

fire protection apparatus was out of order during the early part of the fire, but as soon as it was got in order it was used.

The item was passed, as was Provincial Reformatory, Penetanguishene, \$23,190.

On the item, Central Prison \$47,690,

Mr. CAMERON inquired as to how far the agreement between the Government and the Canada Car Company had been carried out.

Mr. WOOD replied that the Company had endeavoured to carry out their agreement as far as possible, and though they had not employed the full complement of men, the balance had been employed at other work. The money due by them for the first six months of the year had been paid, that for the last half year was still due.

The item was passed, as were the following:—

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, \$35,683.

Institution for the Blind, Brantford, \$25,995.

On the item, School of Agriculture, \$17,360,

Mr. MEREDITH said there was an impression abroad that the few who attended the institution were rich men's sons who did not intend to follow farming. The cost of each pupil attending the school was very large.

Mr. WOOD replied that there were two alternatives before the Government with reference to the institution, namely, either to enlarge the accommodation, or to close it up altogether. As a much larger number of pupils could be taught by the present staff, the Government had decided to increase the accommodation to 100 pupils instead of 44, as at present. Pupils came from all parts of the Province, and although they were required to sign a declaration that they intended becoming farmers, there was no particular guarantee that they would keep their promise.

The item was passed.

The Committee then rose, and reported progress.

Mr. CAMERON inquired when the various reports—those of the Crown Lands Department, Public Works, &c.—would be before hon. members. He wished to know also when the Treasurer would be able to give them the details of the financial transactions of the Government during 1876.

Mr. FRASER replied that the hon. gentleman ought to know that the report of the Department of Public Works had been brought down about a week ago.

Mr. CAMERON—But it was not distributed.

Mr. FRASER—But it was distributed. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

Mr. PARDEE said that the last proofs of his report had been received from the printer to day, and the report itself would be in the hands of hon. members in a few days.

Mr. CROOKS said that his statement was being put in type as rapidly as the various balances could be made up in his Department.

THE WRIT FOR FRONTENAC.

Mr. CAMERON inquired if the writ for a new election in Frontenac had been dispatched.

Mr. MOWAT said he had received it yesterday, and it had gone down to-day.

THE MESSENGERS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. CAMERON said he had received a memorandum from the messengers of the House, complaining of the inadequacy of their remuneration. They stated that most of them had families, that their salaries were \$450, and that leaving out the item of clothing altogether, it cost them at the very least over \$500 to live. They submitted the problem to hon. members of where their clothes were to come from. Their cases certainly deserved attention.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 10:10.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Currie—On Tuesday next—Select Committee, to whom shall be referred the returns of the Sheriff of this Province of their receipts and expenditure for the years 1871 and 1874 respectively, made to this Legislature, said Committee to be composed as follows:—Messrs. Currie, Ferris, Wilson, Massie, Wigs, Merriok, and Richardson, to examine such returns, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. O'Donohoe—On Tuesday next—Enquiry of the Ministry whether it is their intention to erect a Model School in connection with the Normal School at the City of Ottawa during the present year, and if not, when it is intended to erect such a building.

Mr. Macdougall—On Tuesday next—Order of the House for returns, showing—1st.—Number of suits now pending in the Court of Chancery. 2nd.—Number of said suits which were pending on the 1st day of January, 1876. 3rd.—The number of said suits pending on the 1st day of January, 1875. 4th.—The number of said suits pending on the 1st day of January, 1874. 5th.—The number of said suits pending on the 1st day of January, 1873. 6th.—The number of said suits pending on the 1st day of January, 1872. 7th.—The number of said suits pending for seven years and upwards.

Mr. Hardy—On Tuesday next—Order of the House for a return of all correspondence relating to and all the data upon which the High School at Fort Hill has been ordered to be closed.

Mr. Striker—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Pharmacy Act.

Mr. Baxter—On Monday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE,

TORONTO, JAN. 19.

The Public Accounts Committee met this morning, Mr. Clarke (Wellington) in the chair.

In answer to Mr. Lauder,

The CHAIRMAN said the reason for the evidence and proceedings of the Committee last year not having been printed was simply an omission of the Clerk.

On the motion of Mr. Meredith, it was resolved that all requisitions for papers or witnesses should be handed in to the Chairman in writing.

Returns were ordered of the supply of groceries to public institutions for 1874 and 1875, and of details of an account of \$346 63 of Blake, Kerr & Boyd.

The list of papers supplied to the reading room, and to the departments was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Mr. CROOKS stated that the office of Clerk of Private Bills had been abolished and the Clerk of the House would, under the new rule, receive the Bills.

After some further discussion the Committee adjourned.