

mittee, and on the Committee rising, the report presented was adopted.

Hon. A. CROOKS then moved that the House do on Friday next resolve itself into Committee of Supply. Carried.

Hon. A. CROOKS also moved that the message of His Excellency, and the supplementary estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Carried.

#### QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Mr. LAUDER—Whether or not any, and what, authority or instructions were given to F. T. Jones, Accountant Agriculture and Public Works, to sign, print, or circulate in the county of Simcoe a special statement of Revenue and Expenditure of Ontario since 1st of 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.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he understood the Hon. Mr. McKellar desired Mr. Jones to make out for him a correct statement of Revenue and Expenditure since 1st July, 1867, including the year 1873, and a statement showing the disposal of Surplus Revenue of Ontario up to 31st December, 1872, &c. Mr. Jones made out these statements, and they were afterwards printed and circulated for the information of the people of Simcoe, at the expense of parties interested in the late elections, and paid for by them.

Mr. LAUDER—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that, if there were any responsibility attaching to the action, he was perfectly willing to share it with the hon. Commissioner of Public Works. (Hear, hear)

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SCOTT asked 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.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the Government had formed no intention upon this subject either way, and they would be glad to know the wishes of the House. If it were thought by members to be in the interest of the country that it should be done, the Government had no objection to the course; neither had they any desire to take it. As they had as yet formed no intention upon the subject, perhaps hon. members would express their opinions now; the Government desired to hear them.

Mr. SCOTT said, as might be seen from the numbers present at the division last night, there were a great many of the members already absent, and as the coming contest in the country drew nearer, the House would grow much thinner. He thought it was the wish of members upon that side of the House generally, as well as that of the majority in the House on both sides, that such an adjournment should take place.

Mr. GRANGE thought that when dual representation was abolished, a pledge had been given that Provincial and Dominion politics would be entirely separated, and if that were the case, he saw no reason why the sittings of the House should be suspended on account of elections for another House. The members would probably have to be in attendance here nearly two months, and as many of them had business urgently requiring their presence, he thought it would not be well to cause an adjournment.

Mr. DEROCHE said there was a secret in this matter. The hon. member for Lennox was aware that the Finance Minister was going to be returned for that constituency by acclamation—(hear, hear.)—and, therefore he did not require to go down there. (Laughter.) As constituents of the Dominion Parliament, he thought members of this House both did take and ought to take a deep interest in the character of their representatives there and he for one took as much interest in Dominion as in local politics. He thought this House should be adjourned over these elections.

Mr. McCALL said he was opposed to the idea of adjournment; and in the interest of the Government itself—(hear, hear.)—he would say, don't adjourn, because a cry against them for so doing would be raised in the country.

Mr. MERRICK opposed the adjournment, as also did Mr. McLeod.

Messrs. Boulton, Farewell, Fitzsimmons, Sexton, Baxter, Lauder, and Clarke (Norfolk) favoured it.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that after the intimations they had received from both sides of the House, the Government would now

consider what course to take.

#### VALUATORS OF LANDS.

Mr. LAUDER moved for the various reports of valuers of lands in the different counties of the Province, together with the names of valuers appointed in the different counties, with the dates of their several appointments and discharges, and a statement of the various sums paid to such valuers and copies of the accounts furnished by them to the Department of services rendered.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE said the papers would be brought down.

#### CANADA CAR COMPANY.

On the order for an address, moved by Mr. Lauder, for papers in connection with the Canada Car Company,

Hon. Mr. FRASER asked the hon. gentleman to let the motion stand until the Commissioner of Public Works should be present, if he had any remarks to offer in connection therewith.

The order was therefore passed over.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Barber, on Thursday next—Bill intitled "an Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the profession of medicine and surgery."

Mr. Merrick, on Thursday next—Address for a copy of all correspondence with the Dominion Government with reference to the Acts of Incorporation of all Orange Associations of Eastern and Western Ontario, and all Orders in Council and papers in connection therewith.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk), on Thursday next—Address to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid in due course and form before the Parliament of Canada the desire of this House that the British North America Act of 1867 may be so amended as to enable the Legislature of the different Provinces, or the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, to enact laws as in their wisdom may seem necessary for the regulation and partial prohibition and suppression of the sale of spirits and of the use and of the sale of any beverage, on the ground that the same is detrimental to society, as well as being the most prolific source of idleness, poverty, and crime.