

Island than any other road that could be built. He would heartily support the motion of his hon. friend for East Huron.

Mr. WOOD said that when these lands were administered by the Dominion twenty per cent. was allowed for collection, but now that they had come definitely under the administration of Ontario only six per cent. was allowed to be charged. Every person would acknowledge that as a matter of principle Quebec should not have any right to lands in this Province, and he claimed that in this arbitration an injustice had been done. The lands were set apart for school purposes by the old Province of Canada as a whole, but when the Provinces were separated Quebec was allowed an interest in them though they were in Ontario, and yet no equivalent had been given this Province for the advantage which Quebec retained.

Mr. LAUDER pointed out that these lands, having been set apart by both parts of the old Province of Canada, each of the Provinces when separated had an equal interest in them, and it was a perfectly equitable reading of the law to allow Quebec still to have an interest in them.

Mr. WOOD replied that the Crown Lands had been set apart by the old Province in the same way, and yet Quebec now held no interest in them. He did not see why if Ontario had an undisputed right to one, she should not have to the other.

Mr. LAUDER said that the arbitrators had acted under the statute in what they did, and were not blamable for merely interpreting the law.

Mr. WOOD did not set his judgment against that of any legal gentleman, but he looked at it purely as a matter of right.

After some further discussion the motion was carried.

#### LIQUOR LICENSES.

Mr. TOOLEY moved for an Order of the House, for a return showing total number of tavern licenses granted to each municipality of the West Riding of Middlesex in the year 1878; also, total number shop licenses, total amount of money received from each of the said municipalities for such licenses; total amount received for fines; total amount deposited in bank; date of deposit; where and by whom deposited; amounts and dates of payments to treasurer of each municipality; expenses of Commissioners' and Inspectors' salary or fees; balance, if any, remaining to credit of license fund of the West Riding of Middlesex.

The motion was carried without discussion.

Mr. BISHOP moved for an 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.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the chair at six o'clock.

After recess,

The Bill respecting the Leamington, Comber, and Lake St. Clair Railway Company—Mr. Wigle—was passed through Committee.

#### THE CITY OF GUELPH.

Mr. MASSIE moved the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the City of Guelph. Carried.

#### GUELPH BURYING-GROUND.

Mr. MASSIE moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the public burying-ground in the town of Guelph.

Mr. MEREDITH contended that as the Estates Commissioners had reported on the Bill upon the understanding that the statements set out in the preamble were true, and there was a contest about the truth of those statements, he would ask that the Bill be allowed to stand until the member for North Wellington took his seat.

Mr. FRASER said that the facts of the case were fully stated in the preamble. The piece of ground which was the subject of the Bill had been originally granted by the Canada Company to the town and township of Guelph for the purposes of a burying ground, to be jointly used by both. The township had long ago been prohibited from burying their dead there, and the only question was whether the town should be

allowed to convert the ground into a public park, no longer being used by the township or any purpose.

Mr. MEREDITH said that the Private Bills Committee had no right to pass the Bill until reported upon by the estates commissioners.

Mr. MOWAT said that the facts narrated in the preamble were not disputed upon any good ground. The Bill was reasonable, and the purpose to which it was proposed to put the land was eminently a good one. The Private Bills Committee had inserted a clause that if the land at any future time were sold, the township should share in the proceeds.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read a second time:—

To revive and amend the Act incorporating the Ontario Mineral Railway Company—Mr. Deroche.

For the relief of the Barton and Glandford Road Company—Mr. Williams.

Respecting an agreement entered into between the city of Brantford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company—Mr. Deroche.

To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto—Mr. Bell.

Respecting water-works for the town of Guelph—Mr. Massie.

#### INCORPORATION OF TIVERTON.

Mr. WIDDIFIELD moved the second reading of the Bill relating to the incorporation of the town of Tiverton.

Mr. CREIGHTON asked why the town of Tiverton, which was on the line between the Ridings of North and South Bruce, had not been put in the North Riding, as it should have been; and why it had been divided between the two ridings.

Mr. SINCLAIR explained that owing to irregularities in the elections in the village, it was decided in the Private Bills Committee to divide the village in the way proposed. The general Act would come into force next year, and the village would thenceforward be attached to the North Riding of the county.

Mr. MEREDITH said that he considered the division of the village an attempt to fix it for the purposes of the next election.

Mr. FRASER pointed out that if the Bill were thrown out the village would be in the same position as it was at present. The people asked to be allowed to remain in that position until after the next election, and if that privilege could not be granted, they did not want incorporation at all. The village would at the end of the year be incorporated by a county by-law, and they merely asked to have the incorporation come in force a year sooner.

Mr. DEACON said that the village had had an election, and evidently considered itself incorporated, so that they were putting themselves in a position other than that in which they would be put by the Bill.

Mr. SINCLAIR said that the County Council of Bruce had in contravention of the law assumed to annex the village to the south riding, contrary to the wishes of the villagers.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### TOWNSHIP OF COLCHESTER.

Mr. DEACON moved the second reading of the Bill to provide for the division of the township of Colchester. Carried.

#### G. B. & W. RAILWAY CO.

The Bill respecting the Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway Company was passed through Committee.

#### HORSE THIEVES.

Mr. BAXTER moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Municipal Act, which proposed to make rewards offered for the apprehension of horse thieves payable by the county in which the animal was owned.

Mr. MOWAT said that the law at present made the reward payable by the county in which the theft was committed.

Mr. MEREDITH thought the change proposed an unjust one.

The Bill was allowed to stand.

Mr. CURRIE moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the sale of land

*Safety paid*

*under mortgage*