

(Mr. Cameron) contended that if he had the power for any he had it for all our courts. He would have been glad to have assisted the leader of the Government in this matter if he had been allowed time to consider the matter.

Mr. BETHUNE explained fully the practice in England as to the appointment of Sergeants and Queen's Counsel, and argued that the power of appointment lay with the Lieut. Governor.

After some further discussion by Messrs Wood (Brant), Crooks, and Fraser, the Bill was read a second time.

#### PRECEDENCE OF THE BAR.

Attorney-General MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the precedence of the Bar. He said that no reference had been made to appointments made since Confederation. There was no reciprocity in this matter. No steps had been taken for the recognition of Ontario Queen's Counsel in the Dominion Courts.

Mr. CAMERON spoke of the want of dignity he claimed was shown by the Government in not recognizing the late appointments by the Minister of Justice, who had shown a courtesy to the Government of Ontario by confirming the appointments made by the Ontario Government.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said the Government of Ontario did not recognize any portion of any courtesy that the hon. member stated had been shown by the Minister of Justice. That gentleman made no communication to the Ontario Government on the subject whatever. The first intimation received by the Government was through a circular sent to the gentlemen appointed. The whole question was between the Minister of Justice and the gentlemen appointed. The Minister of Justice had endeavoured by communicating with those gentlemen to induce them to accept a position which he himself had no legal right to give them. He would have shown more courtesy by calling the attention of the Ontario Government to the matter frankly and fully, when perhaps some joint action might have been devised. The appointments made by this Government had given universal satisfaction, whereas those made by the Ottawa Government had not received such universal approval.

After further discussion the Bill was read a second time.

#### THE ESTIMATES.

In reply to Mr. Cameron.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said the estimates would probably be before the House on Monday.

#### ARREST OF AN EMIGRATION AGENT.

Mr. LAUDER asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands if the report in one of the daily papers that a Canadian emigration agent had been arrested and subsequently expelled from Germany was correct, and whether he had any definite information on the subject.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said that the agent referred to had been expelled from Alsace, whither he had been sent from Windsor or Sandwich. The agent's son, a clergyman, had received a telegram from his father, who had arrived at Portland in good health, stating that he had been expelled from Alsace by the Prussian Government, and he (the Commissioner) had no doubt that the information was correct.

The House then (10:30 p. m.) adjourned.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Scott (Grey)—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministry, whether they intend to extend to settlers on school lands of inferior value, a compensation commensurate with that granted to settlers on ordinary Crown lands; as unless this course is adopted the proposed relief will be of little use, and the parties residing on school lands adjoining Crown lands will have just cause of complaint.

Mr. McDonald—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministry, whether any Order in Council in reference to the increase of duty on square timber in the Ottawa territory, from a cent and a quarter per cubic foot to two cents, which the Commissioner of Crown Lands stated to the House was made, has been passed. And when it is intended that such increased duty shall attach, and whether it shall be retrospective and affect timber already cut.