

property in the parishes in which it is situated, having a due regard to its character in each case. He went on to refer to the different classes of property exempt from taxation in the city of Toronto, contending that there was no good reason why they should not pay for the privileges of police protection and protection from fire, gas, and other advantages, as well as other classes of property. It was very unfair, for example, to exempt the salaries of Post-office and Custom House officials, who enjoyed large incomes, when the man who depended on his hard labour for his living had to pay taxes.

[The remainder of this report is held over for want of space.]

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Monk—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Act.

Mr. Lauder—On Wednesday next—Enquiry of Ministry—Whether or not any of the Dominion stock held by this Province has been sold during the year 1877. If any has been sold, what was the amount thereof? What rate was obtained, and to whom sold? What commission was paid? and through what broker or agent, if any?

Mr. Creighton—On Wednesday next—Enquiry of Ministry—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during this session, to propose amendments to chapter 182 of the Revised Statutes, popularly known as the Dunkin Act; and, if so, in what particulars it is intended to amend it.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—On Thursday next—Enquiry of Ministry—If a decision has been given by the Supreme Court in the test liquor case, Regina v. Severn, as to Provincial or Dominion jurisdiction; and, if not, when it may be expected.

Mr. Scott—On Wednesday next—If the stationery, etc., supplied to the Public Departments in Toronto, and to the Legislature, or to either or any of them, since the 1st of January, 1877, was purchased by public tenders, as formerly; and, if not, why not? Also, the name or names, and the place or places of business, of the person or persons from whom such stationery was purchased.

COMMITTEE ON PRAYERS IN THE HOUSE.

The Committee appointed to decide upon a form of prayer to be used at the opening of each sitting of the House met this morning. Present, Messrs. Mowat (Chairman), Fraser, Boulter, Clarke (Norfolk), Graham, Ferris, Harkin. Several forms of prayer were presented for the consideration of the Committee. The general feeling appeared to be in favour of adapting the form used in the House of Commons, of Canada to the purposes of the Assembly and the Committee adjourned at the call of the chair, in order to allow of this form being printed with the required amendments.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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The following is the concluding portion of Monday evening's debate:—

Mr. GRANGE complained that the contents of the Speech were very meagre. The House was congratulated on the fact that there had been an abundant harvest, but the harvest would have been just as good if a genuine Tory Government had been in power.

Mr. WILSON—Better. (Laughter.)

Mr. GRANGE proceeded to criticise the railway policy of the Government, remarking that he inferred from the speech of the mover of the Address that he had had a peep behind the curtain, and had seen evidences of "log rolling" which must be stopped. He (Mr. Grange) found that Vanderbilt's road, the Canada Southern, had received a large amount, and if he knew anything of that western section of country the Canada Southern ran parallel to the Great Western for its whole length.

Mr. WILSON—I rather think you don't know anything about it. (Laughter.)

Mr. GRANGE said, with regard to the colonization roads, that the country to which they led was so poor that the more land a person had there the poorer he was. (Laughter.) The Government sent the settlers in, and then they starved out. (Renewed laughter.) He thought that it would be better for the Government to build roads to get the present settlers out of the country than to encourage emigrants to go in.

Mr. WILSON, after pointing out the different and contradicting opinions expressed by Opposition members in criticising the Address, went on to say that if there had been nothing else in the Speech from the Throne than the proposed inquiry into sanitary matters, the sessional programme could not by any means have been called a meagre one, so important was this subject to every member of the community. (Hear, hear.) If by sitting for six or eight weeks they could do anything material in the way of removing the disease caused by defective sanitary conditions, it would be well worth the time and trouble. The asylums of the country were serving a grand purpose, and he believed that as a rule they were well managed; but he thought that the people would be better satisfied if a Commission in Lunacy were appointed to make a thorough inquiry into the manner in which these institutions were managed. The hon. member for London had complained that sufficient money was not granted to certain charitable institutions; but if he would make the comparison he would find that the grants were much larger than those made by the Sandfield Macdonald Administration, and besides, the money was more efficiently and economically expended. He was sorry that the member for North Wentworth (Mr. McMahon) had made some remarks reflecting upon the conduct of the member for Hamilton (Mr. Williams). They all knew how ready the latter was to assist any object that in his judgment deserved assistance, and he certainly deserved a great deal of credit for his laudable efforts to assist in building up the city he represented. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, he (Mr. Wilson) agreed with the member for Wentworth that the Toronto and Ottawa road was one which should be built; and he hoped that if it was able to present a satisfactory financial basis to the Legislature it would receive a certain amount of aid. (Hear, hear.) He did not concur in the opinion expressed by some hon. members, that the school inspectors had too much power and the school trustees too little. So far as he could see, every part of our educational system was working admirably, and its machinery was in all respects more efficient than it had ever been before. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He did not sympathise with all the remarks of the member for West Toronto, though he admitted that there was a good deal of injustice in the present system of