

enced in following the items under the present system; as the matter would be remedied by the printing of a larger number of the resolutions, and their distribution to the members, he did not see why that could not be done.

The following items were also concurred in:—

Works in Nipissing District, \$200.

Works in Muskoka District, \$550.

Works in Parry Sound District, \$550.

Works at Muskoka River, \$8,000.

Works at Gull and Barst Rivers, \$8,780.

Surveys, inspections, &c., \$5,000.

Locks, dams, &c., \$6,000.

Lockmasters' salaries, &c., \$2,000.

On the item Refunds, \$59,680 23.

Mr. ROSS said that six per cent. of the amount of the Land Improvement Fund was deducted before it was paid over to counties, although the Order in Council provided that one-fourth of the amount should be paid over without any deduction whatever. The land was to be sold at ten shillings an acre, and the counties were to be paid at the rate of two shillings and sixpence per acre.

Mr. WOOD said that no alteration could be made now, as any change in the direction proposed by the hon. gentleman would be increasing the estimates.

Mr. ROSS said that the statute provided that two shillings and sixpence per acre should be set apart as a Land Improvement Fund to be paid over to the counties. The six per cent. was not to be deducted from that fund, but from the whole Common School Fund, before any distribution was made between Ontario and Quebec. It was a distinct bargain between the settlers and the Crown that one-fourth of the amount received from the sale of the lands should be paid over to them for the purpose of constructing roads, harbours, &c., and he maintained that the Legislature had no right to step in and set that bargain aside. He hoped the Government would take the matter up and pay the counties the full amount without any deduction at all. Interest was accruing upon the Fund, and the settlers were entitled to that as well as to the principal.

Mr. SCOTT was inclined to agree with the construction placed upon the statute by the hon. member for West Huron. He did not see that any objection could be taken to placing the increased amount in the estimates, as it was a statutory enactment.

The item was passed.

The House adjourned at 10:45.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Crooks—On Tuesday next—An Act respecting the application of the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England.

Mr. Scott—On Wednesday next—For a return by Friday next shewing all moneys received, and from whom, on account of fines and costs in respect of convictions under the Temperance Act of 1864 in the West Riding of Peterborough during the year 1878; also the expenses on convictions with the same, and to whom paid, and the amounts paid to Commissioners or to the Inspectors in respect of services or expenses during such year.

Mr. Ferris—On Wednesday next—For a return under specific headings of all sums or expenditures paid in the year 1878 which were not a charge on the revenue in the year 1871.

Mr. Bell—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return showing the number and names of guards and other officials discharged from the Central Prison since it was first opened, the offence for which they were dismissed, the names of those who were first dismissed and were afterwards either reinstated or transferred to other positions under the Government, the position to which they were so transferred, what sums were given Government to defray the expenses of transferring them and their families; how many of the guards or other officials have been fined, for what offence, what sum such fines amount to; what has become of the money accruing from such fines. The amount of money paid to dismissed officials over and above their salaries, and why such moneys were so paid them. The number of nights the Warden of the Prison has been absent from his duties, by whose order or permission, and how often without leave having been first obtained for such absence.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

March 2.

The Public Accounts Committee met this morning and adjourned for want of a quorum. There were present Messrs. Wood, Meredith, and Gibson.