

had the sanction and approval of the chief educationalists of this country, and the building, when completed, would be one of the most handsome on this continent.

Mr. CRAIG thought the Government had acted wisely in hesitating to erect too many Normal Schools in the East. The school in Ottawa, he believed, would amply meet the demands of that portion of the Province.

Mr. BOULTBEE said that from the remarks the Commissioner of Public Works had made that night, he appeared not to realize his position and the narrow escape he had just passed through. He (Mr. Bultbee) deprecated the spreading of the Normal Schools throughout the country, and thought the wisest way would be to reconsider the whole matter. The Normal School at Toronto was sufficient for the whole Province, and he hoped the Government would give up the idea of building such a school at Ottawa, and then the necessity of building another one in the West would be obviated.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the only question under consideration now was the revote for the Ottawa School, for the erection of which a contract had been entered into. There was no proposal to ask for a vote for any other Normal School at present. Hon. gentlemen opposite were in a rather curious position in reference to the whole matter. They always charged corrupt motives for everything the Government did and did not do. Hon. gentlemen forgot that the Government of Sandfield Macdonald prepared to build these Normal Schools before the Reform Government was formed. The idea did not, therefore, originate with the Reform Government. The proposition for the three Normal Schools was made by the Chief Superintendent of Education in one of his reports. The Government was charged with originating the idea with corrupt motives, when in reality they had nothing at all to do with it.

The item was then passed after some further discussion.

The item \$1,500 for repairs of building at Osgoode Hall was passed without discussion.

On item, \$2,000 for completing fencing House and providing furniture, wardrobes, &c.,

Some discussion took place as to the necessity of the fencing House, after which the item was passed.

On item \$5,000 to complete fence, planting, &c.,

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR explained that the \$5,000 was made up as follows:—\$3,559 for the fence, planting, \$500; filling in the east end, \$600; wall enclosing the yard, \$800; sundries, \$541.

Mr. BOULTBEE thought the cost of the fence, which he believed was \$2 30 per foot, showed the necessity of putting up such works to public competition. This he regarded as an extravagant fence. He had estimated the value of the whole fence without the gates, and was satisfied the cost should not be more than 88 cents a foot. If 20 per cent. for profit were added it would not bring the value of the fence to more than half the cost.

Mr. CRAIG was of opinion that the work should have been offered to public competition.

Mr. RYKERT then proceeded to speak against time, and challenged correctness of the evidence of Messrs. Withrow and Wagner before the Public Accounts Committee.

Hon. Mr. FRASER commented upon the unseemly manner in which the sworn testimony of men of the character and probity of Mr. Alderman Withrow and Mr. Wagner had been impugned by the hon. member for Lincoln.

On the item of \$1,500 for Court House and Gaol at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. LAUDER called the attention of the hon. member for Algoma to the fact that the Government had got the appropriation for the purpose of erecting a lock-up at Bruce Mines, and they had, by Order in Council, made a change and expended the money at Silver Islet. What did the hon. member say to this deviation of an appropriation out of his own constituency to Silver Islet, in order to please their friends?

Mr. CUMBERLAND congratulated the hon. member for his geographical knowledge of his own Province, but took the liberty of informing the hon. gentleman that Silver Islet was in the constituency of Algoma. (Great laughter.) He added that the change made by the Government was a most desirable and proper one. (Hear, hear.) He also stated that the population at Bruce Mines had unfortunately declined of late years, whereas that at Silver Islet was just as largely on the increase, and the population at the latter place was more turbulent than at the former.

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR said the change was made upon the recommendation of the Sheriff of the Sault.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT defended the action of the Government, on the ground that it was in the interest of the preservation of the peace, which he looked upon as a duty which ought, above all others, to occupy the attention of the Government.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE showed that while he did not approve of the principle of changing appropriations without the consent of Parliament, the Government were perfectly justified in building the gaol at Silver Islet. There was no use for one at Bruce Mines, and it therefore resolved itself into a mere question of book keeping.

Mr. CRAIG (Glengarry) thought the money had been well spent, and he was prepared to support the Government in the matter.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk), while he did not see his way to condemn the Government in this case, was opposed to the principle for which it might be a precedent, especially as the district in which the gaol had been built was in possession of municipal powers, and in the same position as to the erection of such buildings as any other municipality. He condemned the action of the Provincial Secretary and the House with regard to the municipality of Shuniah.

Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Wood supported the action of the Government, and Mr. Deacon opposed it.

The item was then carried.

The following items having been adopted without discussion, the Committee rose and asked leave to sit again:—

Lock-up, Thunder Bay.....	\$6.00 00
Do., Nipissing District.....	2,000 00
Registry Office, Parry Sound, do.	100 00
Do. and Lock-up—New District .....	3,000 00

The House adjourned at 12:5.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Attorney-General Mowat—At first sitting of the House on Thursday next—Resolution, that this House doth ratify the Order in Council approved by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the seventeenth day of March, 1874, with reference to the Canada Southern Railway Company, which order is to the following effect:

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the application of the Canada Southern Railway Company, that it may receive aid from the Railway Fund for that portion of their branch line of railway which lies between St. Thomas on the main line and River St. Clair.

The Committee advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order in Council, by resolution of the Legislative Assembly (in default of which ratification this Order in Council is inoperative), payment be authorized to be made out of the Railway Subsidy Fund to the company of the sum of one hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty cents per mile for that portion of the line of the Company's railway between St. Thomas and River St. Clair, such sum to be payable by even half-yearly payments of ninety-seven dollars and twenty cents each on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each and every year, during the period of twenty years to be computed from the first day of January, 1872, and to the full end thereof; and the Committee further advise that the said grant of aid be subject to the following conditions, that is to say:—

(1.) On condition that on or before the first day of July next, it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the line of railway between St. Thomas and the River St. Clair is actually in the possession and control of the Company, and in operation by the Company's servants and agents, or by those of any other Company duly authorized in that behalf by the Canada Southern Railway Company, with all necessary and convenient station-houses and other facilities and be properly ballasted for the conveyance of the traffic of the district traversed, and that the arrangements for the operating of the road are such as will secure the continuance of these facilities.

(2.) On condition that his Honour in Council may direct that payment be made to the said Company out of the Railway Fund (should the same become applicable thereto) at the rate of \$2,000 per mile of the said portion of the railway rate of one hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty cents at the option of the Lieut.-Governor in Council.

Hon. Mr. Crooks—At first sitting of this House on Thursday next—Resolution—That this House doth ratify the Order in Council, approved by his Honour the Lieutenant-