

lawyers, the great Reformers, men who had studied this question and had had leisure to examine it, thought the system required to be changed in the interests of the public and of suitors. They had effected a resolution in the whole system, and so far as could be judged the change had been successful. It was not out of place for any member of this House to suggest that we should follow in their track. He had been in hopes that the Attorney-General would this session have undertaken this reform, so as to complete the work towards which he had made some hesitating steps. He had been told that the hon. gentleman had sent circulars on the subject to some members of the legal profession—friends of his own, he presumed, because he (Mr. Macdougall) had not received one.

Mr. MOWAT said no such discrimination had been used.

Mr. MACDOUGALL said at present we had too much complication in this country, where, if anywhere, a simple inexpensive system could be established.

Mr. MOWAT said there were embodied in the present system all the general principles which led to the adoption of the new system in England.

Mr. MACDOUGALL—Look at your complications.

Mr. MOWAT—We have less complications than under the English system.

The motion was withdrawn.

#### RETURN.

Mr. Wood presented a return of all bonds and securities registered in the Provincial Registrar's Office since December 10th, 1875.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 2:30.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES.

The Public Accounts Committee met this morning and organized. Mr. Clarke (Wellington) was elected Chairman.

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#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Springer—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the law respecting Municipal Institutions of Ontario.

Mr. Mills—On Friday next—Select Committee to enquire into and report on the best method of preventing accidents to brakemen and switchmen of railways when in the discharge of their duties, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Mills—On Friday next—Bill entitled an Act to facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacturing of butter and cheese and other dairy products.

Mr. Ferris—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return showing the amount paid by the several cities, towns, and incorporated villages for police services; and also from the several counties, cities, towns, and incorporated villages the several amounts paid to constables for the year 1875.

Mr. Ferris—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of Ministers whether there has been any correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of this Province relating to the transfer to the Province of Ontario of the River Trent works; and if so, whether the correspondence has been closed, and if closed what has been the conclusion arrived at, and whether there is any objection to the papers being brought down.

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