

counsel should not be local men. That was the view of judges, and had been his view since he had been Attorney-General.

The item passed.

On the item of \$16,000 for miscellaneous justice,

Mr. CROOKS said the taxes from Algoma had amounted to an average of \$4,547 a year, but the Government had to pay an amount larger than they would to a regular county. The receipts, however, covered the expenditure.

Mr. DEACON said he did not think the stipendiary magistrates had much work to do, and should like to know what the extra \$500 for each district was for.

Mr. DAWSON said the magistrate of Algoma had a large amount of work, was a very important officer, and was very much underpaid.

Mr. MEREDITH asked why the salaries of some of the Deputy Clerks of the Crown had been increased?

Mr. CROOKS said the increase had been small but had been based on the amount of work performed.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk) hoped a sum would be put in the Supplementary Estimate to provide for the salary of a clerk to assist the stipendiary magistrate of Thunder Bay.

Mr. CAMERON asked why it was that while the same sum was paid for administration of justice in the districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, the magistrate in the former was paid more than the one in the latter.

Mr. CROOKS explained that the duties of the one were much more onerous than those of the other.

Mr. LAUDER complained that the stipendiary magistrate for the district of Haliburton had acted as an ardent politician, and was engaged on polling day in conveying voters to the polling places.

Mr. CURRIE advised the member for East Grey to ask for a Committee on the question, and submit his charges against the magistrate for Haliburton.

Mr. CLARKE concurred in the remarks of the last speaker.

Mr. RICHARDSON protested against increasing the salaries of clerks of the courts and other institutions, for they were well paid as compared with mechanics, who had equally to bear the increased cost of living.

Mr. McCRAE said that the stipendiary magistrate for Haliburton had worked against him in election matters, and used his team on polling day to bring up voters.

Mr. DEACON suggested that the Government should send a letter to the stipendiary magistrate of Haliburton warning him not to interfere in future in election contests. He hoped the matter would not be pressed to an extreme length.

The item was passed.

On the item of \$240,000 for Public and Separate Schools,

Mr. CROOKS explained that the gross total of the Estimates for Education, \$529,530, was about \$19,000 in excess of that of last year, mainly in consequence of increased expenditure at Ottawa Normal School and the superannuation of teachers.

Mr. DEACON asked if there were city and county Inspectors of Separate Schools as distinguished from county Inspectors of Public Schools.

Mr. MOWAT said the inspection of Separate Schools was done by High School masters, and the system worked remarkably well.

Mr. DEACON felt satisfied that Separate Schools were not inspected.

Mr. CAMERON remarked that if the Roman Catholics, on religious grounds, refused to have their Separate Schools inspected, a privilege to which they were perhaps entitled, the fact should be known.

Mr. MOWAT replied that no objection had been offered to High School masters inspecting the Separate Schools. He hoped the hon. Treasurer would soon be able to answer fully all educational questions in a different capacity from that which he now occupied.

After some remarks by Messrs. Coutts, McDougall (N. Middlesex), and Creighton,

Mr. FRASER observed that no objection to the inspection of Separate Schools had been offered.

The item was passed, as was also that of

\$28,350 for the inspection of Public and Separate Schools.

On the item of \$10,000 for schools in new and poor townships,

Mr. HARDY advocated a larger assistance being given to schools in poor localities. Now, assistance was given according to the salary paid to the teacher, instead of according to the attendance, as it should be.

Mr. DEROCHE thought the present provision in the statute ought to be changed.

Mr. MOWAT said this provision was one that had not been changed from the old law, and had not been discussed when the consolidated school law was being considered last session. From what he had learned from the Educational Department he learned that the clause had not been recommended by the Department, and he thought the best way would be to leave the matter as it is, as the municipalities should be left free to apply the municipal distribution money as they saw fit. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. CAMERON concurred in the view of the Attorney-General, though he should be sorry to see the provision in the School Law altered.

The item passed.

Mr. CAMERON suggested that after the educational items had been disposed of the House might adjourn.

Mr. MOWAT said there were several items which might be passed without difficulty, and he did not like to lose this evening.

After some discussion the remaining items under the head of education were passed, and

Mr. MOWAT agreed to the adjournment.

The Committee reported progress.

RETURNS.

Mr. WOOD presented returns showing the cost of the repairs and maintenance of public institutions, and showing the receipts of the Crown Lands Department for 1875.

REPORT.

Mr. MOWAT presented the report of the Committee appointed to revise the rules.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—On Tuesday—Bill further to repress the vice of intemperance.