

voted the sum of \$50,000 annually for 'Unforeseen and Unprovided,' considers that no necessity has arisen for reducing the usual appropriation."

The amendment to the amendment was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Appleby, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bonfield, Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Crooks, Currie, Dawson, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Gibson, Graham, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McCraney, McGowan, McMahon, Massie, Master, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Striker, Watterworth, Widdifield, Wilson, Wood—42.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Barr, Boulter, Broder, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Flesher, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall (Middlesex), Meadougall (Simcoe), Meredith, Merrick, O'Sullivan, Patterson (Essex), Preston, Scott, Tooley, Wills—25.

The resolution was then concurred in.

RETURNS.

Mr. HARDY presented a return of all the fees or emoluments of Registrars during the year 1877.

Also a return of all correspondence relating to the Kingston and Pembroke Railway.

Also a report of the Inspector of Division Courts in county towns.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

After recess,

THE REVISED STATUTES.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Clarke (Wellington) in the chair, on Mr. Mowat's Bill to make certain amendments in the Revised Statutes.

Mr. MEREDITH'S amendment respecting the dower of married women separated from their husbands on account of no fault of their own was accepted by the Government and incorporated in the Bill.

The Committee reported the Bill as amended, and on the question of the third reading being put,

Mr. MEREDITH moved, "That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole with instructions to amend section one so as to read as follows:—

"1.—The Revised Statutes, Chap. 9, respecting public officers is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:—

"28.—No member of the Senate of Canada or of the House of Commons shall be appointed to or hold any office, commission, or employment, permanent or temporary, in the service of the Government of Ontario, at the nomination of the Crown or of the Lieutenant-Governor, to which any salary, fee, wages allowance, emolument, or profit of any kind is attached; but this section shall not be held to include Justices of the Peace, Coroners, or Notaries Public, or any like officer." In support of the amendment he stated that it was precisely similar to the Bill introduced into the House of Commons by the Minister of Justice.

Mr. MOWAT said that the object of the clause referred to was to secure the efficiency of the public service. There were offices which could not well be properly discharged if held by a member of the House of Commons or the Senate of Canada. The object of the Bill before the House of Commons was to secure the independence of that House, and it provided that no member of the House of Commons should hold an office under the Local Government; but that was not a matter with which this House had to deal. Many persons believed that the Bill referred to would be greatly modified before it was finally passed. He thought the clause in the Bill now before the House was a proper one; but the amendment dealt with a matter that did not come within the province of the House. On that ground he hoped the House would agree with him that the amendment should be rejected. (Cheers.)

Mr. HODGINS raised a question of order, and argued that as the principle of the amendment had already been voted on this session by the House, a second amendment could not be submitted. He quoted a ruling by Speaker Cockburn, of the House of Commons, to sustain his position.

Mr. MEREDITH contended there was a difference between the two amendments.

The SPEAKER, after reading the two amendments, said they were substantially the same.

Mr. HODGINS quoted from the Journals of the House of Commons to prove the accuracy of his former position.

Mr. MEREDITH said that the first amendment merely dealt with the question of salary, but this amendment referred to profit of any kind.

Mr. SPEAKER read from May to the effect that in cases where the two amendments were substantially the same, or where mere alteration of words without any substantial change were made, the second amendment was not in order.

Mr. MACDUGALL (Simcoe) asked if there were substantial differences.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled that there was no substantial differences. (Cheers.)

The motion was ruled out of order.

Mr. MEREDITH moved, in amendment, "That the Bill be not now read a third time, but be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to add a clause giving the franchise at school elections to persons voting on the income franchise at municipal elections." He contended that he had not the slightest idea of making political capital out of this motion, and rather than resort to anything of that kind he would sooner place his resignation in the hands of his constituents.

Mr. MOWAT thought the understanding of the Minister of Education was that this motion was not to be pressed, as he intimated that it was a fit subject for consideration during the recess.

Mr. MEREDITH said that if the subject was to be dealt with by the Government he did not desire to press the motion.

Mr. CAMERON thought it was not proper that any such arrangement as that referred to should be made between a member of the House and the Government. He had no objection, however, to the matter being left over for another year.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. GRANGE moved to amend the Bill by the re-insertion of the section intended to prevent railway bonds having a prior claim to working expenses on the revenue and assets of a company.

Some discussion ensued, similar in tone to that which took place when the subject was up before, Mr. Cameron announcing himself as opposed to the principle of the amendment, and intending to vote with the Government. The amendment was then put and lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Creighton, Graham, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Long, McCraney, McGowan, Merrick, Preston, Richardson, Scott, Wilson—17.

NAYS.—Messrs. Appleby, Baker, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bonfield, Cameron, Chisholm, Clarke (Wellington), Code, Cole, Coutts, Currie, Deacon, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Flesher, Fraser, Gibson, Grant, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Lauder, Lyon, Macdougall (Middlesex), Macdougall (Simcoe), McMahon, Massie, Master, Meredith, Miller, Monk, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Patterson (Essex), Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Tooley, Watterworth, Widdifield, Wigle, Williams, Wills, Wood—57.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

THE MERCER ESTATE.

Mr. MOWAT moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House doth ratify and concur in an Order in Council, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor on the 4th March, 1878, which Order is to the effect following:—

Upon consideration of the report of the Honourable the Attorney-General, dated 20th Feb., 1878, with reference to the estate of the late Andrew Mercer, which has escheated to the Crown for the benefit of the Province, the Committee of Council advise that out of the said estate the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the payment of the bona