

Mr. Smith—The petition of Michael McDonough and others, of Adelaide, praying that no Act be passed for the division of the county of Middlesex, or for the erection of a new county town therein.

Mr. Robinson—The petition of George A Kirkpatrick and others, of Kingston, praying for certain amendments to the Game Bill new before the House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Rykert—To amend the Registry Act.

Mr. Gow—To establish municipal institutions in the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing.

Mr. Blake—To amend the law as to the fees of Registrars.

Mr. Hodgins—An Act respecting the seizure and attachment of equitable interests.

Mr. Tooley—To amend the Municipal Act.

SETTLERS IN FREE GRANT TOWNSHIPS.

Mr. SCOTT (Ottawa) gave notice that on Thursday next he would move that the House do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should have authority to remit the sums due to the Crown by bona fide settlers still in occupation of the lands in all the free grant townships, (save and except the townships of Alice, Grattan, Wilberforce and Mendon), and to place such settlers in the same position as those who settled in the free grant townships under the free grant regulations.

That it is expedient to provide that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by an order in Council, confer upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands authority to make such remissions as aforesaid, subject to the provisions of these resolutions, and subject to such provisions, if any, not inconsistent with these resolutions, as may be embodied in any order in Council.

ABOLITION OF DUAL REPRESENTATION.

Mr. McKELLAR moved the second reading of the Bill to render members of the House of Commons ineligible as members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

In moving the second reading of the Bill, Mr. McKELLAR said that the popular feeling since he first introduced this Bill had been greatly strengthened in its favour.

Mr. CROOKS seconded the motion.

In reply to Mr. RYKERT, Mr. BLAKE said that the Bill would come into operation on the dissolution of the present House of Commons.

Mr. H. S. MACDONALD remarked upon the loss which this Legislature would sustain by the removal of the Premier and the Treasurer. He objected to the principle of the Bill, and contended that it was an infringement of the rights of the electors.

Mr. FERGUSON opposed the Bill.

Mr. SEXTON said it was too much labour for any public man in this country to sit in both Houses. The principles of the Bill had long been before the country; it was a good one; had never been petitioned against; and he hoped it would become law.

Dr. BOULDER said it was only in accordance with the spirit of our municipal institutions that a member who sat in this House should sit in the House of Commons. He should vote against the principle of the Bill.

Mr. LAUDER had opposed the Bill last year, and saw nothing to make him change his opinion now.

Mr. CAMERON opposed the Bill on the ground that the people should have the right to return whom they pleased. The people of this country were in favour of dual representation rather than opposed to it.

After recess, Mr. McCALL resumed the debate. He said that the principle of the Bill had been acknowledged in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and had been found to be an excellent one.

Mr. McCALLUM opposed the Bill; as he considered it interfered with the choice of the people. He had been elected to sit in the Commons and in this House for the same constituency (Monck.)

Mr. BAXTER said that the allusion of the last speaker was somewhat unfortunate. That gentleman had been returned for the House of Commons by a majority of 300. At the recent election for this House he slipped in by the bare majority of five.

Mr. McLEOD opposed the Bill; as he considered it interfered with the choice of the people. He had been elected to sit in the Commons and in this House for the same constituency (Monck.)

Mr. SCOTT (North Grey), thought it would be injurious to the country for the President of the Council to be compelled to leave either

House. He argued that if this Bill passed, the Province of Quebec would have the advantage over us in the Dominion Parliament. He would therefore oppose the Bill.

Mr. WOOD (Victoria) said this subject had been thoroughly discussed throughout the whole country, and the country had made up its mind upon the subject. He was therefore glad that the mover of this Bill had not made a long speech upon it.

Mr. PRINCE said, in reference to the objection that the people had not agitated for this measure, that the same remark might apply to the scheme of Confederation. But Confederation had turned out advantageously, and this measure, no doubt, would have the same result.

Mr. DEROCHÉ regretted that on this question he would have to differ from those with whom he had acted since the House opened. There had been a cry about interfering with the people's rights.

Mr. RYKERT wanted to know if this was really a Government measure, as notice of it had been given by the Commissioner of Public Works while he was in Opposition, and it had been long delayed.

Mr. SINCLAIR asked who in this House was endeavouring to take away the people's rights? Every man in the House had consulted his constituents on this subject; and his (Mr. Sinclair's) constituents had pronounced in favour of the Bill.

Mr. FAREWELL pointed out, in reply to the argument that this Bill curtailed the rights of the people, that the same gentlemen who used that argument had in the late Parliament passed a bill prohibiting the people from electing a Senator to this House or allowing a member of the House of Commons to hold a seat in the Local Government.

Mr. WOOD (Brant) argued that in a certain sense it would be impossible for this House to remain neutral with regard to Dominion politics. There must be parties in the Dominion Parliament, and these parties, while extending over the whole Dominion, must have a provincial element.

Mr. McLEOD—The petition of A. Chesnut and others, of Clarke, praying for certain restrictions in the sale of spirituous liquors.

Mr. McCALL—The petition of the Township Council of Walsingham, praying for certain amendments to the law relating to the sale of land for taxes.

Mr. PERRY—The petition of Wm. Brown and others, of Blenheim, respecting the powers of the Council of Public Instruction as regards the management of schools.

Mr. CLEMENS—The petition of James Kay and others, of Ayr, praying that no further acquisition of territory be granted to the

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SECOND PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. Gow—The petition of the County Council of Wellington, praying that a system of arbitration be devised for the settlement of disputes relating to the construction of drains and water courses; also the petition of the South Wellington Horticultural Society respecting Agricultural Societies.

Hon. Mr. Cameron—The petition of the Township Council of Scugog, praying that the charter of the Port Perry and Port Perry Railroad may not be amended in its present form.

Mr. Prince—The petition of the Town Council of Windsor; also of the Township Council of Sandwich East; also of John A. Askin and others, of Sandwich, severally praying that the Bill for the construction of the Sandwich and Windsor Street Railway may pass.

Mr. McLeod—The petition of A. Chesnut and others, of Clarke, praying for certain restrictions in the sale of spirituous liquors.

Mr. McCall—The petition of the Township Council of Walsingham, praying for certain amendments to the law relating to the sale of land for taxes.

Mr. Perry—The petition of Wm. Brown and others, of Blenheim, respecting the powers of the Council of Public Instruction as regards the management of schools.

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