

he had explained on the first reading.

After some conversation the motion was carried and the Bill read the second time.

SUPPLY BILL.

Mr. CROOKS moved the second reading of the Supply Bill. Carried.

MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

Mr. CURRIE said that as it was now near the close of the session, and as the Government had passed a Bill which might be said to be within one of his measure, he would move "That the order for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Franchise at Elections for the Legislative Assembly, so as to enable all male subjects of Her Majesty of full age to vote at such elections be discharged."

Carried.

JURORS AND JURIES.

Mr. ROSS moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act respecting Jurors and Juries. He pointed out the defects of the present system, and the requisites for a good jury law, and proceeded to explain the provisions of the Bill. It provided that the judge of the County Court, the deputy judge, the Sheriff, the Clerk of the Peace, the Wardens and the Treasurer of each county, or any three of them, should constitute a County Jurors Board. This would assemble on a certain day each year for deciding upon the number of grand and petty jurors to be returned by the local municipalities to the Clerk of the Peace from the assessment rolls. The number of names to be returned by the municipalities should be three times the number supposed to be actually required. The Board should resolve that the names of the persons to be selected by the selectors in the different municipalities should be taken each year from qualified voters, whose surnames began with certain letters of the alphabet in alphabetical order. The Mayor or Reeve, and the assessors, he proposed to constitute the *ex officio* selectors of jurors, and they should assemble annually to select from the assessment rolls and voters' lists the requisite number of names of qualified persons liable to serve as jurors under the Act. These persons were to be selected within the alphabetical lists prescribed by the County Jurors Board, and should be chosen for their discretion, soundness of judgment, and the extent of their information. The selectors were to be sworn according to a form of oath provided in the Bill. The report of the selectors was to be made out in duplicate, one copy to be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace, the other with the Clerk of the Municipality. It was proposed, therefore, that the panel should be made directly from the lists instead of by the present random system. He went on to explain a number of other changes which he proposed to make in the present law, by which the expense would, he claimed, be largely reduced. He quoted statistics of the cost of the present system in the various counties, contending that it was much too large. The principle which he had sought to embody in the Bill was that the actual cost of the attendance of jurors at a trial should be paid by the litigant, which he believed to be the correct one. Though he had not touched the question of the number of jurors comprising a grand jury he was strongly of opinion that twelve was a sufficiently large number for a grand jury. He thought that jury cases should be heard always before other cases. The saving effected, taking his own county as a basis, would be about \$1,522 a year. He thought he had shown the House of the necessity of a reform, and he hoped the Bill would be allowed to have a second reading as a declaration that a reform is needed. He did not intend to press the matter further this session.

The Bill was read the second time and then withdrawn.

LIENS ON CHATTELS.

The Bill to extend the rights and remedies of mechanics entitled to liens on chattels was discharged.

THE PROTECTION OF GAME.

The Bill to amend the Act for the protection of game, &c., was discharged.

REV. MR. BECK'S CLAIM.

Mr. SCOTT moved for a copy of the correspondence relating to the application of the Rev. J. W. R. Beck for indemnity in respect of the purchase of lot No. 6, second broken front concession of Haldimand. Also copy of so much of the return from the Crown Land Department to the Registrar of Northumberland, pursuant to Con. Stat.

U. C. chap 89, sec 80, as relates to the lot. The motion was carried.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Mr. LAUDER moved, "That the Return of the Bursar of University College and Upper Canada College presented to the House be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts." Carried.

UNCLAIMED MONEY IN THE COURTS.

Mr. LAUDER moved for a statement showing all moneys which have remained one year and upwards unclaimed in the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and the Court of Chancery in this Province, showing in detail the names of the parties or causes to whose credit the said moneys are respectively standing. Carried.

DIVISION COURT REPORT.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk) moved, "That the report relative to the Division Courts of the counties of York and Oxford, and the united counties of Northumberland and Durham, be again referred to the Committee on Printing to consider the propriety of printing the same. That the annual report of the Inspector of Division Courts shall hereafter contain beside the schedule, (1) the aggregate number of all suits first entered into and belonging to the Division Courts of each county; (2) the aggregate amount sued for; (3) the number of suits withdrawn or settled; (4) the aggregate amount entered up as the judgment of the Courts; (5) the aggregate amount of costs incurred; (6) the aggregate amount of suitors' money paid into, and also out, of the said Division Courts of each county; (7) the amount of plaintiffs' money not paid over by the clerks of the said Division Courts."

Mr. WOOD said it was the intention of the Government to attain as far as possible the information asked in the second part of the resolution.

The second part of the motion was withdrawn, and it then passed.

ONTARIO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. MASSIE moved "For copies of all correspondence relative to the Sunday Schools of this Province, and the supplying of them with books from the Educational Depository." Carried.

B. N. A. ACT.

Mr. GRAHAM moved an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will, in due course, cause to be laid before the Parliament of Canada the desire of this House that the British North America Act of 1867 may be so amended as to enable the Legislature of the Province of Ontario to enact such laws as in their wisdom may seem necessary for the regulation and partial or entire prohibition of the making and vending of vinous or spirituous liquors in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. MOWAT said it was as yet uncertain whether the Legislature had not this power. He hoped that the question would be decided one way or the other before the end of the year.

The motion was, therefore, withdrawn.

MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND.

Mr. LAUDER moved for a return of the names of all municipalities in arrears under the Municipal Loan Fund Settlement of 1873, showing amount of instalments overdue by each municipality, the several payments on account of any overdue instalments, giving dates; also, a statement in detail of all debentures remaining unsold under said settlement.

Mr. CROOKS said there was no objection to the motion. The returns were in the Treasurer's Department.

The motion passed.

The House adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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