

ESTIMATES.

The House again went into Committee of Supply and the discussion of the item of \$49,730 for Crown Lands Department Salaries was resumed.

Mr. LAUDER objected to the item of \$1,000 for a shorthand writer. He did not think the correspondence of the Department had increased sufficiently to warrant this expenditure.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT gave figures to show that the correspondence had increased twenty-five per cent.

Mr. RYKERT said that Mr. Blake had moved in the Public Accounts' Committee a resolution to the effect that no appointments should be made during recess and that in spite of that motion his shorthand writer and the Secretary of Emigration and others had been appointed without the sanction of the House. He went on to say that the Commissioner of Crown Lands had made a statement that was not true last evening, when he said that Glover Harrison's account had been charged as "dry-goods."

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said that the account, although it had been paid by the Government, could not be found in the public works, but had been concealed by the late Government. It made no difference to his argument whether he said it had been put down as "dry-goods" or "curtains" or anything else.

Mr. RYKERT said that no cheque had issued for that account on the day stated by the Commissioner.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said that there was on the bottom of copy of the account which he held in his hand a statement signed by Mr. Harrison to the effect that the account had been paid by Treasurer's cheque. He believed it had been paid through Jaques & Hay.

Mr. CAMERON objected to the salary of the shorthand writer.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR explained that the arrearages of work left behind them by the hon. members for East Toronto and Niagara were so heavy that it was necessary that he should have assistance in getting through the mass of correspondence.

Mr. CAMERON and Mr. RICHARDS objected to the item of \$1,400 for salary of Mr. Taylor. This clerk had left the Department while the old Government was in power, receiving a quarter of a year's salary. Shortly after the year was up he had been taken back by the present Commissioner.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said there had occurred a vacancy in the office and knowing Mr. Taylor's knowledge of the office, he (Mr. Scott) had thought proper to appoint him.

The item was then passed.

The item of \$15,050, under the head of "Miscellaneous," was passed after some discussion, as was also the item \$101,400 for "Legislation."

At 1 o'clock the Committee rose and reported progress, and the House adjourned.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Dr. Baxter--That when the House is in Committee on Municipal Loan Fund and Surplus resolutions, he will move the following amendment:--Whereas, by the fourth resolution, municipalities which gave moneys towards the building of railways prior to Confederation, are to have assistance to the amount of \$2,000 per mile, in cases where such roads were built, but does not make any provision for aid to municipalities that took stock, and put moneys in railways--which railways were not built through financial difficulties or otherwise; and whereas the village of Caledonia, in the year , took stock and invested in the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway, the sum of \$ , which said railway was not built on account of the failure of the Company, which undertook to build it; and whereas injustice will be done to the said village of Caledonia, unless such provision is made as will give it the same aid as though the same road had been built, therefore it is expedient that such provision should be made as will entitle the said village of Caledonia to participate in the said railway aid in proportion to the amount so invested, as aforesaid.