

VOTING BY BALLOT.

Mr McKellar moved that the order of the Bill to provide for taking vote by Ballot at elections of members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario be discharged.—Carried.

ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

On the motion of Mr. DEACON, the House went into Committee on the Bill to authorize the Law Society of Ontario to admit William Robert White as a barrister-at-law.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill, and the report was received.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Attorney-General MOWAT observed that it had been suggested to him that the debate on the timber limits should be proceeded with, but as many of the members were somewhat fatigued in consequence of the long debate on the "Proton outrage," he thought it would be advisable to adjourn the proceedings. He would therefore move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. CAMERON admitted that the previous night was a severe one, but that was time occupied merely to amuse hon. gentlemen opposite. He did not think the country would be very much benefited by that resolution, and the people would probably be satisfied by that discussion that their affairs are not in as safe custody as they used to be. The discussion of that afternoon on the timber limits would have a similar effect. It was to be regretted that the Government measures were not sufficiently advanced to enable them to consider them, for he supposed they could sit two or three hours longer without detriment to their health. There was, however, nothing to be gone on with that night, as the hon. gentleman had said; but, if the Treasurer had been present, he (Mr. Cameron) would have liked to know when he intended to summon the Committee on Public Accounts, in order that they might get to work as soon as possible. From the appearance of them he thought there would be a good deal to be investigated. The expenditure of the several departments during the past year had been much greater than that of preceding years, and there would be a good deal of room for enquiry. He deemed it necessary that the Committee should be organized as early as possible, in order that they might get to work as soon as possible.

Attorney-General MOWAT explained that his hon. friend the Treasurer was absent in consequence of a slight indisposition. With regard to the Committee on Public Accounts, he stated that it was intended to proceed with them immediately, and he had no doubt but that his hon. friend would give satisfactory explanations of every expense in the public accounts. His hon. friend opposite was constantly boasting of the effect and the influence of actions of the Government upon the country. The country, however, had shown that they had no sympathy with the hon. gentleman, and he was the last man that should assume that position in the House. (Hear, hear.) The country had shown that it was satisfied with the Government then holding the reins of power, and it would show that the measures now being printed were such as would commend the Government to the country. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. CAMERON said he was performing the duties that his honourable friend's predecessor performed when he was on that side of the House. The only difference was that Mr. Blake complained when there was nothing to complain of, and when the affairs of the country were economically and satisfactorily managed, while he (Mr. Cameron) complained when there was great cause for complaint.

Attorney-General MOWATT said his hon. friend might think everything was going right at the time he referred to, but the country did not think so, and they showed what they thought in the most unmistakable manner. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried, and the House adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

In the divisions yesterday upon the Proton affair, Mr. Fairbairn paired with Mr. Read.