

original motion,

Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Mr. MEREDITH—That the report be not now received, but that it be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to strike out clause No. 3. The House divided upon the question, with the following result:—

Yeas—Boulter, Calvin, Clemens, Giles, Grange, Lauder, McCall, Meredith, Merrick, O'Donoghue, Robinson, Rykert, Springer, Wilson—14.

Nays—Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bishop, Boulton, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Code, Cook, Coroy, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Gifford, Gow, Graham, Haney, Hardy, Hodgins, McLeod, McMannus, McRae, Monk, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Prince, Read, Richards, Scott, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetberger, Striker, Teoley, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wood.—49.

The original motion was adopted on the same division.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved that the names of Messrs. Calvin and McLeod be added to the Committee on the School Bill. Carried.

CROWN LANDS.

Mr. MERRICK enquired when returns from the Crown Lands Department would be brought down.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE said the report was printed and in proof, and would soon be corrected. He would see that it was brought down soon.

RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Works. Also the returns in reply to an address asking for particulars regarding the aid to railway companies under the Railway Aid and Railway Fund Act.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the Government did not contemplate going on with any more orders to-night; but he might state for the information of hon. members that the Treasurer would make his financial statement to-morrow, when the Estimates would be brought down. He also requested that members should not leave to-morrow evening, which they customarily did, as there would be an evening session.

The House then adjourned at 6 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Meredith—On Monday next—Bill to prevent fraud and fraudulent practices upon or by hotel keepers, tavern keepers, and others.

Mr. Gibson—On the motion for the 3rd reading of Bill (No. 18), to amend the Assessment Law. That the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the House, with an instruction to repeal sub-section 2 of sec. 71, cap. 36, 32 Vic.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17.

The Committee on Public Accounts met to-day at 11 a.m. After the discussion of supposed to be on account of the Act not being passed until May. The Accountant was instructed to find out the reason why the amount was not in full for the year.

Mr. McLEOD suggested that the Province of Quebec may not have paid their interest upon their portion of the debt, seeing that they had not accepted the award of the arbitration; and if that were so, it would be unfair to the Province of Ontario, which had paid regularly.

The other members of the committee were satisfied that the interest due by Quebec had been paid, but they thought it might be well to see into the matter.

The accounts and papers connected with the Agricultural Farm, Mimico; the Agricultural Farm and College, Guelph; the School of Practical Science and the Normal School, Toronto; the Lock-up, Bruce Mines; the Departmental Buildings; the Inebriate Asylum; the travelling expenses of Hon. Mr. MacKellar and Mr. Kivas Tully to Ottawa, in connection with the Normal School; various papers connected with contracts, and Settlers' Homesteads; the accounts of all Immigration agents, &c., were called for. Also those giving particulars of expenditure for advertising, and for assisting the Rev. Horrocks, Cocks as Immigration Agent. Also in connection with the maintenance of the Agricultural College, and several accounts of a miscellaneous nature. After the items which required to be looked into had been picked out and the papers called for, the committee adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.