

and no notice had been given that it would be stopped upon general principle. With respect to the present Bill he said that the House should have a very strong case made out to justify it in opposing it. He had not heard that any suggestion had been made that this by-law had been obtained by any other than fair and proper means. The member for Peel had given them the assurance that it had been fairly passed, and he was disposed to believe that it had been passed legally and rightly.

Mr. COYNE explained that he had not known at the time of the former discussion that it was the intention of the county of Peel to appeal against the by-law.

After some debate the members were called in, and Mr. Rykert's amendment lost on the following division:—Yeas 18, nays 43.

YEAS.—Messrs. Macdonald, Ferguson, Rykert, Gifford, Snetsinger, Corby, Merrick, Read, Craig (Russell), Scott (Grey), Bethune, Deroche, McCall, Boulbee, Dawson, Fairbairn, Coyne, Code—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Mowat, Crooks, McKellar, Pardee, Williams (Hamilton), Hodgins, Oliver, McKim, Wilson, Paxton, Striker, Cook, Farewell, Clemens, Baxter, Watterworth, Smith, Clarke (Wellington), Barber, Springer, Webb, Gibbons, Gibson, Crosby; Christie, Sexton, Macrae, Wood, (Victoria), Clarke, Norfolk, Deacon, Grahame, Williams (Durham), Lauder, McManus, Finlayson, Sinclair, Haney, Grange, Caldwell, Guest, Fitzsimmons, Calvin—43.

Before the question for the third reading was put,

Mr. FAIRBAIRN rose to a point of order. He wished to have the Speaker's ruling upon the question, whether the Bill could be read a third time, part of which Bill had not been petitioned for, and for part of which no previous notice had been given.

The SPEAKER said at this late stage of the Bill he did not feel disposed to prevent its passage.

Mr. BOULTBEE moved in amendment that the order for the third reading be discharged and that the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the seventh section by adding a proviso to the effect that nothing contained in the Bill should affect any proceedings taken, or that may hereafter be taken, against the by-law within the period allowed by law.

Mr. HODGINS rose to a point of order, as no notice had been given of the proposed amendment.

Mr. RYKERT explained that verbal notice had been previously given.

Mr. HODGINS then withdrew his objection.

Mr. BOULTBEE and Mr. RYKERT spoke in favour of the amendment, which was declared lost on a division.

The original motion was then put and carried.

THE ESTIMATES.

The House went again into Committee on the Estimates.

Mr. RICHARDS said that he had when a member of the Government furnished his room himself.

Mr. LAUDER said that the Commissioner of Public Works should be made to refund the money which it cost to furnish his room so luxuriantly.

Mr. RYKERT went over the same charges that he had done during the previous discussion in reference to the glass ware, delf, &c., furnished to the Speaker's room, and the furniture for the Commissioner of Public Works' room.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT replied in a few humorous remarks. It had been asserted, he said, that such expenditures had never been made by the late Government. The only difference between the two Governments was that the present one made such expenditures openly, they did not put them under the head of "dry-goods." Since the afternoon session he had made a little search, and he had found a small account from Glover Harrison, dated the 5th of November, 1868, and entered as "dry-goods," and this was only one of a series extending from month to month and from year to year. In that little bill he found charged one dinner (maroon) set, \$90; two dozen port and sherry glasses, \$24; two dozen champagne glasses, \$17; two dozen tumblers, \$16; two sets of decanters, \$28; two claret jugs, \$14; dessert set, \$55; and sundry other little things. (Laughter.) On the 7th November there was another account, in which was charged—one pair of decanters, \$6; two dozen pink hocks, \$12;

six water bottles, \$13 50; four dozen plates, \$16. Again, on the 12th of December, there was charged for two dozen finger glasses, \$30. What soiled fingers the Government must have had! (Laughter.) There were also more plates and claret jugs and two dozen more tumblers—the whole amounting to the small sum of \$352 50! (Renewed laughter.) In the following year the Government appeared to have run out of champagne glasses, for there was another item of a dozen of those articles charged for at \$8 50; a half-dozen more finger glasses, another dozen of sherry glasses two dozen ice plates, and two dozen liqueur glasses—the whole amounting to \$69 50. For the Speaker's room there was an item of \$26 95 for glassware, but he (the Commissioner) thought he had heard of that glassware being broken at the end of the last session of the last Parliament. Some friends of the honourable member for Lincoln got into that room and did the damage. (Loud laughter.) All those accounts to which he had referred were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer, and were receipted by G. Harrison. Really he was sorry to drag up these accounts, but the course of honourable gentlemen compelled him to do so. It might be amusement for them to delay the business of the House by petty objections, but it cost about a thousand dollars a day for this little amusement, and he thought it was about time it was discontinued. (Hear, hear.)

The following items were passed after a considerable amount of discussion had taken place and explanations had been given:—

Executive Council and Attorney General's Office, \$12,130.

Treasurer's Office, \$15,442.

Secretary and Registrar's Office, \$9,300.

Registrar - General's Office (Branch), \$23,355.

Department of Agriculture and Public Works, \$26,942.

Some of the items in reference to the Crown Lands Department were discussed, when the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The House then (12:45 a. m.) adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. McKellar—On Saturday next—Bill intitled "An Act to amend the Agriculture and Arts Act."

Mr. Meredith—On Saturday next—Bill intitled "An Act to prevent fraud and fraudulent practices upon or by hotel-keepers, tavern-keepers, and others."

Dr. Boulter—That when the House is in Committee on Municipal Loan Fund resolutions, he will move the following amendment:—That the Municipalities which have borrowed from the Municipal Loan Fund, and have expended said loan in making gravel roads and other local improvements, and have made payments regularly to the Government upon the principal and interest, will have just cause of complaint if the sum proposed to be paid to them be not more than two dollars per head, as is proposed to be paid to the non-borrowing municipalities.

Mr. Richards—On Monday next—He will move the following resolution:—

Resolved—That in the opinion of this House no grant of lands of the Crown should be made to the Canada Central Railway Company, suppliants in a petition of right now pending in the Court of Chancery for Ontario, claiming such grant in respect of the section of railway between Ottawa and Carleton Place, until the following objections or answers to the said claim have been raised for adjudication, and have been fully argued, and judgment given thereon by the said Court, viz:—

1. That the said section of railway was not part of the line of railway authorized to be constructed by the Act of 1856 (19 and 20 Vic., Cap. 112), or the Act of 1861 (24 Vic., Cap. 80).

2. That the Act of 1865 (29 and 30 Vic., Cap. 94) authorizes the divergence of the line to the extent of 25 miles from the River Ottawa, only on condition that the railway to be constructed should touch at the points mentioned in the Acts of 1856 and 1861, namely, Ottawa, Arnprior, Pembroke, and Lake Huron, and that the section of railway constructed between Ottawa and Carleton Place, though claimed to be part of the line between Ottawa and Arnprior, diverges 24 miles from the said river, but does not touch at Arnprior; and that the connecting with and leasing of part of a previously constructed railway of another company from Carleton Place to Arnprior does not constitute the construction by the claimants of a railway or section of railway between Ottawa and Arnprior, touching at these two points with-