the Bill had in view the amendment of the Agricultural and Arts Act, (34 Vic, cap 23) by repealing the 2nd section, and enacting that the members of the Council of the twelve agricultural districts of Ontario, elected in January, 1872, shall hold office for the respective periods prescribed and contemplated by sec. 16 chap. 29, 31 Vic., and that four members shall retire annually.

Mr. CARLING said that the officers of the members of the Council came forward for reelection the better. He considered it very desirable that the members should come before the Agricultural societies every first of January to give an account of their stewardship.

Mr. McKELLAR said that the change was made last year without the knowledge of a dozen members of the House. He had heard no complaint made against the law as it formerly stood; and there was a very strong feeling against the change.

Mr. SMITH said that in his section of the country (North Middlesex) there was a strong feeling of dissatisfaction in respect to the Bill of last year.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a select committee, composed of Mr. McKellar, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Graham, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Giffard and the mover.

THE GAME LAW.

Mr. PRINCE moved the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the laws for the protection of game and fur bearing animals in Ontario. He explained the provisions of the Bill, a summary of which has already appeared in the GLOBE. He objected to the principle of fixing a different date for different parts of the province. He maintained that the Bill was not merely in the interests of sportsmen, but also of the people generally.

Mr. PARDEE seconded the motion.

Mr. SCOTT (Grey) suggested that the Bill be referred to a select committee. He favoured dividing the Province into two districts, with different times for each.

Mr. MACDONALD (Leeds) hoped this Bill would be an end of changes in the game laws.

Mr. DEACON approved of the principle of the Bill. He thought, however, that something more should be done in his section to protect game than this Bill would afford. Parties were accustomed to come from over the lines into his section, camp out, and carry off deer by the wholesale within the legal dates. He thought these parties should be made to pay a license, or some other provision should be made to prevent the wholesale destruction of our game by foreigners.

The Bill was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Scott (Grey), Col. Williams, McCall, Macdonald (Leeds), Rykert, Pardee and Prince.

Mr. SCOTT (Grey) enquired of the Ministry if it was their intention to bring before the House, during the present session, any measure or scheme, having for its object the development of an increased immigration into this Province; and if their answer was in the affirmative, then to name a day on which they will be prepared to submit such measure or scheme to the House, together with all particulars as to appointment of agents and otherwise.

Mr. BLAKE said the Administration hoped to be able to submit to the House an improved immigration policy this session. It was at present under the consideration of the Administration, but he was unable now to name a day when they would bring down their policy.

UNDERDRAINAGE.

Mr. CROSBY enquired of the Ministry whether it was their intention to bring down, during the present session, a Bill to regulate underdraining in this Province?

Mr. BLAKE—Not during the present session.

The House then adjourned at 4:30.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Macdonald (Cornwall)—Address for a copy of any memorial or petition to His Excellency from the Canada Central Railway Company in relation to any claim for land or other compensation for the construction of any portion of the said roadway, and of any correspondence between the Government and the said Company on the subject.

Mr. Deroche—Motion to refer the petition of John Alberson and others, of Frontenac, praying for the removal of a certain dam on Mud Lake, to the Commissioner of Public Works for the consideration of his Department.

Mr. Patterson—Enquiry of Ministry whether they intend this session introducing measures to revise and amend the Municipal law.

Mr. Crooks—Bill to enable matters to be proven under oath, for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly.

Also—Bill to amend the act relating to the registration of copartnerships.

Also—Bill to make provision for the payment of law fees in territorial and other districts by means of law stamps.

Dr. Clarke—Bill to amend the Act respecting the property of religious denominations in Upper Canada.

Mr. Galbraith—Address for a return of the number of statutes issued, the names of those to whom issued, a detailed account of the money received and money now due in connection with the sale of statutes from January, 1868, to January, 1872.

Mr. Macdonald (Leeds)—Address for a return showing the amount of emoluments of office received during 1871 by the several Clerks of the Peace and County Crown Attorneys of this Province, and showing in tabular form the nature of the services for which such emoluments were so received, and the gross amounts received for each particular kind of service.

Mr. Prince—Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that he be pleased to cause to be initiated in the Parliament of Canada a measure tending towards the transfer of the management of the fisheries of Ontario to its local Government.

Dr. Bouler—Enquiry of Ministry whether they are willing to grant patents to the original settlers in the Free Grant territories upon terms as favourable as to the settlers under the Free Grant Act.

Mr. Blake—Bill to make further provisions for the election of Assembly.

Mr. Bethune—To amend the law respecting the issue of the prerogative writ of mandamus.

Mr. Blake—To provide for the institution of suits against the Crown by petition of right, and respecting procedure in Crown suits.