

sired to know when the return respecting the Central Prison, which was asked for at the commencement of the session, would be brought down.

Hon. Mr. FRASER stated he would have the return down in a day or two. It had been delayed because he was given to understand that the information was contained in a report which was to come down to the House. On reading that report, however, he found that it did not contain the information, and he at once gave instructions for the return to be made out.

The House adjourned at 12:15.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. Thomas Maine Daly, the newly-elected member for North Perth, having taken the oath, was introduced to Mr. Speaker by Messrs. Meredith and Merrick, and took his seat on the floor of the House during the debate in the afternoon.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Currie—On Thursday next—Will ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act respecting Municipal Franchise."

Mr. Fraser—On Thursday next—That the House will, on _____ next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following resolutions:—

1. That, by the twenty-first section of the "Prison and Asylum Inspection Act," of the late Province of Canada, being chapter one hundred and ten of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, it was provided that in order to aid the County Councils in Upper Canada in making the alterations and additions prescribed in the said Act, in the gaols of their respective counties, that the Governor of the Province of Canada might pay from out of the "Upper Canada Building Fund," to the Treasurer of each County, a sum not exceeding one-half of the expense of the same, and not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars for any one County.

2. That by an Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign and chaptered seven, the said "Prison and Asylum Inspection Act" was repealed.

3. That previous to the repeal of the said recited section, various County Councils in Ontario were aided under the provisions thereof.

4. That other County Councils which have not been so aided have made alterations and additions in their gaols in order to meet the requirements of the said Act, and of the Prison and Asylum Inspection Act of Ontario, and alterations and additions are required by other gaols in this Province in counties which have not received aid under the said section.

5. That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to revive the said section, and in order to place the various counties in Ontario on an equal footing, provision should be made that to aid the County Councils in Ontario in making the alterations and additions required by law in the gaols of their respective counties, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by Order in Council, direct that out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario there shall be paid to the Treasurer of each such county which has not been aided under the said "The Prison and Asylum Inspection Act" of the late Province of Canada, a sum not exceeding one half of the expense of making such alterations or additions, and not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars for any one county.

6. That, in the opinion of this House such provision should take effect as if the same had been on the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1868 (that being the date of the repeal as aforesaid of said Section twenty-one of Chapter one hundred and ten of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada) made and provided in lieu of the said section so repealed.

7. That, in the opinion of this House, every such Order in Council should, as soon as conveniently may be after the making thereof, be laid before this House for its ratification or rejection, and that no such order should be operative unless and until the same shall have been ratified by a resolution of this House.

Mr. Ardagh—On Thursday next—Address for a return of copies of all documents in the office of the Department of Public Works, or in the possession of the Government, having reference to the improvement of the Nottawasaga River, in the county of Simcoe.

Also—On Thursday next—Enquiry if it is the intention of the Government to submit for the approval of the House, during the present session, a new or consolidated tariff of fees for Clerks of the Peace holding office in this Province.

Mr. Hardy—That he will, on the resumption of the debate on the third reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment Law, move that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend section 14 by striking out the words "of the municipality by any person complaining of an error or omission in the roll," and by adding after the word under "sub-section one and two of."

Mr. Hodgins—On motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 18), to amend the Assessment Law, he will move that the same be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House with an instruction to amend the same by providing that the live stock owned by a farmer, and used by him on his farm, be included amongst the exemptions mentioned in the 9th section of the Assessment Act of 1869.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, February 24.

The Public Accounts Committee met again this morning.

Mr. LANGMUIR was called in and questioned as to his expenses. He stated that he made memorandums of all his expenses, and did not draw any money on account of expenses until he had incurred them. His statement was regarded as satisfactory.

Some discussion took place with regard to the furnishing of the Departments.

Mr. LAUDER stated that \$1,200 had been expended in furnishing during the past year, nearly four times as much as that expended by Mr. Sandfield Macdonald, by whom the Departments were furnished anew.

Mr. RYKERT complained particularly of the accounts relating to the Department of the Commissioner of Public Works, and objected to the furnishing of bedrooms in the Departments.

Mr. WOOD suggested that an inspection of the rooms should be made for the purpose of ascertaining if the furnishing was extravagant.

Mr. FAREWELL moved that this inspection should be made.

Mr. WOOD seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the suggestion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Eckhart was sent for and questioned as to the state of the Provincial Secretary's rooms at the time they were refurnished.

Mr. ECKHART said the carpet in the deputy's room was in a dilapidated condition, and the one covering the Provincial Secretary's room was materially the worse for wear, but was utilized in furnishing another room. There was previously no carpet in the clerk's room.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Government of Sandfield Macdonald furnished bedrooms.

Mr. LAUDER said the members of that Government paid for such furnishing themselves.

Col. GILMOR explained several items in the furnishing account for the refreshment rooms, and showed that in this respect the Government were only continuing a practice which obtained under the Government in 1867.

Mr. RYKERT pointed out that the Government paid the board of the Montreal Telegraph Company's operator.

Col. GILMOR stated that he received instructions to certify the board of that Company's operator from Mr. Carling.

Mr. LAUDER did not see the necessity of making this payment, and thought it was giving the Montreal Company a monopoly over the Dominion Company, whose operator was not so provided for.

An account was produced, showing that Hon. Mr. McKellar had credited the Government with \$163 35, the amount of some furniture for him, charged to the Government last year.

Some time was occupied in ascertaining how the furniture named in the bills had been disposed of, and an order was given for fuller information upon the subject.

The Committee adjourned at 12:35.