

Mr. HODGINS enquired if it was the intention of the Government to introduce an measure this session to increase the representation of the people in the Legislature under the late census, or to equalize the representation of the constituencies on the basis of population.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said it was not the intention of the Government to do so.

HOSPITALS, &c.

Dr. Clarke, in moving for a select committee on Hospitals, Poor Houses and Houses of Correction and Refuge, said the subject was a large one, and the objects which he had in view would require an effort from persons outside of the House as well as inside, and he would therefore ask for an extension of time of two or three weeks. This was agreed to.

Mr. PERRY moved for a return of the names and addresses of the coroners in Ontario. This was agreed to.

Mr. DEROCHE moved that the petition of John Alberson be referred to the Public Works Committee. This was agreed to.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved for certain returns respecting the Caraca Central Railway Company. This was agreed to.

Mr. GALBRAITH moved for the return of the number, cost, &c., of the satines issued in Ontario. This was agreed to.

THE FISHERIES OF ONTARIO.

Mr. PRINCE, in moving for certain returns with respect to the fisheries of Ontario, said that before Confederation the fisheries of this Province were not considered a subject worthy of legislation; although long before that there were attempts made to control those fisheries, but with out special legislation in regard to them nothing could be done for their regulation. The Fishery Act required that certain stations should be appointed, and under that Act it occurred in some instances that the shore of several farms was included in one station, and the owners lost the whole of the fishing rights which they claimed in respect of those lots without remuneration. He cited several cases in which parties had suffered from these causes. The arm of the Dominion Government was not long enough to reach these intricacies, and therefore he would hope to see something done in this Assembly. There was a great deal of dissatisfaction arising out of the management of the fisheries from causes which those affected did not understand.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that the difficulties referred to by the hon. member arose partially from the causes he assigned. The proposal to transfer these fisheries would be giving the Maritime Provinces a reason for asking the same liberty, and therefore the Dominion would no longer have control of those important fisheries. He hoped that the mover would be satisfied with having brought the matter before the House, and doing his duty to the people whom he represented, and withdraw his motion, thus saving the House from being divided against him.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON thought that these fishery questions could be just as well attended to from Ottawa as here. The remarks of the hon. Premier were little in accordance with that principle of neutrality which he had professed.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD hoped the hon. gentleman would withdraw his motion for the same reasons that had been adduced by the hon. President of the Council. The farmers who owned lands along the waters had no right to the land where the water washed on the shore, nor to the water close to the shore.

Hon. Mr. McKENZIE said there was no doubt but that if the Government at Ottawa were to persevere in the control of the fisheries there would be much damage done, and he did not wonder that there was a great amount of indignation felt by fishermen along the rivers and lakes of the Province. He had no doubt but that the transfer might be effected in a few years, but not at present.

Mr. CUMBERLAND was glad that his hon. friend from Essex had brought the matter before the House, though he thought there would be difficulties in dealing with the matter.

Mr. McCALL also was glad to see the question brought up, but he thought it was a national matter which should be brought before the Dominion Parliament. A great loss was inflicted upon the people by the present management of these fisheries.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR trusted that those members of the House who had seats in the Ontario Parliament would bring the matter before that House. He saw no reason why the vexatious restrictions referred to should be allowed to remain.

Mr. PRINCE, under these circumstances, withdrew the Bill.

CLERKS OF THE PEACE.

Mr. MACDONALD (Leeds) moved for a return of the emoluments received by Clerks of the Peace and County Crown Attorneys during the year 1871. This was agreed to.

TIMBER DUES.

Mr. CUMBERLAND moved for a return of the timber dues &c., in the Muskoka, Parry Sound and Algoma Districts, from 1863 to 1871, and in doing so said his object was to bring before the attention of the House the resources and value of those districts.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT asked if the hon. member would have any objection to the returns including the amount expended in those districts.

Mr. CUMBERLAND agreed to the suggestion of the hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands. The motion as amended was then agreed to.

TORONTO HOSPITAL.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE, Norfolk, an address was agreed to for return of petitions sent into the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital.

PERSONAL.

Mr. PERRY explained that the leave of absence he had move for yesterday was for the hon. member for Haldon, not for the hon. member for Halton, as had been reported in the public press.

THE PROTON OUTRAGE.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said it had been alleged that he had instructed one Lewis to go to Proton. He would first read a letter that had been published by Lewis in the *Globe*. He had had an interview with Lewis as referred to in the letter. He had been in Grey for several weeks, and he found the member making statements that were not so.

Mr. LAUDER—What were they?
Mr. McKELLAR would tell him what they were. He had been intimidating the people.

Mr. LAUDER—Never.
Mr. McKELLAR said the hon. member made statements to the people there which were not correct. He even found fault with him (Mr. McKellar) for addressing the people in Gaelic.

Mr. LAUDER denied having done so.
Mr. McKELLAR admitted that he had distributed tracts in that language, and thought they had brought forth fruit and that he had made some converts.

Mr. LAUDER—None.
Mr. McKELLAR repeated that as a missionary in that district he had done some good. He gave one of his tracts to the hon. member for Cornwall, and he believed it had the effect of bringing the hon. gentleman under conviction—(laughter)—and that he would soon be a convert. He repeated that Mr. Lauder came in there under false pretences; he could produce a document written by that hon. gentleman, and which he was prepared to publish if the hon. gentleman would give him permission.

