

made by the member for Niagara, that some purchasers at the late sale had been allowed time, stated that he had, on behalf of a friend, applied for such an enlargement of time, and had been flatly refused by the Commissioner unless a bond was given that the sale would be completed in due time. If the matter was brought up again he would be prepared to give his reasons for supporting the policy of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Mr. GRANGE objected to the present position of our lumbering interests in connection with, or in opposition to, the interests of settlers.

Cries of "Question, question."

Mr. RYKERT claimed that the leader of the Government was attempting to burke this important question by trying to have the debate now closed.

Attorney General MOWAT said that the debate had lasted for two days, and he did not think it would be of any advantage to continue it. If hon. gentlemen wished to bring the matter up again they could easily do so.

After some remarks from Mr. McCall (Norfolk), the motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT presented all the papers moved for, and all further information which the Department could supply in the case.

The House adjourned at one o'clock.

FRIDAY, Jan. 17, 1873.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Farewell—On Tuesday next—Bill for the improvement of water privileges.

Mr. Macdonald—On Tuesday next—Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act 31st Victoria, Cap. 31, in reference to joint stock companies."

Also—On Tuesday next—Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Tavern and Shop License Act of 1868."

Mr. Sinclair—On Tuesday next—Address, return of all correspondence between the Government of this Province and the Government of the Dominion respecting the Indian Lands.

Mr. Lauder—On Tuesday next—Address for a return of all correspondence between the Government and the municipalities or officers of municipalities interested in the Drainage Act, and all communications received by the Department of Agriculture relating to the working of the present Drainage Act.

Also—On Tuesday next—Address for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Canada Car Company and a copy of the contract said to have been made between the Government and said Company regarding the labour of convicts who may be confined in the Central Prison in course of erection in the city of Toronto.

Also—On Tuesday next—Bill intituled "The Ontario Railway and Canal Traffic Act of 1873."

Also—On Tuesday next—Address for a return of all sums paid by the Treasury Department to railways as bonuses within the last twelve months, specifying the railways to which such sums were paid and the dates of such payments.

Hon. Mr. Crooks—On Tuesday next—House in Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Fairbairn—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend Chapter 23 of 32 Victoria, intituled, "An Act respecting the Partition and Sale of Real Estate in the Province of Ontario."

Mr. Rykert—On Tuesday next—Address for a return giving the names, places of residence, and emoluments of all employees, permanent and temporary, appointed since January 1st, 1872, in the following offices:—Crown Lands Department, Public Works Department, Provincial Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney-General, and Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Ardagh—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Government, if the property situated in the village of Orillia, formerly used as a Branch Lunatic Asylum, is held to belong to this Province, and if so, whether or not it is the intention of the Government to make use of the same in connection with any public institution established, or proposed to be established, within this Province; or for any public purpose for which the said property may be suitable.

Mr. Rykert—On Wednesday next—That the House will, on next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following resolutions:—

"1. That hereafter no Licenses to cut timber upon the wild lands of this Province shall be granted until such time as the said lands shall have been explored and surveyed, and a full report of the quality and quantity

of the timber growing thereon, together with a description and nature of the soil, shall have been filed in the office of the Crown Lands Department.

"2. That no Licenses to cut timber upon the wild lands of this Province shall be granted (except for such quantity as shall be required by the actual settler and for local consumption) until the Order in Council respecting the same shall have been confirmed by this House.

Also, On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministers—Whether or not the Commission appointed to enquire into the propriety of amalgamating the Courts of Law and Equity have made any report; and whether or not such Commission had been abolished; and whether or not any action has been taken by the Government regarding said Commission.

Hon. Mr. Wood—On Tuesday next—Address for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Canada Central Railway Company, or any officer or agent thereof, relating to the claim of the said company upon the Province of Ontario for 1,200 acres per mile of the railway of that company, constructed from Carlton Place to Ottawa, a distance of twenty-eight and a half miles, making in all 342,000 acres, with copies of the pleadings and judgments of the Court in the suit of the Canada Central Railway Company against the Queen, to compel the Crown to set apart and grant the said land to the said company.

Also, On Tuesday next—Order of the House—That the Honourable Commissioner of Crown Lands will, with all convenient speed, be pleased to cause to be prepared and lithographed, for the use of the members of this House, a map of the woods and forests of Ontario, exhibiting in distinct colours the several timber limits under license, with the names of the holders written thereon, and the area of each in square miles; and also the lands still unlicensed which the Department regards as chiefly valuable for its timber, but not adapted to settlement or agriculture, and the area of each parcel in square miles marked thereon.

Hon. Mr. McKellar—On Monday next—Bill to Authorize the Construction of Drainage Works by the Government.

TORONTO, FRIDAY JAN. 17

TIMBER LIMITS AND EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The chiefs of the Opposition, true to the antecedents of their days of power, are disgusted that any efforts should be made to settle the wild lands of this Province, and make smiling farms take the place of gloomy forests. They are still afraid that individuals may make too good a bargain at the public expense, and these harp continually on the old idea of hoarding up the mineral and timber resources of the country, on the plea that these may become very valuable some day. We all remember what a narrow, grasping spirit was displayed in the days of the first free-grant legislation—how every tree was to be held sacred from the touch of the locatees, and how even stones to build houses were forbidden, and any possible quarry tabooed for fear these stones should turn to gold, and thus the hardy pioneer be made a millionaire before his time. It was like a process of tooth extraction to get Mr. Stephen Richards to make the slightest concession, and even when he yielded he did so with so bad a grace that it was easy to see that he felt the ruin of the country was at the door.

It is the same thing still. Those who grudged the stones and the timber to the settlers in Muskoka are vexed to see other districts being opened up, and the prospect held out of places hitherto lonely being enlivened by the ring of the woodman's axe and the smoke of the settler's chimney. They have not learned even yet that the first necessity of our country