

time and passed:—

To authorize Corporations and Institutions incorporated out of the Province of Ontario to lend and invest moneys therein.—Mr. Baxter.

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. Hargraff.

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

To enable the Corporation of the Town of Peterborough 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 Waterworks 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 amend the Act consolidating the debt of the Town of Cobourg, and to authorize the issue of debentures on the security of the Town property, and for other purposes.—Mr. Hargraff.

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

To amend the Railway Act.—Mr. Hardy.

JUDGMENTS OF THE COURT OF APPEAL.

Mr. MACDOUGALL said he would like to ask the Attorney-General if he knew why the judgments of the Court of Appeal affecting members of this House were so long delayed?

Mr. MOWAT said he had had no communication on the subject, but he supposed it was perhaps owing to the copying of lengthy papers, or something of that kind.

WEST DUREAM REGISTRY OFFICE

Mr. McLEOD moved for an address for a copy of that portion of the last report of the Inspector of Registry Offices relating to the Registry Office of the West Riding of Durham; also, a copy of any representations made by the County Council of Northumberland and Durham, with any correspondence in respect to the said office. Carried.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. McLEOD moved, "That the sixth report of the Private Bills Committee be amended, and that the said Committee be instructed to report the preamble proven of Bill No. 50, being a Bill to amend the Act intitled, 'An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada.'

The House divided on the motion, which was lost. Yeas, 24; Nays, 39.

YEAS—Messrs. Ballantyne, Bishop, Bondell, Currie, Deroche, Fiesher, Gibson (Lambton), Haney Hay, Lane, Long McLeod, McMahon, O'Donoghue, Paxton, Richardson Robinson, Rosevear, Sexton, Waterworth, Widdifield, Wilson, Wood—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Appleby, Barr, Baxter, Bell, Boulton, Broder, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Counts, Creighton, Crooks, Dawson, Deacon, Finlayson, Fraser, Graham (Frontenac), Grange Grant, Hardy, Barkin, Hodgins, Hunter, Lauder, Lyon, Macdougall (Simcoe), McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Milne, Monk, Mostyn, Pardee, Preston, Sinclair, Snotzinger, Springer, Striker, Wigle—39.

CONTRACT BETWEEN CROWN LANDS

DEPARTMENT AND WM. SCOTT.

Mr. LAUDER moved for an address for all accounts, bills of accounts, schedules, papers, documents, letters, telegrams, correspondence, reports, and communications in the Crown Lands Department touching or relating to a contract entered into between the Crown Lands Department and William Scott, for the construction by him of a certain road or highway lying between and connecting Fort William and Prince Arthur's Landing, in the district of Thunder Bay, whether written to or by, or sent or received by, or in the custody of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or any officer in his Department, and all copies now in the Department of all papers, writings and documents, schedules, and bills of account, the originals of which are not in the said Department. He said that Scott had had a contract with the Department which had afterwards been taken out of his hands. A balance he believed was due him, but so far he had been unable to get his rights from the Government, as they would not allow him to sue them, or even to file a petition.

Mr. PARDEE said that Scott had taken a contract, but failing to carry it out it had been taken out of his hands. He had put forward a claim, which the Government had resisted, as they did not believe he had any such claim. He had no objection to bringing down the papers. He freely admitted that he had advised the Attorney-General not to allow the filing of a petition, as there was not a shadow of right for the claim.

Mr. MACDOUGALL said that the clear intention of the law was, that when persons thought they had claims against the Government which the Government resisted, a petition of right should be allowed and the matter referred to a judge. He objected to the Government acting so arbitrarily as to refuse this right of persons feeling themselves aggrieved. Owing to the multiplicity of duties which the Commissioner had to perform, he was not likely to investigate as fully as might be desirable into such cases. He thought the petition of right ought to be carried out in such cases as this. He did not know much of this particular case.

Mr. MOWAT said the Ontario Act to which the hon. gentleman referred was similar to the English Act. It gave no greater right than existed before, but provided a more simple machinery. All Governments had acted on the same principle, that the Government of the day should decide what course should be taken. He was satisfied that no injustice arose from the course which had been adopted. It was much easier for the Commissioner to yield to the claim than to resist it, and he did not think it would be in the interests of the Province to reverse the policy which had hitherto prevailed.

Mr. HODGINS said he believed that when the Petition of Right Act was passed, it was intended to give any one who thought he had a just right the opportunity to have his claim against the Crown tried in the Courts.

Mr. LAUDER made a few remarks and the motion passed.

TIMBER LICENSES IN FREE GRANT TOWNSHIPS.

The debate on Mr. Dacon's motion in reference to Crown timber licenses in free grant townships was resumed by

Mr. DAWSON, who pointed out the great benefit which lumbermen were to new sections of the country. The settler understood perfectly well the terms on which he obtained his land, and it would be a great evil if the tenure of the lumberman was to be made less secure. If this scheme were carried out it would be simply confiscating the property of the lumbermen. (Hear, hear).

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

PRIVATE BILLS.

After recess,
The following Private Bills passed through Committee:—

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 38th year