

policy of the Government was not sound in bringing in foreign labour to compete with home workmen, who even then could not be kept in employment. He claimed also that the policy of building so many railways was false, and the different municipalities where money had been voted in bonuses were beginning to find it out. The practice of bringing down the accounts in their regular order to be investigated by the Public Accounts Committee was not sound, as it gave so little time for the examination of those which came down late in the session. He protested against the system which prevailed in this House of making laws involving expenditure, and forcing municipalities to pay the money. With regard to the indemnity, he favoured the proposed reduction to \$600, on the ground that the purchasing power of money had increased, and the commercial depression continued to impose such burdens on the people. He was also in favour of the reduction of the salaries of Ministers.

Mr. PAXTON moved to adjourn the debate.

Mr. MOWAT said he trusted that the leader of the Opposition would agree with him that the debate had lasted as long as it should last. He thought it was the longest debate on the Address that had been held in this House since Confederation, and he was satisfied that the hon. gentleman would agree with him that it was desirable to proceed with the practical business of the session as early as possible. He proposed that the debate should close to-morrow.

Mr. MEREDITH expressed his concurrence with the views of the Attorney-General, and thought he could promise on behalf of that side of the House that the debate should conclude to-morrow. If an examination were made, he believed it would be found that much more time had been occupied by hon. gentlemen on the Government than on the Opposition side of the House.

The House adjourned at 11:45.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION.

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Mr. Scott—On Wednesday—Address for copies of the writs of election for the return of members to represent the electoral divisions of Algoma and Muskoka, respectively, at the last general election for the Province of Ontario.

Also, on Wednesday—Bill to amend cap. 174 of the R. S. of Ontario, respecting municipal institutions. Also, Bill to amend the Act respecting the income and property of the University College and Upper Canada College.

Mr. McLaws—On Thursday—Order of the House for a return from each city, town, incorporated village, and township, showing the amount placed on the collectors' roll for collection for the years 1871 and 1878.

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