

ment rolls may not pass; also the petition of the County Council of Lincoln, praying that the Bill relating to corrupt practices at municipal elections may pass; also from the same, praying for the repeal of section 71 of the Assessment Act; also from the same, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. PARDEE.—To enable certain railways to provide the necessary accommodation for traffic, and to amend the Railway Act of the late Province of Canada.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. PARDEE moved that leave of absence for a week be granted to Mr. Boulbee on account of illness. Carried.

SAW MILLS IN THE LUMBERING DISTRICTS.

Mr. CORBY enquired of the Ministry if it was their intention, during the present session, to devise any scheme to enable parties who have erected or now own saw mills on streams in lumbering districts—said mills supplying a great want to the inhabitants of the districts, but owing to the present timber policy of the Government, in granting large timber limits to the exclusion of the small mill owners, the said grants seriously retard the local improvements of the country.

Mr. SCOTT said the Government would endeavour, as far as possible, to meet any local wants in the districts in question, in respect to sawmills.

PINE LANDS IN THE FREE GRANT DISTRICTS.

Mr. READ enquired of the Ministry if the Government intended to set aside or reserve a portion of the pine lands in the free grant districts for the supply of the local wants of the country.

Mr. SCOTT said it was not the intention of the Government the present session to bring down such a scheme. But the subject would receive the consideration of the Government after recess.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington) enquired of the Ministry whether it was their intention to propose, during the present session, such an amendment to the existing law as will place Horticultural Societies in incorporated villages upon the same footing, with regard to Government aid, as similar societies in towns and cities.

Mr. BLAKE said it was not the intention of the Government to bring down such a scheme this session.

TIMBER DUES.

In reply to Mr. GRANGE,

Mr. SCOTT said it was not at present the intention of the Government to increase the timber dues.

HOSPITALS, POOR-HOUSES, &c.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk) moved for the appointment of a select committee on the subject of hospitals, poor houses, and houses of correction and refuge. Carried.

TIMBER BERTHS IN THE FREE GRANT DISTRICT.

Mr. ARDAGH moved an address for a copy of the Order in Council of the 4th October last, under which certain timber berths in the Free Grant District were sold or offered for sale; together with a return giving the names of the purchasers; the amount paid by way of bonus on each berth or limit respectively; the dues reserved to be paid on said timber under the license granted or to be granted; the term for which said license is to remain in force, and the conditions therein (if any) respecting the settlement under the Free Grant Act of the land embraced in said timber berths; also copy of any report, statement or information in the possession of the Crown Lands Department, showing the quality and probable quantity of pine timber and average percentage of land fit for settlement in each berth.

In supporting his motion,

Mr. ARDAGH complained that Government did not seem to be willing to pursue a liberal policy in regard to these berths, as far as the settlers were concerned.

Mr. SCOTT would have no objection to furnishing the return. He pointed out that the Government had pursued a most liberal policy towards the settlers in the free grant territory. They had brought down a measure remitting to them any balances which they owed to the Government, and had asked for a very large vote for colonization roads. But the Government could not undo the acts of former Governments. He found that \$320,000 had already been spent in that territory, a much larger sum than the country had drawn out of it by way of bonuses and timber dues.

Mr. WOOD (Brant) defended the late Government. If the Government were willing to do all they could to assist immigrants to give them the soil, and timber for building purposes, and then sought to get something out of the timber, they could not be accused of illiberality. The present Government were going on augmenting their action in the direction of liberality.

Mr. BOULTER considered the policy of the Government a fair one. Still, the settlers had hardships. He gave instances of these.

Mr. CORBY said all the land in his part of the country was under license. He had confidence in the present Government that they would bring in a more liberal policy than that carried out by the late Administration. He believed the fires throughout the country were owing to the clashing of the interests of the big lumbermen and the settlers. He believed the Commissioner of Crown Lands would bring down a measure which would satisfy all parties.

After a few remarks from Mr. Harrington,

Mr. DEACON thought it only right that the Government, if they granted the land to the settler, should reserve the timber. The settlers would never acknowledge themselves satisfied with the Government. If everything was to be given to the settler, where was the money to come from for improving the roads? The lumbermen were a great benefit to the country, and provided a market for the settlers. The Government were obliged to grant licenses to cut the timber preserved from fire.

Mr. DEROCHE believed his election was owing to the illiberal conduct of the late Government in this matter. He wanted to

see a more liberal policy from this Government than they had from the last. He had faith in the present Commissioner of Crown Lands. He believed an article which appeared in THE GLOBE a few days ago, upon a resolution moved by the mover of this resolution, would have the effect of doing a great deal of good in the country. Its effect had already been felt. He believed many persons were leaving the country because of the illiberal policy which had been pursued towards them.

