

lessly destroyed on our wild lands during years past. The settlers could not avail themselves of the timber. The only way in which they could cultivate their lands was by getting rid of the timber, and if the lumberman did not take it away the settler destroyed it. He believed the system of licensing was a protection to our timber, and considered that the motion should not pass.

Mr. MEREDITH moved in amendment that all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:—"In the opinion of this House, lots in free grant townships located and actually settled upon, and improved, should be withdrawn from the operation of timber licenses at the termination of the licenses existing and in force at the time of the location and actual settlement of the lots, but without giving to the locatee any right to use the pine timber until he is entitled to his patent."

Mr. HAY said he thought the Commissioner might instruct his rangers to remove lands which were agricultural and had very little pine on them. He believed the hardwood timber would become commercially valuable when railways were opened up into the back sections. He was opposed to the amendment.

Mr. PARDEE said he thought the hon. member for London had scarcely understood the effect of his amendment when he moved it. The termination of the license would, in one sense, be the 30th of April after the location of the license, but, practically, the licenses lasted for ever. It had never been shown that any injustice was being done to the settler in reserving the pine timber. The square issue was whether the new settlers on our free grant lands were entitled also to the timber. They must remember, too, that the dues which they received for the timber were largely expended for the benefit of settlers and in other ways. It would be unfair to those who in the other parts of the country were contributing their quota to the revenue if the settlers were free from any such obligation at all.

Mr. DEACON contended that mere considerations of revenue did not affect the real question, when they had a large surplus to squabble over in the House. The timber would remain there; it would not be lost, but would go to the good of the Province. No additional wood rangers would be required, for the country was now actually crawling with these gentlemen—(laughter)—and a man could scarcely cut a "gad" in the woods without one of them coming along and measuring the stump (Loud laughter.) The resolution, if it passed, would not have the effect which the Commissioner had contended it would. It would be in the discretion of the Government either to withdraw the free grant townships, or merely the lots located upon, from the operation of the licenses. As the law now stood, the license-holder could take everything on the lands. He made the motion because the settlers in his county were not now treated as the House, in passing the law, had intended they should be treated.

Mr. GIBSON said that he believed in the case of the hon. member for Renfrew "distance lent enchantment to the view," for when his hon. friend was up in the west speaking of the re-valuation of lands he had professed to be very indignant at the idea of making any reduction to the settlers in the counties of Huron and Bruce, where the lauds were in many cases as poor as in Renfrew. (Hear, hear.) That county had in 1873 received a gift of \$1,800,000 through the Municipal Loan Fund scheme, and he did not see why the policy of both the present and the past Government should not be carried out just because some of the settlers there imagined themselves aggrieved. One cry of the Opposition had been that the revenue was being largely reduced, and now they asked a further and a very serious reduction. (Hear, hear.) The House should insist that the policy it had adopted should be carried out, and he hoped the motion would be voted down as emphatically as they had lately been in the habit of voting down resolutions of the same class. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. DEROCHE said he believed in the principle that the settlers should have the lands and all that was on them, and would vote for the resolution, but he would look with some anxiety upon the vote of hon. gentlemen opposite who had in the past opposed reductions in the settlers' lauds. While he had the fullest confidence in the Administration of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, he at the same time felt that though the law was on the side of the settler the power was

in many ways on the side of the lumbermen. While he would vote for the resolution he would like to know why hon. gentlemen opposite did not go a little further and propose the same measure of relief for people in other townships who had not received their lands under the Free Grant system.

Mr. LAUDER said he believed the amendment would conflict with the Free Grant Act. (Hear, hear.) He, therefore, moved that the amendment be amended by adding the words "except timber actually required for the building and the fencing of the lots."

RETURN.

Mr. WOOD presented a return of correspondence with the Dominion Government in reference to the French River Branch of the Pacific Railway.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

PRIVATE BILLS.

After recess,

The following private Bills were passed through Committee:—

To enable the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg to aid a certain Manufacturing Company, known as the Cobourg Carpet, Matting, and Manufacturing Company.—Mr. Hargrave.

To incorporate the Village of Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln.—Mr. Currie.

To enable the Corporation of the Town of Peterboro' to incur an additional indebtedness for the purpose of defraying the cost of the construction of certain bridges over the River Otonabee, and also of the construction of certain ward schools in said Town.—Mr. Scott.

To amend the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and chaptered seventy-nine, intitled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Toronto to construct Water-Works in the City of Toronto," and to amend the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered seventy-five, intitled "An Act to amend the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered seventy-nine."—Mr. Lauder.

To consolidate the debt of the Town of Cobourg, and to authorize the issue of debentures on the security of Town property, and for other purposes.—Mr. Hargrave.

To grant relief to the Albion Road Company.—Mr. Patterson (York).

To authorize the incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, with the consent of the incumbent of St. Paul's Church, in the town of Lindsay, to sell certain lands in the town of Lindsay.—Mr. Clarke (Norfolk).

To confirm a by-law of the Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society, changing its name to the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company, and for other purposes herein mentioned.—Mr. Monk.

To authorize the Simcoe Mechanics' Institute and Literary Association to raise a loan, and for other purposes.—Mr. Clarke (Norfolk).

To confirm the appointment of trustees in connection with the Temperance-street Church, in the city of Toronto, and to vest in them certain lands.—Mr. Lauder.

To incorporate the Niagara Falls and Lake Erie Railway Company.—Mr. Wilson.

To amend the Act incorporating the Huron and Quebec Railway Company, and to legalize certain by-laws of the county and town of Peterborough granting aid by way of bonus to said Company.—Mr. Scott.

To incorporate the Hamilton and Dundas Street Railway Company.—Mr. McMahon.

The following Private Bills were read the second time:—

To extend and define the limits of the incorporated village of Arthur, in the county of Wellington.—Mr. McGowan.

To amend and extend an Act incorporating the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario.—Mr. Hodgins.

To legalize a By-law passed by the Corporation of the village of Oshawa in favour of Alfred Byron Demill.—Mr. Brown.

To amend the Act passed in the 33th year of Her Majesty's reign, cap. 67, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company.—Mr. Williams.

To change the name of the Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society to that of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co.—Mr. Meredith.

To enable the Board of Examiners for the