

THURSDAY, March 12.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved that the House will on to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following resolution:—

“That the issuer of the license or certificate required by the Act for the Solemnization of Marriages shall be entitled to retain for his own use the sum which the Issuer of Marriage Licenses has heretofore been entitled or allowed to retain for his own use in respect of a Marriage License; but the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time reduce the sum so payable.”

THIRD READINGS.

The following Government Bills were read a third time and passed:—

To provide for the remission of sums due to the Crown by settlers in the Free Grant Townships of Alice, Grattan, Wilberforce and Minden.

To declare of what Lunatics the Inspector of Public Asylums is the Committee.

Respecting the Act intituled “An Act to encourage settlement in the Free Grants Territory.”

The following public Bill was read a third time and passed:—

To amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Practice of Medicine and Surgery in Ontario.

The following private Bills were read a third time and passed:—

To authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery for Ontario, to admit Benjamin Valleek Elliott, to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor.

For the construction of Water Works for the Town of Peterborough.

Respecting Water Works in the Town of Windsor.

To amend the Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, incorporating the Toronto Fuel Association.

To authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, and the Court of Chancery, to admit Henry William Delaney as an Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor in Chancery.

REPORTS RECEIVED.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the reception of the report of the Committee on the resolutions respecting the expenses of the Ballot, which was concurred in.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the reception of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole on the Industrial Schools Bill, which was concurred in.

THE BALLOT BILL.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. MOWAT, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Ballot Bill—Mr. Hodgins in the chair.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT proposed an amendment to the effect that the returns be made to the Clerk of the House instead of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery—the one being a permanent officer of the House and always in attendance, and the other's duties being of a very light nature, and not regularly in attendance.

Mr. CAMERON said this was a change in principle, and he objected to its being made in Committee. He insisted that it should be made after the third reading.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT, in view of the objection taken, agreed to do so.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT also proposed to add a clause providing that the Act shall not come into effect until the dissolution of the present House of Assembly.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE thought, as there would in all probability be some elections before the dissolution, that the Act should take effect at once so as to educate the people to its use.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he had considered that, but he found that it would be impossible to make arrangements for putting the Act in force before the general election.

There were other amendments, but they were all of a merely verbal nature. The Committee rose and reported the Bill with amendments.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow on the resolutions respecting aid to public and charitable institutions, of which he gave notice on Monday.

Hon. Mr. FRASER introduced a Bill to

regulate the giving of aid to charitable institutions, which was read a first time.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. MOWAT, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on the Solemnization of Marriage Bill—Mr. Hodgins in the chair.

Some amendments of a verbal nature were made, and a proviso was added to the effect that the first clause of the Bill, referring to the legalizing of informal marriages, do come into effect forthwith; the other provisions of the Act to be binding after the first of July.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill as amended.

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS' FUND.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved the House into Committee of the Whole on the following resolutions relating to the Superannuated Teachers' Fund:—

1. That it is expedient that every teacher who, while engaged in his profession, contributes to the Superannuated Teachers' Fund as provided by law, shall, on reaching the age of sixty years, be entitled to retire from the profession at his discretion, and receive an allowance or pension at the rate of six dollars per annum for every year of such service in Upper Canada or Ontario, upon furnishing to the Council of Public Instruction satisfactory evidence of good moral character, of his age, and of the length of his service as a Public or High School teacher in Upper Canada or Ontario; and such pension may be supplemented out of local funds by any Public or High School Board or Board of Education, at its pleasure.

2. That it is expedient that every teacher under sixty years of age, who has contributed as aforesaid, and who is disabled from practicing his profession, shall be entitled to a like pension, or local supplementary allowance, upon furnishing the like evidence, and upon furnishing from time to time, in addition thereto, satisfactory evidence of his being disabled.

3. That it is expedient that every teacher entitled to receive an allowance from the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, who holds a first or second-class Provincial certificate, or who is an authorized head master of a High School or Collegiate Institute, shall, in addition to said allowance or pension, be entitled to receive a further allowance of one dollar per annum for every year of service while he held such certificate, or while he acted as head master of a High School or Collegiate Institute.

4. That it is expedient that the retiring allowance should cease at the close of the year of the death of the recipient, and may be discontinued at any time should the pensioned teacher fail to maintain a good moral character, to be vouched for—when required—to the satisfaction of the Council of Public Instruction.

5. That it is expedient that if any pensioned teacher shall, with the consent of the Council, resume the profession of teaching, the payment of his allowance shall be suspended for the time of his being so engaged; and, in case of his again being placed by the Council on the superannuation list, a pension for the additional time of teaching shall be allowed him, on his compliance with the law and regulations.

In making the motion, he explained that the proposed increase to the two classes of teachers mentioned in the clause would cause an increase, charge of about \$1,900, there being 110 head masters, and 320 first and second-class certificated teachers in the Province. The estimate of his hon. friend the Treasurer was that \$23,100 would be altogether required, but a considerable portion of that amount was paid by the teachers themselves. Last year the amount paid out was somewhat over \$19,000, of which the teachers themselves contributed \$11,000, the difference being paid out of the consolidated Revenue. The Education Department calculated that the provisions of the resolution would not exceed \$2,000. The pension itself was a mere pittance, and he thought the country generally would recognize the propriety of making this addition to it. There was a good deal of objection to the Superannuation Fund at one time, arising from the uncertainty of the amount, which depended entirely on the amount paid into the fund, and the number who were entitled to the pension. The late Government made an addition to the grant, which removed a considerable proportion of the objection, and what still remained he thought would be almost obviated by the proposal now before the House. The fund, he thought, was really a great boon to the teachers, considering the small amount they paid in and the proportion they received in re-