

Bill to confer on municipal corporations additional power in respect to fences bordering on public highways, explaining that the object of the Bill was to confer on municipal corporations additional powers in reference to fences bordering on highways which were liable to obstruction by snow-drifts. The Bill gave power to municipal corporations to require a certain class of fence, or to employ statute labour to remove portions of the fence during the winter and to replace them in the summer. He intended to move to make the Bill compulsory instead of permissive, in order to prevent roads which ran through two townships being clear for a part of the way, while farmers might be blocked half-way to market.

Mr. ROSEVEAR said the Township Councils were the proper parties to deal with this question.

Mr. SINCLAIR said he didn't think it would be any harm to allow the Bill to go to Committee, for certainly the matter referred to was a very great grievance in the western part of the Province.

Mr. PARDEE said he agreed with the hon. member for North Bruce that it would perhaps be well to allow the Bill to go to a Special Committee, as thereby some scheme might be devised for erecting fences which would prevent the drifts which were such a grievance in some parts of the Province.

Mr. LAUDER concurred in the view that a permissive Act should be passed on the subject, for he was aware how serious the evil complained of was in some parts of the country.

Mr. GIBSON hoped the Bill would go to the Committee, for if it was merely permissive, no great harm could be done.

Mr. BETHUNE said that in some of the United States wire fences had been found very serviceable, while in Lower Canada regulations were in force obliging property-holders to take their fences down during the winter.

Mr. CAMERON said the expense should not be borne by private individuals, but by the public.

Mr. GRANT thought the Bill should not be made compulsory.

Mr. BISHOP said he hoped the Bill would go to Committee, though he considered the plan suggested in the Bill would make matters worse. He believed it should be left in the hands of the Council to order fences to be taken wholly or partially down during the drifting season.

Mr. GRAHAM (Lambton) said it would be impracticable in many parts of the country to have the fences pulled down during snow-storms, for they would have to be re-erected during thaws. He thought the Township Councils should be empowered to pass by-laws to have the side lines opened.

After further discussion the motion was carried, the Bill read the second time, and referred to a Special Committee.

RETURNS.

Mr. FRASER presented a return of correspondence relating to the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary. Also, a return of applications made for admission to the Lunatic Asylums in 1874 and 1875.

Mr. MERRICK said he would like to ask when the returns asked for in reference to the School of Technology would be brought down?

Mr. CROOKS said they were not usually brought down until the end of the year, but he had given orders to have them as soon as possible.

Mr. MACDOUGALL (Simcoe) asked when the case of the Dominion Government, in the boundary question, would be brought down?

Mr. MOWAT said he had telegraphed to Ottawa to have copies sent down.

SUPPLY.

Mr. CROOKS moved the House into Committee of Supply.

Mr. CAMERON objected to going on with further items of proposed expenditure until the report of the Inspector of asylums and prisons was before the House.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 5:30.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Gibson—On Wednesday—Address for

a return showing the total outlay on capital account expended on Normal and Model Schools to the 30th of September, 1875; the average annual cost to the Province of each pupil attending these schools for the last two years; the number of pupils in each year for the last ten years, with the county they came from, distinguishing between male and female, and the average length of time they remain in the profession; the number of pupils taught by each teacher for the last two years, distinguishing each year.

Mr. Dawson—On Wednesday—Address for a return showing the revenue derived from the district of Algoma, from the 1st of January, 1868, up to the 30th September last, including the amount realized from the sales of timber berths and mineral or other lands.

Hon. Mr. Wood—On Wednesday—Bill respecting hospitals and other charities.

Mr. Coutts—On Wednesday—Address for a return for copies of all petitions, reports, and correspondence relating to the dismissal of A. J. McDonald, P. L. S., from the office or position of Superintendent of Government Drainage Works in the townships of Raleigh and Tilbury East.

Mr. Boulter—On Wednesday—Address for a return for copies of all reports, recommendations, and estimates for the maintenance or improvement of the Educational Depository, from the Chief Superintendent to any member of the Government during the years 1873, 1874, and 1875; also copies of all proceedings of the Council of Public Instruction, or any of its Committees, in regard to the Depository, during the years 1874 and 1875, with all correspondence and documents connected with such proceedings. Copies of all proceedings of the same Council, or its Committees, with any correspondence therewith, in regard to the expenditure of \$1,000 voted by this House in 1874 and 1875 for the revision of the school textbooks.