Mr. McMANUS thought there were other interests to be considered besides lumberers and millowners. He thought settlers ought to have all the timber on their land.

Mr. McCALLUM did not believe the late Government had done any good to the country by raising the stumpage. He hoped the Government would grant no more timber limits, and he believed the Government would, in a few years, have to buy out the lumbermen.

Mr. McCUAIG said they were bound to keep faith with persons coming to this country on large enterprises; but he hoped the Government would pursue a restrictive policy so far as consistent with this good faith with lumbermen. The present Government could not be expected, in so short a time, to bring down a policy to settle this question, and he was disposed to give them another year to consider it. The settlers could take out timber licenses if they pleased.

Mr. OLIVER considered that too much was made of this subject altogether. It was necessary for the Government to derive a revenue from the forests of the country. He believed the scheme which the present Commissioner was charged with, proposing to give the lumbermen leases for a certain number of years, was the proper way to settle the question.

Mr. McCALL believed the monopoly of the lumbermen was a grievance. He believed there was good agricultural land from the Ottawa River to the Georgian Bay, and even to the head of Lake Superior.

Mr. MONK thought the lumbermen had been unduly abused in that House. They were a benefit to the country.

Mr. PERRY hoped the Government would give the settlers on agricultural lands the timber on their land.

Mr. GRANGE said the lumberers had a monopoly and an influence similar to that of the notorious Grand Trunk, and they generally used their influence. He thought land fit for settlement should be sold, and that the Government should reserve the timber.

The motion was carried.

It being six o'clock, the House rose.

PRIVATE BILLS.

After recess

The House received the report of the committees on the following bills:—

To incorporate the North Shore Silver Mining Company.

To incorporate the Shuniah Silver Mining Company.

To incorporate the East Shuniah Silver Mining Company.

To incorporate the West Shuniah Silver Mining Company of Canada.

To incorporate the International Silver Mining Company.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE.

The House went into committee on the following Bills:—

To amalgamate the Toronto, Simcoes and Muskoka Junction Railway Company, and the North Grey Railway Company, under the name of the Northern Extension Railway Company. Third reading to-morrow.

To incorporate the Superior Silver Islands Mining Company. Third reading to-morrow.

To authorize the maintenance of certain dams on the Salmon River, in the Township of Kennebec, and for other purposes herein mentioned. Third reading to-morrow.

To incorporate the Trustees of the First Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of the township of Edlice, in the county of Perth. Third reading to-morrow.

To amend the charter of the Ontario Carbon Oil Company, Hamonton, Ontario. Third reading to-morrow.

To authorize the corporation of the city of Kungton to negotiate a loan for four hundred and seventy thousand dollars, to consolidate the city debt by the issue of debentures, and for other purposes. Third reading to-morrow.

To amend an Act intitled an Act to incorporate the Fenelon Falls Railway Company.

SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read a second time, and ordered to be referred to Committee of the whole to-morrow:—

To authorize the Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company to extend its line of railway, and for other purposes.

To incorporate the Toronto Oil Works Association.

To incorporate the Toronto General Trusts Company.

To enable the corporation of the City of Hamilton to close certain streets in the said city, and to vest the same in the corporation of the city of Hamilton.

To incorporate the Trinity College School.

To authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery, in Ontario, to admit James Fleming to practice as an attorney and solicitor therein.

To close "Rosina street," in the town of Dundas, in the county of Wentworth, and to vest the same in the corporation of the town of Dundas.

To amend the Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of Her present Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty-eight, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Company" and to extend the powers conferred upon the said Company.

To amend the several Acts relating to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.

PUBLIC BILL.

The House went into Committee on the following Bill, the third reading of which was ordered for to-morrow:—To amend an Act of the Province of Ontario, intitled, "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act."

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SECOND PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wilson, the petition of the Town Council of St. Thomas, praying that the Bill for the relief of the first mortgage bondholders of the London and Port Stanley Railway may not pass.

By Mr. Read, the petition of Robert D. Rogers and others, of Peterborough, praying that the Bill to incorporate the Gull Waters Improvement Company may not pass.

By Mr. Farewell, the petition of James McBrien and others, of Ontario, praying that the Department of Education may be authorized to supply maps, &c., to schools.

By Mr. Ardagh, the petition of William Millar and others, of Oro, praying for certain amendments to the School Law; also the petition of the Reverend J. G. Sanderson and others of Oro, praying for certain restrictions in the sale of spirituous liquors.

By Mr. Rickett, the petition of the Town Council of St. Catharines, praying that the Bill relating to the equalization of assess-