

4. Copies of any reports to the Education Department or to the Government in regard to the examination and admission from Inspectors, Trustees, or other parties, and copies of any correspondence or reports throwing light upon the operation of the law since the date of the suspension of the regulations on the subject.

Carried.

### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. RYKERT moved 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. In making this motion he referred to the fact that Mr. Thompson, who had hitherto been employed in connection with the Private Bills Committee, had not been continued this session, because, as he alleged, he was an opponent of the Government.

Attorney-General MOWAT said he had no personal knowledge of this case, but he presumed Mr. Thompson had been engaged by the session.

Mr. RYKERT said he had been employed for the last five sessions, and he had told him that he was told he could not be employed again, because he opposed the Government.

Attorney-General MOWAT said that was not true. He had not been told any such thing.

Mr. MACDONALD called attention to the inadequate remuneration given to some of the persons employed about the House; particularly those employed only for the session.

Mr. FERGUSON said if it was really true that Mr. Thompson had been dismissed from the service because of having voted for Mr. Morrison at Niagara it was too bad.

Mr. SINCLAIR thought it was *infra dig* for the House to interfere with the Government in dealing with the sessional writers and other officials of the House.

Mr. CAMERON held that the meanest officials should be protected by the House.

Mr. LAUDER alleged that the Government had virtually admitted that its principle was to support its supporters.

Mr. WOOD said if the Government were deserving of attack he had no desire to screen them. It was their duty first of all to see that competent men were appointed, and secondly that it was advisable to select men who would strengthen their position. The late Government, if they could not choose suitable men from among their own friends, placed the interests of the country above those of party. He held that no case had been made out in regard to Mr. Thompson having been dismissed from political motives.

Mr. RYKERT said that Mr. Thompson had been threatened if he voted against the Government candidate.

Mr. FRASER considered the Government were not responsible for the threats of Tom, Dick, and Harry. He had known cases in which political partisans opposed to the Government had been appointed land valuers. As regards Mr. Thompson it appeared that he was only a sessional writer employed from session to session; and there was nothing wrong in the Government appointing a friend of their own to the position. He provided the Government with the same services as the other sessional writers. He thought it was a very petty thing of the Government to hold of the Government.

The motion was carried.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved for all correspondence between the Local and Dominion Governments respecting the acquisition of the former of the Indian lands. He observed it would be remembered there was a motion looking to the acquisition of these lands by the Local Government, and it was probable that on account of that some correspondence had taken place.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he was not quite sure that there was any correspondence. Mr. Blake, however, had some verbal communication with the Government while he thought that was all the communication there had been on the subject. However, the motion might be allowed to pass.

Mr. CAMERON taunted Mr. Sinclair with the apathy of the Government, on the subject in which he (Mr. S) was so deeply interested.

Mr. SINCLAIR expressed himself satisfied.

Mr. PRINCE rose to make an explanation, but being met with loud cries of "order"

and "spoke," resumed his seat.

The motion was then agreed to, and the House adjourned at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Prince, when interrupted by cries of "order" was about to explain that what Mr. Blake had promised last year was, not that he would correspond with the Dominion Government on the subject of the Indian Lands, but that if a petition were presented to the House of Commons in favour of the transfer of those lands to the Province of Ontario he (Mr. Blake) would support it. Mr. Prince, acting on this suggestion had sent a petition to the member for Essex in the Commons, Mr. John O'Connor, but heard no more of the matter, the petition not having been presented.

### PETITIONS.

Presented on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Mr. Boulton—From John E. Daniels *et al*, of York, that constables' fees may be increased.

Mr. Craig (Russell)—From the Cumberland School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—From the Flora and Salem Horticultural Society, for aid.

Mr. Watterworth—From the Township Council of Caradoc, for amendments to the Registry Act.

Also—From the same, respecting the establishment of a Normal-school in London.

Mr. Code—From the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, and the Towns of Brockville and Elizabethtown, relative to the Municipal Loan Fund.

Mr. Cameron—From the Toronto & Nipissing Railway Company, for extension of time for completing their line.

Mr. Gibson—From Donald McDonald *et al*, of Ashfield, that that township may be united to South Huron for registration purposes.

Also—From George Richardson *et al*, of London, for the incorporation of the Superannuated Preachers' Annuity Society.

Mr. Farewell—From John O'Donohoe *et al*, of Toronto, for the incorporation of the Father Matthew Society of Ontario.

Mr. Christie—From Wentworth County Council, to separate Hamilton from that County for gaol and registration purposes.

Mr. Bethune—From Robert Wardrop, of Toronto, for admittance as Attorney and Solicitor.

Mr. McLeod—From the School Board of Newcastle, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Webb—From John E. Proctor *et al*, of Brighton, to renew the Act incorporating the Presque Isle and Belmont Railway Company.

Mr. Oliver—From the Town Council of Ingersoll, to consolidate the debt of that town.

Mr. McKim—From the Township Council of Amaranth, for a new County to be called Dufferin.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—From the Town Council of Brantford, for amendments to the Incorporation Act of the Norfolk Railway Company.

Also—From the Norfolk Railway Company, for the same.

Hon. Mr. Mowat—From the Woodstock School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Hon. Mr. Scott—From John Albert *et al*, of Ottawa, for power to widen Broad-street.

Mr. Rykert—From Lincoln County Council for the protection of the forests of Ontario.

Mr. Haney—From Stamford Township Council for amendments to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—From C. J. Fuller, of Smoce, for admission as a barrister.

Petitions praying for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor were presented, signed by persons in Dundas, London Township, Innisfil, West Nissouri, Clinton, Chinguacousy, Glanford, Hillier, Proton, Glenelg, Princeville, Melancthon, Drayton, Minto, Burford, Sombra, Bosanquet, Huron, Port Elgin, Norfolk, Asphodel, Biddulph, Twinberry, Newbridge, Crediton, Seaforth, Gorrie, Wawanosh, Howick, Fonthill, Saugen, Hamilton, Avening, Fergus, Erin, Salem, Gosfield, and Windsor.