

that had been put up, the number in course of erection, what their cost would be, and the balance remaining in hand.

The Bill was then read a second time.

FREE GRANT TOWNSHIPS.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill "To provide for the remission of sums due to the Crown by settlers in the Free Grant Townships of Alice, Grat-tan, Wilberforce, and Minden." Carried.]

After some observations from Mr. CAMERON upon the delay in bringing down the Franchise Bill and other Government measures, the House adjourned at 12 o'clock.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Attorney General—On Monday—Bill to amend and consolidate the laws respecting the Education Department and High Schools.

THE DIVISIONS YESTERDAY.

The following are the divisions upon the motion to put the Hon. Mr. Fraser on the Committee of Public Accounts yesterday, and on the various amendments thereto:—

The motion for the adjournment of the Debate, having been put, was lost on the fol-

YEAS—Messrs. Boulter, Boulton, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Corby, Daly, Deacon, Fitzsimmons, Gifford, Giles, Hamilton, Lauder, McCall, McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Scott, Tooley.—22.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Farewell, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Hardy, Harrington, McKellar, McLeod, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Prince, Robinson, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood—42.

The amendment having been then put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS—Boulter, Boulton, Bolton, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Corby, Daly, Deacon, Fitzsimmons, Gifford, Giles, Hamilton, Lauder, McCall, McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Scott, Tooley, Williams (Durham)—13.

NAYS—Barber, Baxter, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Farewell, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Hardy, Harrington, McKellar, McLeod, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Prince, Robinson, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood—41.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved, seconded by Mr. FINLAYSON, That the Hon. Mr. Fraser be now heard, and the motion having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—Barber, Baxter, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Farewell, Finlayson, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Hardy, Harrington, McKellar, McLeod, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Robinson, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood—41.

NAYS—Boulter, Boulton, Bolton, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Corby, Daly, Deacon, Gifford, Giles, Hamilton, Lauder, McCall, Meredith, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Scott, Tooley—20.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. PARDEE, that the question be now put.

Mr. MERRICK moved, seconded by Mr. CORBY, that this House do now adjourn.

The motion for the adjournment of the House having been put was lost on a division.

The motion "That the question be now put," having been put, was carried.

The original motion having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Farewell, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Hardy, Harrington, McKellar, McLeod, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Prince, Robinson, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Boulter, Boulton, Bolton, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Corby, Daly, Deacon, Fitzsimmons, Gifford, Giles, Hamilton, Lauder, McCall, Meredith, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Scott, Tooley, Williams (Durham)—22.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, March 6.

There was a large attendance at the Public Accounts Committee this morning.

Mr. LAUDER first called attention to what he termed a most disgraceful, outrageous, and indecent report of the previous day's proceeding which appeared in THE GLOBE of this morning. He believed the report had been concocted in THE GLOBE office, and he desired to know if the reports of their pro-

ceedings were to be distorted in that manner. There was not, he stated, a shadow of foundation for the statement that appeared in the report.

Mr. CAMERON observed that he did not make the statement in reference to Mr. Lauder which was reported.

The first witness examined was Mr. THOMAS LALOR. He said he was a sub-contractor under Mr. Elliott for the iron work for the Central Prison. He continued the contract under the Government when the works were taken out of the hands of Elliott. He did some extra work for the Government upon the upper tier of cells. Mr. Wilkie supplied 220 gates for the cells. He had his workshop at Penetanguishene, and had not an establishment at Toronto. Witness did a portion of the work for him in Toronto with his (witness's) machinery, and he got half the proceeds. Wilkie paid his own blacksmiths. He thought Wilkie received 12½ cents a pound for his work. He knew they were making gates and fanlights at Penetanguishene, but it was found to be too expensive to make them there and convey them to Toronto. Had the contract for these gates and fanlights been offered to him, he might have gone a little lower than 12½ cents a pound rather than lose so large a job.

Mr. CAMERON said this showed what might have been done had the work been open to public competition.

Mr. THOMAS LALOR continuing, said he could not tell how much he made by the transaction. His son, who was his partner, kept his books, and they would show what profit he had made. He never saw Wilkie before this transaction.

By Mr. Fraser.—He had been engaged 35 years in providing iron and lock-work for prisons, and had succeeded in getting a great deal of this kind of work, owing to his recognised skill in executing it. He had patented a peculiar lock for the fastening of cell gates, and he was using that patent—a simultaneous locking arrangement—on the gates at the Central Prison. He was en-

gaged to put these locks upon the gates by the Government. The other iron-work he contracted for with Mr. Elliott. He had not finished his contract with Mr. Elliott when the works were taken out of his hands by the Government.

Mr. CAMERON objected to this evidence being taken over again, and asserted that it was only done for the purpose of delaying and frustrating the investigation.

Mr. FRASER said that was not his object. He desired to obtain from the witness testimony relative to the work he did under the Government.

Mr. CAMERON protested against the Provincial Secretary taking evidence that was not disputed.

Mr. FAREWELL pointed out that it was contended by the hon. gentleman in the House that if the Provincial Secretary were put upon the Committee, evidence would not be taken fully. The hon. gentleman themselves were endeavouring to suppress evidence.

Hon. Mr. FRASER said it had been stated by hon. gentlemen that \$80,000 odd had been paid away by the Government for work which had not been tendered for, and he desired to show from witness that it was not so, and that all the work done by these sub-contractors whose contracts were continued by the Government was included in that amount.

After some further discussion, Mr. CAMERON made the following protest, which the Committee consented should be entered in the report:—"I protest against the Provincial Secretary taking up the time of the Committee in examining Mr. Lalor or any other witness in reference to work done under the contract by Mr. Elliott, in reference to which there is no complaint, unless the Provincial Secretary desires to show that these works were taken at too high a rate."

Mr. HARDY thought a rider should be added to that protest to the effect that the Committee did not think the Provincial Secretary was wasting the time of the Committee.

Mr. FAREWELL then put in the following protest:—"I protest against any course being pursued by Mr. Cameron to prevent the fullest and most searching examination by this Committee of all the accounts and matters before it, touching the charges made by the Opposition in the House against the Government."

Mr. CAMERON, Mr. LAUDER, and Mr. RYKERT said they all joined in that protest.

Mr. WOOD then moved that the Provincial Secretary had a right to proceed with the