

of the country than to be attacked as they had been. He believed that the great objection to the present School Law was the compulsory clause, and he did not know but it would be better if that clause were omitted from the new law. Still, as it appeared that there were only 12,000 children not attending school in Ontario last year, this clause would not, after all, prove a very great difficulty. With reference to Inspectors, he remarked that the duty of an Inspector would not be enough in small towns to employ much of their time, and large enough salaries could not be paid to get efficient men to fill the office. There had been cases already in which the office had gone a begging. He did not think, with a previous speaker, that it was a matter of regret that the High Schools had not increased. One efficient school in a county was more valuable than four which were not efficient. The fact was there were too many High Schools, and there were places where, if there were not a High School—an efficient one—there would be a good Public School. Another objection which had also been urged to the present law was that too much power was given to the Inspector. He agreed that in some cases Inspectors had exercised indiscreetly the power the law gave them.

Mr. CRAIG (Glengarry) contended that a compulsory clause was necessary, for even in wealthy sections, the people would frequently neglect to erect proper school houses. He held also that this clause did not require the sending of children so long to school as to cause hardship even to poor parents. With reference to the Inspectors, he remarked that if in any case it was found that the Inspector was not such a man as should fill the office, it was easy enough to get rid of him.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk) suggested that as the hour was late, and there were several other gentlemen who wanted to speak on this Bill, the debate should be adjourned.

Mr. McLEOD agreed with Mr. Clark. He moved the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow.

The House then, at 11:45, adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Christie—On Friday next—Address to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying his Honour to cause to be laid before this House copies of all returns made by the several Fire Insurance Companies, in accordance with the terms of the Act 36 Vic., chap. 44, for the year ending 31st December, 1873.

Mr. Monk gives notice that on Thursday next he will move that Bill No. 13, intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Law," be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the eighth clause by extending the time for the return of the assessment roll till the 1st of July in each year.

Mr. Sinclair—On Thursday next—Address to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for copies of all rules, regulations, and instructions issued by the Council of Public Instruction for the guidance of teachers, trustees, and inspectors, and all other rules, regulations, and instructions passed by the Council of Public Instruction for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the School Laws, and the dates when they were passed.

Mr. Merrick—On Thursday next—That the present Marriage License system is unjust to about five-sixths of the population of this Province, inasmuch as there is annually contributed by the Protestant portion of the community only the sum of \$10,000 to the general revenue, besides an additional sum of \$20,000 to the issuers of marriage licenses; while owing to certain rights, which our Roman Catholic fellow subjects claim were secured to them by treaty, they have not in any way contributed to said fund, and the said marriage license fund is paid into the general revenue, and all classes of Her Majesty's subjects share alike in its benefits.

That the Attorney-General stated in his place in this House that a Bill would be introduced to remedy this anomaly not later than the present session, and there will be just reason to complain if the Government do not take early and immediate steps to place all classes of Her Majesty's subjects upon an equal footing in that respect.

Mr. Pardoe—On Thursday next—Resolved, That this House will next resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following resolutions:—

1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Lieutenant Governor in Council should have authority to remit the

sums due to the Crown by *bona fide* settlers still in occupation of their lands in the free grant townships of Alice, Gratton, Wilberforce, and Meden, and to place such settlers in the same position as those who settled in the free grant townships under the free grant regulations.

2. That it is expedient to provide that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council confer upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands authority to make such remissions as aforesaid, subject to the provisions of these resolutions, and subject to such provisions, if any, not inconsistent with these resolutions as may be embodied in any Order in Council.

Mr. Currie—On Thursday next—gives notice that he will move an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to lay before this House copies of all correspondence, if any, between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of this Province, since the 1st of July, 1867, respecting the monument of the late Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, at Queenston, and the lands connected therewith, and a statement of the amount expended by the Province of Ontario upon such monument and grounds.

On Thursday next—Mr. Farewell gives notice that he will move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend chapter 40 of the 36th Vic., intituled "An Act for Improvement of Water Privileges."