

and according to the last statement of the Hon. Treasurer it now amounted to \$4,753,000, or within a paltry \$3,000 of the amount in Sandfield Macdonald's time. (Cheers.) And this notwithstanding the large surplus distribution and the amount expended in aid to railways. He regretted that the leadership of his hon. friend the member for London had been stained at the outset by the position he had taken on the matter of the indemnity. The question had been raised as to who had first hoisted the black flag. He read from the *Mail* of February 10th, 1876, an extract copied from the *London Herald*, which asserted that the Opposition had strenuously opposed the increase in the indemnity at the time it was made, and laid the blame entirely upon the Ministers. Not one statement in the article was true. Had there been a word said against it by the gentlemen opposite?

Mr. MEREDITH—Yes.

Mr. ROSS—Had the organ in which it appeared ever contradicted the statement? That was the first hoisting of the black flag. That article had been the text upon which a local paper in his county had made a bitter attack upon him, because it had stated that he was one of those upon whom the Government could depend to support the increase. In the secret session when the indemnity was increased he had raised his voice against the increase, but as a new member then he had felt a delicacy in opposing an overwhelming majority of the older members upon the matter. It was unfair, after the hon. gentlemen opposite had forced the matter upon the Government, now to endeavour to throw the entire responsibility upon them, and to make political capital out of the increase. But the trap was baited too clumsily to lure hon. gentlemen upon that side of the House. He thought the motion was one which, when it was afterwards alluded to, would cause the movers of it to hang their heads with shame. (Cheers.)

Mr. BARR criticized the Address, and commented in a hostile strain upon the legislation which it foreshadowed. He would support the amendment to the amendment, and contended that the Opposition had a perfect right to move in the matter. He was even prepared to wipe out the indemnity altogether. (Hear, hear.) Provision had been made for the deaf and dumb and the insane, but none for that unfortunate class—the idiots.

Mr. CROOKS—The hon. gentleman is mistaken, because an asylum has been established at Orillia, and contains two hundred inmates. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. BARR complained that some parts of his constituency were unsupplied with magistrates, and accused the Attorney-General of withholding appointments for political reasons.

Mr. WIDDIFIELD moved the adjournment of the debate.

The debate was adjourned, and the House adjourned at 10:50.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Bethune—On Monday next—Bill to amend the law respecting building societies.

Mr. Bell—On Monday next—Order of the House for a return for each of the cities of Ontario of the particulars of the Separate Schools for the year 1876, as the same are tabulated on pages 38 and 39 of the report of the Minister of Education for the year 1876. (S. P., 1878, Pt. 2, vol. 10.) Also, on Monday, Order of the House for a return for the year 1876 similar to that made for the Public Schools of each city of Ontario on pages 16 and 17 of the Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1876 for the Separate Schools of each of those cities; also a return similar to that made for Public Schools on pages 22 and 23 of the same report for the Separate Schools; also a return similar to that made for Public Schools on pages 28 and 29 of the same report for the Separate Schools of the said cities. (S. P., 1878, Pt. 2, vol. 10.)

Mr. Lauder—On Monday next—Address to the Lieut.-Governor for a return of all moneys collected by the Province of Ontario from the sales of school lands since Confederation. Also, on Monday next, Address to the Lieut.-Governor for a statement of all income and

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