

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. COYNE—An Act respecting County Courts. To be read a second time to-morrow.
 Mr. FAIRBAIRN—Respecting the Grammar School Act. To be read a second time on Friday next.
 Mr. RYKERT—To enable the trustees acting for a widow named Margaret Ferris, to sell certain lands. Referred to the Private Bills Committee.
 Mr. PERRY—To grant leave of absence to the hon. member for Halton on account of illness.
 Hon. Mr. BLAKE—Respecting the erecting of registry offices in ridings.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBER 3.

In reply to Mr. Patterson—Hon. Mr. Blake said that the Government did not intend during the present Session to introduce measures to revise and amend the Municipal law.
 Hon. Mr. BLAKE moved, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie that for the remainder of the session Government business be put on the paper for Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, to be taken up after the other orders of the day are disposed of. Carried.
 Mr. OLIVER moved for a select Committee to report as to the best means of protecting timber from fire. Carried.

THE PROTON OUTRAGE.

Mr. LAUDER moved, seconded by Mr. Scott (Grey) that a select Committee be appointed to enquire into the truth or falsity of certain statements contained in numerous sworn affidavits published in certain newspapers to the effect that one Lewis, acting in concert with others, and who was recently a Government inspector of lands in the townships of Melancthon and Proton, in the county of Grey, during the last election for said county, represented to the inhabitants of said townships that he was authorized by the Government to state "that if the voters of Proton voted against Mr. Lauder, one of the candidates, they should have the full benefit of the low estimate which had been made of the value of their lands, but not otherwise." The said committee to enquire into the circumstances connected with the alleged interference of said Lewis in said election, and the authority on which he so acted; such committee to report the result of such enquiry to this House, together with the evidence taken by them, such committee to have power to send for persons, papers and records, and that such committee consist of Messrs. Rykert, Pardee, H. S. Macdonald, Galbraith and Boulter. He was not going to have words put in his mouth, which he had never uttered, or made responsible for what he never said. He could not say of his own knowledge what had passed between the hon. Commissioner of Public Works and Lewis when in the bed room together; that it did take place he had not the slightest doubt, but he had not said that Mr. Blake had sent him there, nor that any other member of the Government had sent him there. He wanted an enquiry into the matter to see whether the Government had sent him there or allowed him to go with their sanction. He had explained the whole matter before, and he had no further remarks to make at present.
 Mr. SCOTT (Grey) said that the persons that had made these affidavits, which were published in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, were made by persons with whom he was well acquainted, and whom he knew to be just as reliable as Mr. Lewis or any other persons who would speak on his side. It was certain that at the time Lewis went to Grey, on the 23rd of December, he had completed the valuation of the Proton lands. Then what could have taken him there? Mr. Lauder did not say these charges were true on his own responsibility, but he said they were alleged to be true, and he believed it, and therefore required a select committee.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE denied the statements that had been made in regard to his having seen Mr. Lewis, or had an interview with him, in respect to the South Grey election. He had no objection to a committee being appointed, but he thought Mr. Lauder should have brought the motion on before. He had not the least doubt but that he would lose his office instantly if it were proved that he had interfered with the purity of the election. He had been at Grey before the election, but he had told the people there that he expected to be at the head of the Government at all events, and that he expected to have a majority at any rate whether Mr. Lauder was elected or not.

Mr. OLIVER said he wished to say a few words in regard to the charges that had been made against himself and his friend Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis had been employed in many positions of trust, and there had never been any fault found with him. In regard to the telegram sent by him on the 23rd of December, Mr. Lewis had told him about a week before the election that he had some friends in Grey whom he intended to visit. (Laughter.) He had told Mr. Lewis that he thought there was no necessity for his going to South Grey during that contest. He afterwards went out to Grey, and had sent this telegram to Mr. Lewis on Saturday, and he went out on Monday; but he had no conversation with Mr. Lewis out there with the exception of a few moments; after that he could not tell what course Mr. Lewis had taken.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said that in the riding of South Grey and other ridings of the Province it had been said that the Improvement Fund had been rather misapplied. It had been now decided that there had been no mistake made in applying the funds to the Grammar School lands as well as to the Common School lands. An allusion had been made by the hon. member for South Grey, respecting the appropriation of these funds in his constituency, but although there had been a letter written by him in respect to it, he had no intention whatever to bias the opinion of any one. If a Government could not do justice to one portion of the country without doing an injustice to another, he thought they might do nothing at all. He had, in passing through Grey, promised that the people there should have the benefit of the Improvement Fund as far as he was able to effect it. He had been anxious for Mr. Lauder's election himself, and did all he could consistently with his position at the time. He did not think the hon. President of the Council or the Commissioner of Public Works had sent Lewis to Proton; but he had no doubt that he (Lewis) had looked for Mr. Blake, but that he did not find him. He had no doubt but that Lewis had gone to Grey for the purpose of influencing voters, and the ground of his influence was that he had re-valued the land, and had good reason to believe that if Mr. Dickey were elected they would fare better than if Mr. Lauder were elected. No such outrage could or would be tolerated in this country on the part of any Government.
 It being six o'clock the House rose for the usual recess.

After Recess.

A RAILWAY BILL.

On motion by Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham), the House went into committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate the Omemece, Bebcaygeon, and North Peterborough Junction Railway Company. Mr. Rykert in the chair.

After going through a portion of the bill the Committee arose and reported progress.

