

municipal purposes in cities and towns.

Mr. Bell—To incorporate the Home Savings and Loan Company, limited.

Mr. Williams—Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Mr. Hodgins—Respecting the Church of St. Alban the Martyr in Ottawa.

#### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Mr. WOOD moved the second reading of the Bill for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, arts, and manufactures. He said that three years ago a Bill was prepared embodying nearly all the amendments now proposed, but since that time further amendments had been suggested, and some of them had been incorporated in this measure. He proposed, after the second reading, to refer this Bill to a Select Committee.

The Bill was read the second time.

On the motion of Mr. WOOD, the Bill was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ballantyne, Bishop, Boulter, Clarke (Wellington), Gibson, Graham (Lambton), Hay, Merrick, Monk, Mostyn, Sexton, Sinclair, Springer, Richardson, Rosevear, Lyon, and Wood.

#### TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Mr. MEREDITH asked whether it is the intention of the Government to offer to the consideration of the House during the present session a Bill having for its object the abolition of the existing exemptions from taxation for municipal purposes, or any of them, or the amendment of the provisions of the Assessment Act with reference thereto.

Mr. MOWAT—The subject is under the consideration of the Government.

#### COMMISSIONS OF THE PEACE.

Mr. KEAN inquired whether it is the intention of the Government during the present year to issue a new Commission of the Peace for the Province, or for any counties, and if so, for what counties.

Mr. MOWAT replied that it was not the intention of the Government during the present year to issue any new Commission of the Peace for the Province. In case it was made to appear that new magistrates were required for any county or counties, supplementary commissions would be issued.

#### CENTRAL PRISON.

Mr. LAUDER moved for a return:—1. Copies of all instructions issued or communications addressed to the Provincial Secretary by the Governor in Council, or to the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons or other officials, regarding the holding of an enquiry or investigation into the internal management of the Central Prison. 2. Copies of all evidence taken by said officials or any of them upon said enquiry. 3. Copies of any reports made to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Provincial Secretary or the Inspector of Asylums regarding the internal management of said prison, and as the result of any investigation held by them. He said he was obliged to make the motion because the Government had stated they would not bring down the papers except on an order of the House. The Government had not, however, followed that rule in regard to the evidence taken in an enquiry respecting the Model Farm, for in that case the evidence was brought down in great haste and printed. He hoped the Government would be as eager to satisfy the public mind regarding the irregularities at the Central Prison as they were in regard to those at the Model Farm. The report of the Provincial Secretary had been published, but not the evidence.

Mr. MOWAT said hundreds of reports were received by the Government yearly regarding the administration of gaols, &c., and the practice had been to submit to the Legislature such as were thought proper, and to bring down any other reports required on the order of the House. What the Government had done in regard to the Central Prison difficulties was to make an investigation. Of course, they could not be blamed for any wrong acts done by officials. Whatever was wrong has been put right, and an unbiassed perusal of the evidence and report would show the Government had done its whole duty in the matter. He suggested that the motion should be amended by omitting the clause regarding the instructions as the Provincial Secretary had attended to the matter himself, and no instructions had been given.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

#### ORILLIA ASYLUM.

Mr. LAUDER moved for all correspondence under the control of the Government relating to the appointment of Superintendent

of the Orillia Asylum.

Mr. MEREDITH expressed his opinion that assistants in asylums ought not to be overlooked. He knew the assistant at the London Asylum would well fill the position of chief. It might be too much to expect that he should be placed in the position of chief of the London Asylum, but he might well have been promoted to Orillia.

Mr. MOWAT said it would not be useful or fit to discuss the merits of particular parties here. Perhaps the hon. gentleman would mention the instances in which the predecessors of the present Government promoted the deputies to the chief position.

Mr. LAUDER—But your predecessors always did wrong.

Mr. MOWAT said the hon. gentleman was right. The predecessors of the present Government had very generally done wrong. The present Government had done what they considered the best thing under the circumstances.

The motion was carried.

#### REPORT.

Mr. Wood presented the third report of the Commissioners on the Consolidation of the Statutes.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Deacon—On Monday next—For leave to introduce a Bill entitled "an Act to extend chapter 45 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, entitled an Act respecting mortgages and sales of personal property in the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Thunder Bay, and Nipissing."

Mr. Barion—On Monday next—Enquiry of the Ministry whether it is the intention of the Government to increase the minimum grant to High Schools during the present year.

Mr. Meredith—On Monday next—That the name of Mr. Willis be added to the Select Committee on Bill No. 80 for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, arts, and manufactures.

Mr. Patterson (Essex) On Monday next—Will move for copies of all correspondence in possession of the Government relative to the appointments to the magistracy in the North Riding of Essex.