

think that he could have done so constitutionally. (Hear, hear.) He thought the motive of those who brought forward the Bills originally was simply to put the Government in an awkward fix, and considered that if it had been otherwise they would have been introduced under the regime of Sir John Macdonald or the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald. He considered that the best, if not the only course open to the Government, was the reservation of the Bills. He would not enter into the constitutional question, nor the other portions of the Address, except to say that he hoped that when the Municipal Loan Fund again came up for consideration, his county would receive that justice at the hands of the Administration which he held they had not received last session. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he did not think it necessary or worth while saying a word in regard to the rumour mentioned by the hon. member for North Renfrew. (Hear, hear.) It was very easy for any hon. gentleman to get up and state that certain rumours had been current. He did not think it necessary to say that there was not one particle of truth in the rumour. (Loud cheers.) He had telegraphed his denial to his hon. friend the member for Kingston at the time, in reply to an enquiry. The hon. member had insinuated, and had gone out of his way to insinuate, that he (Mr. Mowat) had sent a member to the Committee to vote down these Bills. There was not one particle of truth in the insinuation. (Cheers.)

Mr. DEACON said he accepted the denial of the Attorney-General, and was very glad to hear the statement he had just made.

Mr. D'ARCY BOULTON supported the amendment of the hon. member for North York, and, in stating his position, said he was elected to oppose the Government, and he would do his best to place the gentlemen of the Opposition upon the Treasury Benches. He was prepared to vote no confidence in them as soon as any gentleman made a motion to that effect. (Laughter.) He made a long speech defining his position and attacking the Government as to their general policy, and especially upon the Orange Bills.

Mr. ARDAGH said he had voted last session against the Orange Bills, because he was opposed to the recognition by the law of any secret society for political or semi-political purposes, and he would vote against them again if the question came up. But these Bills having passed the House by a very fair majority, it was the duty of the Government to give them effect in the ordinary way. He was therefore going to vote for the amendment of the hon. member for North York.

Mr. MONK said he did not usually vote against the Government, and therefore thought he was bound to give a reason for his intention to do so upon this occasion. He opposed the action of the Government in reserving these Bills, and was glad to hear that the hon. member for South Simcoe would introduce the Orange Bills afresh, because if no one more competent to do so had been found, he intended to have done so himself rather than trust to the General Act promised by the Government.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said as it appeared the desire of the honourable gentlemen opposite to speak at further length upon this question, he would move the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 10:45.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) — on Tuesday next—Bill intituled "An Act to require the owners of threshing and other machines to guard against accident."

Mr. Rykert—on Tuesday next—Address for a return showing the names of all persons appointed to any office, either temporary or permanent, by the Government, since January 1st, 1873; the date of their several appointments, and the salaries or emoluments attached thereto.

Also—on Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministry:—1. Whether any Policeman of the City of Toronto, or other persons, were sent by the Minister of Public Works, or by the authority of the Government, to take forcible or other possession of the Agricultural Farm at Guelph. 2. Whether any written or actual instructions were given to such persons.

Mr. Lauder—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministry—Whether or not any and what authority or instructions were given to F. T. Jones, accountant, Agricultural and Public Works, to sign, print, or circulate in the

county of Simcoe, a special statement of Revenue and Expenditure of Ontario since 1st July, 1867, including the year 1873; or a statement showing disposal of surplus Revenue of Ontario up to 31st December, 1872, or a statement of estimated expenditure of the Province of Ontario for 1871, 1872 and 1873.

Mr. Scott—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministry—If it is the intention of the Government to adjourn the sittings of this House until the elections for the House of Commons have been held.

Mr. Wood—On Tuesday next—Address—For a copy of all correspondence between the Government and the different issuers of Tavern and Shop licenses, with reference to the working of the present License Act.

Mr. Lauder—On Tuesday next—An Address to His Excellency for the various reports of Valuers of Lands in the different counties of this Province, together with the names of Valuers appointed in the different counties, with the dates of their several appointments and discharge, and a statement of the various sums paid to such Valuers, and copies of the accounts furnished by them to the Department for services rendered.

Also—On Tuesday next—Address:

1st. Copies of all correspondence and agreements between the Government and the Canada Car Company.

2nd. All contracts, and all advertisements for tenders for contracts relating to the various works upon the Central Prison.

3rd. All Orders in Council relating to said prison, or works belonging thereto.

4th. All correspondence between the Government and the various contractors upon said works, or their solicitors or agents.

5th. The names and residences of all contractors upon said works, and all persons employed by the Government to carry out the same.

6th. A statement in detail of the full expenditure upon said Central Prison Works, including the cost of land, up to the present time.

Hon. Attorney-General Mowat—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Public and High School Laws. Also, Bill for the incorporation of Companies by Letters Patent. Also, Bill for the incorporation of Charitable, Provident, and other Societies. Also, Bill to amend the law of Escheats. Also, Bill respecting the Inspection of Railways.