

covered under a mistake with regard to the Proton outrage and a variety of other subjects. He considered that the policy of the Government with regard to this farm was the right one to pursue.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT asked if the hon. gentleman would accept his suggestion.

Mr. RYKERT desired to have the whole information asked for, and said it was quite competent for the Printing Committee to leave that portion out if they thought it necessary.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he did not feel justified in making public the whole of the particulars respecting the title.

Mr. CAMERON said if the hon. gentleman would assure them that there was nothing in that correspondence except in relation to the title they would be satisfied.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that everything in relation to this question should be brought down.

The motion was carried with the amendment suggested.

AUGUSTINE MACDONALD.

Mr. RYKERT moved for all petitions and correspondence in connection with charges made against Augustine Macdonald, D.P.S., Superintendent of drams in the Township of Raleigh and Tilbury East; also copies of the instructions given to the Commissioner appointed to investigate said charges, of the evidence taken by said Commissioner, and his report thereon.

The motion was carried without discussion.

EMIGRATION AGENT.

Mr. RYKERT moved for a return of the instructions given to William Edwards when appointed special agent to England, in connection with the Ontario Immigration agents. He stated that the House was already in possession of a portion of the information. They knew that Mr. Edwards was sent to England for the purpose of examining charges against certain emigration agents, and they knew that he had to discharge the duty of making arrangements with emigration agencies throughout England. He (Mr. Rykert) desired to know what instructions were given to Mr. Edwards, and the whole particulars of that gentleman's proceedings in England.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said there was no objection to bring down the papers asked for, but the information had already been brought down in the form of a report.

Mr. CAMERON said they wanted the whole particulars.

The motion was agreed to.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Mr. CHRISTIE withdrew his motion with regard to fire insurance companies.

SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAYS.

Mr. RYKERT said that before the orders of the day were called he desired to call attention to the fact that the return he had asked for with regard to the bonuses paid to railways did not show the amounts which had been forfeited.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said that in no case had there been a forfeiture.

THRESHING MACHINE ACCIDENTS.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington) moved the House into Committee on the Bill to require owners of threshing and other machines to guard against accidents.

On the first clause,

Mr. CAMERON hoped it would not interfere with the introduction of any novel invention by any ingenious mechanic.

Mr. CLARKE said it would not interfere with any new and useful invention.

The second, third, and fourth clauses were passed without amendment.

Mr. MEREDITH suggested that the time for the Bill to come into operation should be named.

Mr. CLARKE said he had no objection to the time being fixed, and thought August or September should be the month decided upon.

It was resolved, after some discussion, that the Bill should come into force on 1st September next.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill as amended, and the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

Hon. Mr. FRASER laid upon the table the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

THE ESTIMATES.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS moved the House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. CAMERON objected to the estimates being gone into. They had not yet all the information they desired respecting the Public Accounts. There were other measures which the Government might proceed with.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said he scarcely understood the objection of the hon. member for East Toronto. The investigation of the Public Accounts was one thing and the consideration of the estimates another. He could not see why they should not go on.

Mr. CAMERON claimed that it was necessary for the Public Accounts to be first investigated, and referred to Mr. Merrick having been rejected when he was proposed, so that a quorum might be more easily formed. It was a difficult matter to get a quorum of the Public Accounts Committee, and the Chairman was always ready to get rid of the members.

Mr. McLEOD denied that he was desirous of getting rid of the Committee, and pointed out that the meeting had only been adjourned once on account of want of quorum. He hon. gentlemen, if they could not attend to the affairs of the country, should resign their positions as members of that Committee.

Mr. RYKERT spoke of the trouble they had of getting together a quorum, and said they had yet to be supplied with a great many requisitions.

Mr. HARDY was surprised to hear the hon. gentleman speak in that manner; only that morning did they experience any difficulty in getting a quorum of the members of that Committee. The hon. gentleman was slightly incorrect in his view.

Mr. LAUDER complained of the absence

Committee on the Bill respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT recapitulated the motives which had induced him to introduce the Bill, and moved the words "residents in Ontario" should be struck out.

Mr. CAMERON said the effect of this amendment would be to enable American adventurers and others to inaugurate Corporations to the detriment of the public interest. The Bill was not necessary for the establishment of English Corporations.

Mr. MERRICK thought there should be some residents of Ontario on the Boards of Directors.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT did not consider that this would result beneficially, and no additional protection would be offered.

Mr. BETHUNE said that if any foreigner asked for a charter under this Act, they would render themselves amenable to our laws. He thought they should do everything in their power to attract the investment of capital to this country.

The first section of the Bill was carried.

The remaining sections of the Bill were carried with verbal amendments; the Bill was reported, the report received, and the third reading fixed for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. Pardee—On Wednesday—Bill to make valid certain sales for taxes of lands in towns not separated from counties.

Mr. Hodgins—On Wednesday next—That the petitions of the County Council of Elgin and of the Township Council of Southwold, praying that the Municipal Loan Fund Act of 1873 may be so amended as to authorize township municipalities to apply their shares of the Municipal Loan Fund and surplus in reduction of their liability for Corporation debts, be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing with the view of having the same printed for the use of members.

Mr. Bethune—On Wednesday—Bill to provide for allowances to trustees, executors, and administrators.

Mr. Rykert—On Wednesday—Address showing the names of all railway companies which have not complied either in whole or in part with the conditions of Orders in Council ratified by this House.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, Feb. 23.

There was no quorum at the meeting of this Committee to-day, and no business was transacted.