THE CARLETON HOSPITAL.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG (Russel), the House went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act to incorporate the county of Carleton General Protestant Hospital, Mr. McDonald of Leeds in the chair.
 The Committee reported the bill without amendment, and then arose.

THE SEPARATION OF TORONTO FROM YORK.

Mr. BOULTBEE moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the separation of the city of Toronto from the county of York for certain judicial purposes, and, except in certain cases, to prevent the trial in the county of York of any suits in which the cause of action arose in any other county. The Bill would be advantageous to the city as well as to the county. It would merely allow the county to have their own assizes, pay their own expenses, and do their own business. It had always been put off for the last 20 or 30 years, but he hoped that the plain bill which he submitted would be passed.
 Hon. Mr. WOOD asked if he was to understand that the Bill provided for the separation of the city from the county for judicial purposes?
 Mr. BOULTBEE—Yes.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said that the people of York county should consider that they had in their county the largest city in Western Canada, and they had the best market in the Province. They were near the Metropolitan City, they had all the advantages that they could have, and to desire a separation for the mere paltry reason that they had a trifling extra expense in the administration of justice was utter folly. He had no prejudice one way or the other, but he thought it was simply for the County of York to say: "Let us have all the privileges and enjoy our farms, and you, Toronto, bear all the expenses." He thought the member for North York should consider well what he was doing before pressing this matter. The county, in his opinion, would in the end be the greater losers.

Mr. RYKERT thought the greatest virtue of the Bill was to prevent outside professional men from bringing their cases to Toronto.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said the Government would not shirk the consideration of this Bill, for it was of interest to the general public as well as to the local population. He was not at the present moment prepared to say that the Government would consent to the passage of this Bill as it was, but if it were referred to a Select Committee, he had no objections. He would not pledge himself that the Government would do anything more at present.

Mr. BOULTBEE thought that other members of the House did not see the advantages arising out of the passage of the Bill which he thought he could explain if a Committee were appointed. The Bill was read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee.

JOINT STOCK ROAD COMPANIES.

Mr. SEXTON moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Joint Stock Road Companies Act now in force in Ontario.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said he thought there were some portions of the Bill which should be excepted. Every plank road company that he ever knew of had lost money. The companies were not satisfied with the stockholders losing their money, but they insisted that they should be furnished with all additional money required for repairs.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee.
 On motion of Mr. BLAKE the House then, at 9.15 o'clock, adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Rykert—That he will move that the following clause be inserted in Bill No. 31 in Committee of the whole House. The every order in Council shall immediately after the passing thereof be published in the Ontario Gazette.

Mr. Cameron—On Friday next will move a humble address to His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor for a return showing the township, number and concession of each lot or part of lot of lands in the County of Norfolk, on which arrears are due to the Crown, and subject to valuation and reduction under the Act of last session, also showing the names of the original purchasers or locatees and the present claimant, together with the amount of principal and interest due on each parcel.

Mr. Scott (North Grey), on Friday next—Inquiry of Ministers whether they have decided upon the number of railways which they will recommend for participation in the Railway Funds, and if so, which railways.

Also, whether the railway companies now seeking charters, and which are intended to run through the Free Grant Territory, will be recommended for participation in said Railway Funds.

Mr. Code—On Friday next—Inquiry of ministers whether or not it is their intention during the present Session to introduce a measure to allow locatees settled on Free Grant Lands to assign or transfer their claims to said lands prior to the time stated in the Act for getting their patent.

Hon. E. B. Wood—Bill to repeal sub-sections "two" and "three," of section seventy-one of the Assessment Act of 1869, relating to the valuation of property in towns and villages for county rates.

Mr. Perry—On Friday next—Inquiry of ministers whether they intend during the present Session to introduce a measure Assessment Law.

If so, the date and terms of such license.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3.45.

PETITIONS.

Mr. DEROCHE—From the County Council of Lennox respecting the distribution of the Municipal Loan Fund.
 Also, from the County Council of Frontenac, praying that the Act to legalize a by-law of the county in favor of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway do pass.
 Also, from the County Council of Lennox, praying for certain amendments of the election law.
 Mr. COYNE—From the County Council of Peel, praying for certain amendments of the jury law.
 Mr. WEBB—From Donald McCall and other public school teachers in the East Riding of Northumberland, praying that no alteration be made in the law relating to the superannuated teachers fund.
 Mr. PATTERSON—From the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company, praying that some steps may be taken to enable them to construct the work.
 Also, from the City Council of Toronto, combined with the County Councils of York and Simcoe to the same effect.
 Hon. ATTY.-GENERAL—From James Burns and others of Toronto, praying for certain amendments to the License Law.
 Hon. Mr. CARLING—From the Great Western Railway Company, praying that an Act now before the House to extend the power of the Canada Southern Railway may be modified.
 Mr. SPRINGER—From Mr. A. E. Shanty and others, of St. Clements, praying for railway communications from Berlin to Waterloo.
 Also—From George Hughes and others, of Hawkesville, to the same effect.
 Also—From Peter Shirk and others, of Bridgeport, to the same effect.
 Also—From L. Muller and others, of Midelburg, to the same effect.
 Also—From Elias Snider and others, of Waterloo, to the same effect.
 Also—From Isaac Wenger and others, of Elmira, to the same effect.
 Also—From E. W. Snider and others, of St. Jacob, to the same effect.