

ear.) Sir John had therefore nothing to do with the appointment. He was glad to see the hon. member for Lincoln coming down so chivalrously to the defence of the gallant knight, but he had seen the time when the hon. member had a different opinion of the right honourable gentleman (Hear, hear.) He concluded by saying that he was glad that a Reform Government had introduced the Ballot Bill in this the Honourable Province of the Dominion, and although the system as used in the United States was practically not a system of secret voting at all, yet he held that it had not been wholly unsuccessful, no statesman or journalist of importance having ever advocated its abolition. The hon. member for Lincoln complained that the Government had not brought down an Income Franchise Bill, but what had the friends of the hon gentleman been doing during the long years they had been in power in the Dominion, and the four they conducted matters in Ontario, that they never proposed to introduce such a measure? (Hear, hear.) He had no doubt the present Government would bring down such a measure, including in its provisions not only those who by reason of income or personal property were entitled to a vote, but also conferring the franchise upon the volunteers who had given their services to their country for the full term of five years (Hear, hear.) A Ballot Bill and an Income Franchise Bill would, he considered, give perfect electoral freedom and equality to the people of this Province, and he hoped that in the near future, with these great privileges, we should attain to that position which only a great and free country can. (Cheers.)

The Bill was then read a second time.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the discharge of the Order for the consideration of the amendments to the Joint Stock Companies Bill, and moved the House into Committee of the Whole to make some further amendments.

The motion was carried, the House went into Committee, the amendments were passed and reported, and thereafter considered by the House.

BENEVOLENT AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES.

A similar course was taken upon this Bill to that which was taken upon the preceding, and the amendments were adopted.

PRISONS AND ASYLUMS INSPECTION ACT.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved the House into Committee of the Whole on 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 the 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 chapter 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 in 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 provisions 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.

He explained the provisions of the measure in a few words.

Mr. MERRICK thought the county of Leeds and Grenville should be assisted on account of alterations made in consequence of instructions from the Prison Inspector.

Mr. DEACON supported a general application of the fund. His county should be aided.

Mr. DEROCHE said there was a deputation from Napanee to wait upon the Government last year upon this subject, and he understood that they were led to expect that aid would be given.

Mr. SINCLAIR thought aid should be given for new gaols built.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE was of opinion that the provisions should extend to the County of Lincoln if it were enacted at all, but he thought as many of these burdens as possible should be left with the municipalities.

Mr. BETHUNE said he might make the same claim for Stormont, but he thought the Government were going as far as they should go.

Mr. HODGINS was of the same opinion.

Hon. Mr. FRASER explained that it was simply a re-enactment of the old law, and the gaols which came under the old Act were the only ones which would receive aid.

After a few remarks from Mr. Hardy and Mr. Cameron, the motion was carried, and the House went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Hodgins in the chair.

The various resolutions were adopted, the Committee rose, and the report was received.

GAOL ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved the second reading of the Bill respecting public aid towards making gaol additions and alterations.

After some discussion, the Bill was read a second time.

FERMENTED AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS moved that, on Monday next, the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the following resolutions:—

1. That it is expedient that the duties payable to and for the use of Her Majesty in this Province upon licenses for the sale of fermented or spirituous liquors, be as follows:—

(1) Over and above the sum which may be imposed by municipalities, as by this Act provided, there shall be paid for each tavern license, to and for the use of Her Majesty (and forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province) in cities, a sum of thirty dollars; in towns, of twenty-five dollars; and in townships and incorporated villages, of fifteen dollars; for vessels navigating the waters of this Province, of thirty dollars; for each shop licensed by retail, in cities, of thirty dollars; in towns, of twenty-five dollars, and in townships and incorporated villages, of fifteen dollars; for each license by wholesale, of fifty dollars; for each tavern license in any territory, not under municipal Government, of fifty dollars; and for each shop license in any such territory, of forty dollars: Provided, that for each tavern license granted in cases which are exempted from the accommodation required by law, the Provincial duty shall be thirty-five dollars.

(2) The sum to be paid for a tavern or shop license, in addition to the Provincial duty mentioned in the last preceding resolution imposed, shall be such a sum as shall be fixed by law of the municipality, passed by the proper authority in that behalf, and including the Provincial duty, shall be in cities, not less than eighty dollars for tav-