

out tender. He challenged hon. gentlemen to prove that. There was nothing in the evidence taken before the Public Accounts Committee which would show this. All which that evidence showed with regard to the matter was that there was a wing in the rear which the Government found, after the contract was let, they would not want, and it was struck off, and according to a stipulation which there is in every contract, the architect fixed the amount by which he thought the price originally agreed upon should be reduced. He (Mr. Fraser) held that when this was done they virtually received a new order for the work. The Government accepted this as a motion of want of confidence, and in doing so they simply wanted the country to understand that it was sprung upon the House at a time when the Government had an opportunity of putting on record their own opinion. The Government were quite willing that the Opposition should test the feeling of the House, and also, when the proper time came, the feeling of the country, as to whether they had spent the money entrusted into their hands fairly and honestly, seeing that they got a dollar's worth of work for every dollar expended.

Mr. BOULTBEE charged the Provincial Secretary with evading the question altogether, and defended the Opposition from the charge of endeavouring to take any undue advantage of the Government. If the Government had done nothing wrong, there could be nothing embarrassing in the motion. He commented upon the very strong, and what he called the obsequious support the Government had in the House, but argued that there was also a danger in that very strength, for the Government were far less careful than they would be were their position less secure. He contended that Mr. Dickey had been allowed to carry on his work at the Central Prison without proper check; that the job should have been advertised for tender; and that too much had been paid out in connection with it. He was altogether opposed to the principle of the Government holding these public works in their own hands and directly employing labour, because, he said, it would place too much political power in the hands of the Government over a large portion of the electors in case of an election. He discussed the proceedings in the Public Accounts Committee, charging the Provincial Secretary with hindering its business; the surplus revenue, which he asserted had now altogether disappeared; and the fence round the Parliament Buildings, which, he declared, was only a very common fence and had been too dearly purchased. He concluded by strongly supporting the motion of the hon. member for East Toronto.

Mr. PRINCE said if the hon. gentleman was disappointed at the result of the late gerrymandering of the electoral divisions of Toronto, he was not at all surprised, for the result of the recent election had certainly been disappointing enough to the party to which the hon. gentleman belonged. He assured the hon. gentleman that it would not help his cause in the country to carp at the small things with which he and his friends had lately been busying themselves.

The members were then called in, at 4:45, and the House divided, when the amendment was lost on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. Ardagh, Boulter, Boulton, Cameron, Code, Corby, Deacon, Fitzsimmons, Gifford, Giles, Guest, Hamilton, Lauder, McCall, McGowan, McManus, McRae, Meredith, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Tooley—23.

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

The House then went into Committee and passed the item of \$68,886 87 for the Inebriate Asylum, Hamilton, and \$3,870 for the Reformatory at Penetanguishene were passed without discussion.

On the item of \$59,492 for the Central Prison,

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR explained the way in which the various details were made up. In reply to Mr. Merrick,

Hon. Mr. FRASER stated that it would be necessary for the Warden of the Central Prison to go on the premises for some time before it was opened. The Warden

was not at present under salary, and the expenses the gentleman who was to fill that position had incurred in visiting the various similar institutions in the United States, would have to be recouped to him. The bursar was the only officer who was at present under salary.

The item was carried.

On item \$7,618 75 for the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville,

Mr. CAMERON said he understood the inmates of this institution were instructed in doing different kinds of the work about the building. Was the work, he desired to know, named in statement additional work to that which could be done by those inmates?

Hon. Mr. FRASER said it was additional work.

The item was then passed.

On item \$4,934 for the Blind Institute at Brantford,

Mr. HARDY pointed out that an appropriation should be made for the improvement of the land surrounding the building.

Mr. CAMERON said he would be glad to see a sum of \$1,000 voted for this purpose.

The item was then passed.

RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER brought down Orders in Council in reference to railways, correspondence, and papers relating to the Canada Southern Railway Company; copies of correspondence between the Inspector of Schools for the County of Peel and Dr. Ryerson; rules and regulations of the Council of Public Instruction for the guidance of teachers.

The House then rose for recess.

THE ESTIMATES.

After recess,

The House again went into Committee of Supply.

The items of \$200 for the School of Practical Science, and \$12,000 for the Normal School and Education Office, were passed.

On the item of \$94,768 for the Normal School at Ottawa, and in reply to observations by Mr. Rykert,

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that the report that the land was purchased was not quite correct. The land belonged to the Dominion Government, and was advertised for sale in lots. He thought it was a good opportunity to secure a site for the Normal School; the land was found on examination to be exceedingly suitable for the purpose, and it was reserved so that if the Normal School went on it would be available. They thought, also, that in view of the increase the erection of the building would cause in the value of the surrounding property, the Dominion Government might give the land at a merely nominal price. The negotiations, however, were not completed when the crisis arrived which ended in the defeat of Sir John Macdonald's Government. It was his opinion that there should be more Normal Schools in this Province than at present, and pointed out that the number of teachers educated at Normal Schools was much greater in the western portion of the Province than the eastern. Until the Ottawa Normal School was finished, however, the Government would ask no vote of the House with regard to Kingston. With regard to the Ottawa building, the Government found tenders on the original plan were so much in excess of the appropriation that it was necessary to reduce the dimensions. All the prominent builders about Ottawa had tendered upon the original plan, which was advertised, and the Government did not think it would have been fair, after putting them to the trouble and expense of doing so, to open the matter up again; so they gave them all the opportunity of tendering over again. They had thus conformed not only with the letter, but with the spirit of the Statute.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR stated in reply to the honourable member for Ottawa, that the contract for the school had been signed and completed, and he believed the contractor was preparing at present to begin operations. The estimated cost of the building under contract was between \$53,000 and \$54,000, leaving a balance of \$27,000 for the other extras required about the building. It was not the intention to build the model school at present, and only the Normal School would be proceeded with. In the meantime, the plan