

Mr. WELLS said he did not say that such had ever been the case.

Mr. RICHARDS referred to the case previously alluded to, and said that the papers before the Department went to the Assistant Commissioner and were distributed by him. He gave no decision in that case at all himself.

Mr. WELLS reiterated that the last he heard of the case was in 1869, when he gave up all connection with it. If his hon. friend had been in the House when he referred to the letter he would have understood that he did so for the purpose of proving that his (Mr. Richard's) partner had practised in connection with the business of the House, and he thought he had proved it beyond a doubt. He thought he had proved that the partner of his hon. friend had practised there to a very considerable extent, and as much as any other gentleman in Toronto.

Mr. RICHARDS again addressed the House with a view of showing that there was no impropriety in the transaction alluded to by his hon. friend the other evening.

Mr. ROBINSON complained that one half of the time of the House was taken up by members making attacks upon each other, and the other half was employed by the explanations. This course he thought should be abandoned, for it was useless their sitting there night after night listening to such discussions.

Mr. McCALL thought the exposure made by the hon. member for South Bruce was a very strong proof of the necessity of the passing of the motion before the House.

Upon a division, the amendment to the amendment was carried by 29 yeas against 15 nays.

Yeas—Messrs. Baxter, Clarke (Norfolk,) Clemens, Cook, Crooks, Crosby, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Haney, Hodgins, McKellar, McLeod, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Robinson, Scott (Ottawa,) Smith, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Wells, Wilson, Wood (Brant,) Wood (Victoria)—29.

Nays—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Cameron, Clarke, (Wellington,) Deacon, Ferguson, Lauder, McColl, Macdonald, Meridith, Monteith, Read, Richards, Rykert, Tooley—15.

The amendment to the original motion was afterwards carried.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Attorney-General MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. CAMERON said he found in the votes and proceedings of the 31st January, a notice of motion to the effect that on the following Friday the House would resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain resolution concerning the surplus and the Municipal Loan Fund Department. That resolution had never been brought before the House. It was one of the most important measures promised by the Government, and one it was found most necessary to bring forward. It was now getting into spring, and the Spring Circuit was approaching, and every member of his profession would suffer severely by the continuance of the House in session beyond that period. They were also promised a measure in reference to the erection of an Agricultural College, a matter of very grave importance to the agricultural portion of the community. They were also favoured with the view that they would have three or four additional Normal Schools, and that they were to have some Orders in Council in reference to aid to railways. The House commenced on the 6th of January and it was now the 24th of February, and all the important measures were still unprepared by hon. gentlemen opposite, and he presumed that as they were going on at present they would be kept in session until midsummer. A few Bills involving abstract principles only had been before the House, and if it had not been for them nothing would have been done. It was in his opinion discreditable to keep the House in session at the very great expense daily incurred, and he maintained that the sooner the session was brought to a close the more it would be to the interest and welfare of the country.

Attorney-Gen. MOWAT cautioned the hon. member to be a little careful in regard to his own course when he attacked the Government for delays. The hon. member's friends, at a very early portion of the session, when there were no Government measures on the paper, allowed their motions to stand from day to day till there were measures of the Government, which might have been taken but which were now crowded out from time to time in consequence. (Hear, hear.) That day had been taken up by gentlemen in hurrying on motions which might have been

disposed of at an earlier period. The hon. gentleman had again referred to the Municipal Loan Fund—the principal matter before the Legislature on the present occasion, which, he explained, was rendered so confusing by the late Administration of Mr. Sandfield Macdonald that it was a difficult matter to re-arrange it. The leading features of that measure were determined upon before the House met, but it had required the assiduous attention of the Government. He was quite sure the country would sanction the delay, and that when the session was completed the country would not be dissatisfied in any way.

Mr. CAMERON alluded to the delay in this matter year after year, which circumstance had been effectual in demoralizing the people of this Province, and expressed his belief that they would find the session pass through without the settlement of the Surplus and the Municipal Loan Fund Debt.

Attorney-General MOWAT assured the hon. gentleman that those questions would be settled this session, and he denied that the people had become demoralized. The hon. gentleman had done his best to demoralize the people, but had not been successful. (Hear, hear.)

After a few observations from Mr. E. B. Wood, the House adjourned at 12:50 a. m.