

repealing the \$4 tax which presently goes into the Provincial Treasury.

Mr. CAMERON contended that as the proposition affected the revenue of the country, it should have originated by resolution in Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT consented to allow the clause to stand, and promised to bring down a resolution in accordance with this provision of the Bill.

The schedules attached to the Bill were then passed, the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. MOWAT, the House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Industrial Schools' Bills, Mr. Hodgins in the chair. The various clauses of the Bill were passed, with slight verbal amendments, and the Bill was reported.

REMISSION OF DUES.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. PARDEE, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to provide for the remission of sums due to the Crown by settlers in the Free Grant Townships of Alice, Grattan, Wilberforce, and Minden—Mr. Wood in the chair.

The Bill was passed without amendment and reported.

INSPECTOR OF ASYLUMS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved the House into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to declare of what lunatics the Inspector of Public Asylums is the Committee—Mr. Bethune in the chair.

The Bill was adopted without amendment and reported.

SETTLEMENT IN FREE GRANT TERRITORIES.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR moved the House into Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Free Grant Territories.

Mr. CAMERON desired an explanation of the matter.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said, as he had already explained, the township of Ryerson was now pretty well settled, and the object of the Government was to apply a portion of the money appropriated which still remains unexpended in another township, not yet settled, but which would, in all probability, be nearer Nipissing. They intended to select the very best township they could get, because they had reason to believe that Mr. Arch would send us a large number of the best class of emigrants which could be brought to this country. It was very desirable that the nucleus of this settlement should be placed upon very good land, and the Government believed they could get much better lands than those of the township of Ryerson.

Mr. CAMERON said he hoped that the class of emigrants Mr. Arch would send out would be all that was expected of them; but there had been a very greatly increasing number of robberies and burglaries during the past year, and it was not improbable that this had arisen from the indiscriminate system of bringing emigrants to this country introduced by the Government of hon. gentlemen.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said he repelled the charge of the hon. gentleman on behalf of the emigrants. (Cheers.) It was a foul slander upon every one of them who had come to the country during the past year, and he had not heard a single word from any one to that effect. He was quite sure they were a much better class of emigrants than those who came to this country during the Administration of the hon. gentleman who had just spoken. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. CAMERON said he did not mean to say that the emigrants of last year were of that bad class. He was merely suggesting it. (Oh, oh!) There were certain persons in the pay of this Government that did not bear a good character, and he thought it very like they should send out emigrants of their own class. (Oh, oh!) He knew, at any rate, that crime was more rife during the past year than it was in former years.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the hon. gentleman knew quite well that the criminals were not the emigrants of last year.

Mr. CAMERON said he did not know.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT—Then the hon. gentleman ought to have known. (Hear, hear.)

The Committee reported the Bill without amendment.

BALLOT EXPENSES.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the House into Committee on the following resolution:—

"That the reasonable expenses incurred by the Returning-officer, and by the other officers and clerks, for printing, providing polling compartments, transmission of the packets required to be transmitted by the proposed Act respecting voting by Ballot, and reasonable fees and allowances for services rendered under the said proposed Act, shall be paid to the Returning-officer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and shall be distributed by him to the several persons entitled thereto; which distribution he shall report to the Lieutenant-Governor through the Provincial Secretary."

Mr. CAMERON said it was only reasonable, before they were asked to vote upon this resolution, that the Government should give some explanations as to what expense this legislation would entail.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the details of the Bill had been under the consideration of the House, and it was perfectly impossible to form an estimate of what the cost was going to be until a general election took place. Similar provisions to those contained in this Bill were to be found in Bills in other countries, and those provisions were not found to be burdensome. There would be no advantage in making an estimate of the expense of the law; and if the objects the Bill had in view were attained, they ought to be prepared to pay liberally for them. The Government could not have any more information on this subject than other members of the House. The law would not come into force until the next general election, and he would take care that all practicable information should be provided against next session.

The resolution passed through Committee without amendment.

THE SCHOOL LAW.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Public and High School laws. He stated that this Bill was referred to a large Committee, consisting of gentlemen who manifested special interest in this subject, and the Committee had several harmonious meetings. Two or three clauses of the Bill were struck out, and some of the clauses were altered. He accepted the amendments, as well as the few clauses which had been introduced. The Bill as it stood had the concurrence of the whole Committee generally. He relied upon both sides of the House to assist him in consideration of the Bill in Committee, for he believed it was felt that there were several points which it was considered required amendment. He proposed to lay on the table a consolidation and amendment of the School Laws. This consolidation and amendment would consist of two Bills, one confined to Public Schools, and the other would be confined to the laws relating to High Schools. He thought it not desirable to introduce these Bills until the amendments that might be desired were made. He trusted that both sides of the House would give their generous assistance in the consideration of the measure. He moved the adoption of the first clause of the Bill.

Mr. CAMERON objected to the proposed construction of the Council of Public Instruction.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he had merely adopted the suggestions of those best acquainted with the working of that Council.

Mr. CALVIN spoke in support of the clause.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington) contended that teachers should be allowed to select their representatives from whatever class of persons they pleased, and he moved in amendment that all after schools in the 9th line of clause one should be struck out.

Mr. DEROCHE supported the proposition as contained in the Bill, because it did not seem that there was any propriety in an Executive body of men being composed to any extent of those whom their own laws affected. He defended the Board of Public Instruction as presently constituted, but thought the time had come when they should submit to reconstruction.

Mr. RYKERT was in favour of the proposition of the hon. member for Wellington.

Mr. BOULTER was prepared to be a Government supporter in this case, and considered those engaged in teaching had enough to do with their duties without being members of the Council of Public Instruction.

Mr. WOOD thought the Bill should be allowed to stand as it was. He pointed out that the employes of the Education Department who were acting in confidential relation to that Department, should not be allowed in any way to control its actions, or else the Council of Public Instruction would be even more truly a close corporation than at present.

Mr. CURRIE thought if the Bill were allowed to pass in its present shape it would