

ter to which reference had been made in the House upon this occasion.

Mr. RYKERT said what hon. gentlemen had said was only additional reason why the Government should not go on paying. He contended that so many changes had been made in the scheme that there was no certainty that it would be finally settled at all. Referring to the published list of townships which had received their share of the fund, as shown in the columns of THE GLOBE, he said he searched the Act in vain to find any reason why the money was paid. He complained that such information should first be published in a newspaper organ, and given to the House second hand.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT rose to explain how the townships referred to did not appear in the schedules. Townships were not mentioned in these schedules unless there were some peculiarity regarding them. Townships were included under the general head of counties, which was the case in regard to the townships in question. He added that the paragraph which appeared in THE GLOBE was not derived from any information given by the Government. He did not know from what source the information came, but he presumed it was from the parties who had received the money.

After a few observations from Mr. Boulton,

Mr. LAUDER complained that his personal appearance had been remarked upon by the leader of the Government, and threatened to retaliate.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE said the hon. gentleman had complained that the leader of the Government had made remarks of a personal nature. He was sorry to say that the hon. gentleman never rose to address the House without making personal remarks, and those of the worst character. He defended the action of the Government, and assured the hon. member for South Grey that nothing gave the Government more pleasure than that the people should watch their proceedings, because the Government had nothing to conceal.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE said that the country was very well satisfied with the settlement the Government had made of the Municipal Loan Fund matter, and in his own county the people were specially so. He heard the hon. member for Lincoln assert in the House last year that the town of St. Catharines would repudiate its apportionment of the debt. He was glad to say that the town of St. Catharines was very well pleased with it, and that at a recent election for the Dominion Parliament it had given a large majority against the candidate of his hon. friend and the party to which he belonged (Cheers.) He hoped that the good advice and excellent sentiments which had fallen from members on both sides of the House regarding the reprehensible practice of personal attack, which obtained so much, would be acted upon, and that in future the conduct of hon. members would be more seemly and decorous. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then carried.

#### RAILWAY AID ACT.

Mr. RYKERT moved for a return showing:—(1st.) The names of the several Railways to which moneys have been granted under the Railway Aid Act and the Railway Subsidy Act. (2nd.) The amount granted to each Railway, and for what section thereof. (3rd.) The amount paid to each Railway. (4th.) The names of the Railways (if any) which have forfeited the amount granted, or any part thereof.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said he had no objection to the motion, and would allow it to pass; but it would be furnished by the Department for the information of the House, independently of the motion of the hon. member, and would probably be laid before the House to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. CRAIG (Russell) moved that leave of absence be granted to his name-sake, Mr. Craig, of Glengarry. (Hear, hear.) That gentleman had been suffering lately from a severe attack of fever, and would probably be under the necessity of absenting himself from the House for some time.

Leave was granted according to the motion.

#### TIMBER DUES.

Dr. BOULTER moved for a return of all amounts paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province to the municipalities entitled to receive two per cent. of all timber dues for timber and saw logs cut in

said municipalities, stating the sum paid to each township each year since the passing of the Act relating thereto in the year 1871. He made this motion in order to ascertain why the monies due to municipalities under that Act had not been paid.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE said the only reason they had not been paid was that the amounts due to the several municipalities had not been adjusted. The matter, however, was under the consideration of the Government.

The motion was carried.

#### THE RAILWAYS COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE said that inasmuch as the Premier did not desire to have the composition of the committees changed after they had once been decided upon, he would, with the consent of the House, withdraw his motion that Mr. Chisholm be added to the Standing Committee on Railways.

Mr. CAMERON thought that was only on account of the action which the leader of the Government had taken when an addition was moved for to the Public Accounts Committee. Now the hon. Attorney-General thought it inconvenient to make any changes.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the matter had been already under discussion, and he did not propose to re-open it.

The motion was withdrawn.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. BOULTBEE moved that leave of absence for one month be granted to Mr. Fairbairn, on account of severe illness. Carried.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. McMANUS moved for a statement showing the income and expenditure of the Provincial Government for the year 1873, and from what sources such income is derived.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE pointed out that the public accounts had been brought down, and he did not think it would now be necessary to bring the return down.

Mr. McMANUS said it entailed a good deal of trouble to go through the public accounts and obtain the exact amounts. A good many statements had been made throughout the country lately quite different to each other, and he considered it absolutely necessary that the information should be given to the country.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said there could be no objection to bringing the return down in the manner asked for.

#### CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. FRASER brought down papers relative to the Credit Valley Railway.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham) said that before the orders of the day were called he wished to bring up a question of privilege. He saw from a report of the debate which took place on the Railway Subsidy Act that the hon. member for East Toronto had declared that "there was a railway in the east which would soon be knocking at the door for assistance in consequence of the retirement from the contest for the Commons of a gentleman in the House connected with it—a retirement which was made in favour of a friend of the hon. gentleman opposite." This he must say did not pointedly refer to him but he was led to understand that it did. He now begged to give the statement a most emphatic denial. It was wholly without foundation. As far as he could infer from the statement, which was carefully worded, he understood it to mean that he was connected with the Midland Railway Company. He was not connected with the Midland Railway Company, and had no personal or private interest in the road. Nor was he a stock-holder or director of it. He had for many years taken a deep interest in the advancement of that enterprise, and his sole reason for doing so was in the interest of his constituents. The hon. gentleman would further lead others to believe that there was some collusion between himself (Mr. Williams) the Midland Railway, and the Government. That, also, he emphatically denied. He had had no conversation or communication with any member of the Government with regard to the matter, nor had he had any communication whatever with the President, nor any one connected with the Railway, with reference to his withdrawal. The hon. gentlemen's assertions entirely fell to the ground so far. The course the Midland Railway had pursued had led to the severance of the friendly ties which had existed between himself and the Company. He