

occurred, and the evidence all pointed to the conclusion that it was purely the result of accident. Harsh treatment of ex-convicts might have the effect of inciting them to destroy the Prison where they had been immured, but he did not think that such would be the result of affording them employment after the expiration of their terms. He would be sorry if the returns showed that such individuals were employed as foremen, but thought that no possible harm could accrue from their temporary employment in the Prison. There could be no objection to the motion, and returns would be brought down at as early a date as possible.

Mr. DEACON learned from what had been mentioned in the motion that the services of prisoners after the expiration of their terms of imprisonment were required in the Prison. The question of the employment of ex-prisoners in the Prison was one upon which he would not express an opinion, but he thought there could be no doubt that it afforded an opportunity to them of becoming acquainted with the construction of the prison, and they would thus have a better chance of escaping if they were sent to the Prison again. He quoted an extract from the *Mail* containing charges that ex-prisoners were employed in the Central Prison, and an insinuation that the numerous fires there were caused by them.

Mr. WOOD said that he was aware of only two fires happening there of late years. One entailed a very small loss, and the other was the large one which had taken place quite recently.

Mr. DEACON did not approve of such articles being published, and rather agreed with the Hon. Treasurer that prisoners after the expiration of their terms of service ought not to be ostracized. The motion made by the hon. member for West Toronto was for the purpose obtaining information, and should carry.

Mr. HARDY had before stated in the House that he had no personal knowledge of the prisoner Collingwood, and had stated from information given him by the Inspector of Prisons that he was employed for a week or ten days to finish a piece of work in the prison, and he had since learned that he (Collingwood) had been employed for a further term of two days. The letter in the *Mail* was doubtless written on the supposition that he (Mr. Hardy) had the supervision of the Central Prison, which of course was a mistake. Of the other prisoners mentioned in the motion he knew nothing.

The motion was carried.

#### PARIS EXPOSITION.

Mr. MASSIE moved for an Order of the House for copies of the reports from Mr. J. Korman as Commissioner at the Paris Exposition of 1878. Carried.

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

After recess,

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Private Bills were advanced a stage:—

To extend the powers of the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Company.—Mr. Harcourt.

Respecting the Brockville Mutual Building Society.—Mr. Cole.

Respecting the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company.—Mr. Lauder.

To extend the limits of the town of Walkerton.—Mr. Sinclair.

To incorporate the Waterloo, Wellington, and Georgian Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Springer.

To incorporate the Grey and Walkerton Railway Company.—Mr. Lauder.

To incorporate the Ontario Steam and Heating Company.—Mr. Williams.

To incorporate the Prudential Life Assurance Company of Ontario.—Mr. Williams.

Respecting the municipality of Skuniah.—Mr. Lyon.

Respecting certain dams on Beaver Creek and other streams in counties of Hastings and Addington.—Mr. Ferris.

To amend the boundary lines of the town of Ingersoll.—Mr. Crooks.

Respecting the Whitby and Bobcaygeon

Railway Extension Company.—Mr. Paxton

Respecting the Whitby, Port Perry, and Lindsay Railway Company.—Mr. Paxton.

To incorporate the Windsor and Essex Centre Railway Company.—Mr. White.

To legalize a certain by-law of the Town of Strathroy.—Mr. Hay.

Respecting Billings' Bridge, and to legalize the conveyance thereof to the Ottawa and Gloucester Road Company.—Mr. Monk.

Respecting the Walkerton School Lands.—Mr. Sinclair.

To empower the trustees under a Deed of Trust made between Thomas K the Town of Lindsay, and others to certain lands therein mentioned.—Mr. Wilson.

To incorporate the Town of Mount Forest.—Mr. McGowan.

#### RAILWAY SCRIP.

The Bill introduced by Mr. Wood to authorize the issue of scrip for railway grants in certain cases was passed in Committee without amendment.

#### GUARANTEE COMPANIES.

Mr. Mowat's Bill providing for the extension of the right of taking security from guarantee companies was considered in Committee and passed without amendment.

#### MECHANICS' INSTITUTE PROPERTY.

The Bill introduced by Mr. Mowat respecting the power of Mechanics' Institutes and Library Associations to deal with their real estate was also passed in Committee without amendment.

The discussion on Mr. Wood's motion for Committee of Supply was then resumed, the report of which is unavoidably held over.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. O'Donoghue—On Friday next—Address for a return of the number of prisoners flogged in the Central Prison during the years 1878 and 1879 up to the present date; by whom so sentenced, if any were—whether by the Judges who sentenced or by the Warden of the Prison—and for what offence.

Also Order of the House for:—

1. Copy of the Order in Council of 2nd Dec., 1870, subjecting timber cut on Crown lands without license to a penalty of \$100 per thousand cubic feet on square timber, and \$1 per standard s. w. log.

2. A statement of all fines and penalties exacted under the said Order in Council on the Ottawa or any of its tributaries, with the names of the parties fined, the quantity of timber cut, and the amount exacted in each case.

3. A copy of all correspondence, departmental reports, reports of agents, and complaints of aggrieved parties in reference to the said fines up to the 1st February, 1879.

Also, a statement of all timbers cut on trespass since the Order in Council of 2nd Dec., 1870, was passed on which the penalty duty of ten cents per cubic foot was not charged.

Mr. Meredith—Order of the House for a return from the several counties in the Province, showing the number of appeals to the General Sessions from convictions or orders under the Master and Servant Act, or any Act of the Legislature of Ontario under which there is an appeal to the said sessions. The amount of the fine or costs or sum ordered to be paid by the convicting justice in each case, the costs incurred in the General Sessions in each case.

#### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

In this Committee to-day the Bill to incorporate the village of Drummondville and the South Ward of the town of Clifton under the name of the Village of Niagara Falls came up for further consideration, the preamble having been declared proven at a former meeting. Mr. Kerr, solicitor for those opposing the Bill, presented petitions from the places which were proposed to be incorporated against the Bill, and asking for a re-consideration of the preamble, which request, however, was not granted.