

of the hon. member for North Hastings, as such a course would do away with any jealousy among the rest of the municipal representatives.

Mr. BETHUNE thought it would be better to appoint the Registrar than the Warden. He also thought it advisable to add words to the Bill to make it clear that the Board should have the power to act upon their own knowledge, without going to the expense of collecting evidence.

The Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Select Committee on the Municipal Act.

LAW REFORMS.

Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill to make certain provisions respecting the practice of the Courts. He explained that the Bill proposed to make the expenses attending the management of the suitors' money and securities in the Court of Chancery a charge upon the surplus interest fund at the disposal of the Court. It also proposed to give a judge power to limit the time for a plaintiff giving security for costs, and provided that no lands should be sold by the Sheriff in the District of Algoma except between the months of June and November inclusive.

The Bill was read a second time.

INDUSTRIAL REFUGE FOR GIRLS.

Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill to establish an Industrial Refuge for Girls. The Bill proposed to set apart a portion of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females for the reception of girls under the age of fourteen. The classes of girls for whom the institution would be open, and who would be liable to be sent there, were those found begging, vagrants, destitute orphans, those over whom parents had lost control, and those who from their circumstances were likely to lead a vicious life. The Refuge would entail no additional expense to the Province, as the managers of the Female Reformatory would superintend the institution. The intention was to keep the girls in the Refuge entirely separate from the inmates of the Reformatory.

Mr. MEREDITH pointed out that the Refuge would unavoidably partake of the character of a penitentiary. It seemed to him undesirable that the classes of girls whom it would be necessary to reform should be surrounded with the associations that would be necessarily connected with such a building, and thought that this fact would do away with much of the good that might otherwise be accomplished.

Mr. MOWAT felt that there was a certain force in the remarks made by the hon. member for London, but said that it was just a question between the plan the Government had adopted and the destruction of the girls. The evil his hon. friend had referred to undoubtedly existed, but he considered that it was a less evil than the utter loss of the classes whom the Refuge was intended to save.

Mr. BETHUNE asked if the Bill was intended to include newsgirls who sold papers on the streets. The result of inquiries that had been made among them was that at a very early age these girls, almost without exception, took to a very vicious life.

Mr. MOWAT said that the Refuge would be open to them also.

Mr. BETHUNE said that it would be well if a provision were inserted into the Bill prohibiting the employment of young girls in selling newspapers, as the invariable rule was that they were, even at the ages of ten and twelve, lost beyond all hope of reclamation.

Mr. ROSS said that while he sympathized with the objects of the Bill, he thought the effect of it would be to relieve the city of Toronto of the burden of providing for the classes proposed to be relieved, and to throw it upon the Province.

Mr. BETHUNE said that that difficulty could be met by enabling the Government to recover from the city a sum equivalent to the support of the children sent by the city to the Refuge.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. O'Donoghue—On Wednesday next—

Select Committee to enquire into the mode of punishing prisoners in the Central Prison, with power to send for persons and papers, to be composed as follows:—The Hon. Mr. Wood, Messrs. O'Sullivan, Creighton, Grant, Coutts, Paxton, and the mover.

Mr. Gibson—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return of all correspondence between the Government of Ontario and that of the Dominion as to the Land Improvement Fund, more particularly as to that portion which has accrued between the 6th March, 1861, and the 30th of June, 1867.

Mr. Creighton—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Voters' Lists Act.

Mr. Bishop—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return of the decisions of the Court of Appeal upon the cases submitted to them under the Act of last session to give finality to voters' lists.

Mr. Miller—On Wednesday next—Act to amend the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

Mr. Paxton—On Wednesday next—For a return showing all correspondence and affidavits filed in the Crown Lands Office in reference to E. Lepard's application to purchase the south half of Lot No. 14, in the 12th concession of the township of Mara, also all rulings of the Commissioner of Crown Lands respecting the sale and issuing the patent for said lands.

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