Mr. LAUDER—Produce it.
Mr. McKELLAR said he could soon do that. The hon. gentleman had a habit of finding fault with him for laughing but he could not help doing so as his risible faculties were so sensitive. He would not take up the time of the House in speaking longer. (Go on, go on, from the Opposition.)

Mr. CAMERON asked what were those instructions that the hon. gentleman had referred to.

Mr. McKELLAR said the letter which he had read contained all the instructions that had been given.

Mr. BOULTBEE said he had several times to call his thoughts together to comprehend the position that this debate had taken. He did not believe it was becoming in the President of the Council or the hon. Commissioner of Public Works to subject the mover of this resolution to such cajolery, or brow beating as he had received. There were not many persons who had been attacked as Mr. Lauder had been that would ask for a committee of enquiry. The motion was a reasonable one, and required the attention of the House. It was not becoming in these gentlemen, because the Government was too strong for them to abuse members on the other side of the House.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that the Premier had wandered considerably away from the question in his speech of the previous evening. He did not think it was creditable for him to take the course he had done. The hon. gentleman said that the order signed Dec. 6 gave authority to take that action with respect to the Proton lands. Now he (Mr. Cameron) denied that that order was intended or calculated to influence the electors on behalf of the then Government. The distribution

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SECOND PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 1872.

The Speaker took the chair at 3.30.

PEITITIONS.

The following were presented:—
Mr. WOOD (Victoria)—From E. A. Bouse and others of Victoria, praying that the Department of Education be instructed to furnish maps, &c., to schools.

Also from John Jamieson and others of Victoria, to the same effect.

Also from John Teviotdale and others of Victoria, to the same effect.

Mr. GIBBON—From the County Council of Huron, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

Mr. SPRINGER—From Charles Hendaly and others of Couestigo, for railway communication from Berlin to Water oo.

Mr. Ardagh—From the Village Council of Orillia, praying that the Bill of the Midland Railway Company of Canada to legalise certain by-laws of the Village of Orillia in their favor may pass.

Also from James Perry, of Guelph, praying that the Bill to vest certain properties of the Peterborough Gas Works in Robert Romaine may not pass.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON—From the Electoral Division Society of Toronto, praying for certain amendments to the Agricultural Act.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Hamilton)—From the City Council of Hamilton, praying for the passing of the Bill for the construction of a railway from Hamilton to Hogg's Bay.

Also, from the Hamilton Board of Trade to the same effect.

Hon. Mr. GOW—From John McClelland and others of Parry Sound, praying for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in that district.

Mr. BARBER—From the Provisional Directors of the Streetsville and Port Credit Junction Railway Company, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Mr. CLARK (Norfolk)—From J. C. Ross and others, of Lynedoch, praying for certain amendments to the Game Laws.

Mr. GIBSON—From the County Council of Huron, praying that the registry office in the North Riding of the county of Huron may be abolished.

Mr. MONK—From the County Council of Carleton for amendments to the law as to levying for payment of debentures.

Mr. McCUAIG—From the County Council of Prince Edward, respecting the apportionment of the surplus.

Mr. BETHUNE—From the Town Council of Cornwall, praying for the passing of an Act to enable the Council to pass a by-law to exempt certain persons from taxation.

Hon. Mr. CARLING—From the London, Huron and Bruce Railway Company, praying for the passing of an Act to legalize a by-law in their favor by the city of London.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN—Bill to Repeal so much of the Act 34, cap. 48, as relates to the borough of Peterborough. Referred to Committee on Railways.

Mr. ARDAGH—Bill respecting the Magnowattan Lumber Company. Referred to Private Bills Committee.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON—Bill to authorise the admission of George Thomas King to practise as attorney in Ontario. Referred to Private Bills Committee.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS—Bill respecting the Law Society of Ontario. Referred to Private Bills Committee.

Mr. GIBBONS—Bill to incorporate the Goderich Mechanics' Benefit Society. Referred to Private Bills Committee.

Hon. E. B. WOOD—Bill to amend the Act of the Norfolk Railway Company. Referred to Committee on Railways.

Mr. HODGINS—Bill to authorise the increase of the capital stock of the Ontario Trusts and Investment Company, and for other purposes. Referred to Committee of Private Bills.

Mr. COYNE—Bill to incorporate the Brampton Water Works Company. Referred to Private Bills Committee.

Mr. PERRY—Bill to incorporate the Norfolk, Oxford & Perth Railway Company. Referred to Committee on Railways.

Mr. CUMBERLAND—Bill to authorize appointment of Trustees of the First Calvinistic Baptist Church of Toronto. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. SPRINGER—Bill to incorporate the German Benevolent Society. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. BOULTBEE—Bill to establish and confirm the side lines of the township of Whitchurch. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. McLEOD—Bill to amalgamate the Piscicultural and Agricultural Societies of Ontario. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. COYNE—Bill to amend the Pickering Harbor, &c. Act. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN—Bill to remove doubts as to the formation of the Peterborough Gas Co. and other purposes. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Also—Bill to enable the Corporation of Peterborough to assist by bonus the formation of manufacturing and the construction of water works, &c. Referred to Committee on Private Bills.