

cruing 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. Carried.

Mr. HARDY presented the returns called for in the resolution.

DELAY IN COUNTY COURTS.

Mr. PAXTON moved for an Order of the House for a return showing all cases in the County Courts which stand for judgment in the various County Courts of the Province, all cases in the County Courts which have been partially heard and stand adjourned for further evidence or argument, all cases in the County Courts which have been argued and adjourned for judgment in the year 1878. He moved it on account of representations that had been made to him that in one of the counties the Court business had fallen behind. So far as his own county was concerned, they had nothing to complain of.

Mr. MOWAT said the cases spoken of in the first part of the resolution would be decided before the return could be brought down. He had no objection to the latter part of the motion.

The motion was accordingly amended and carried

NORTH AND WESTERLY BOUNDARY.

Mr. STRIKER moved for an address to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments respecting legislation in confirmation of the award of the arbitrators settling the northerly and westerly boundaries of the Province. Carried.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Mr. BISHOP moved for an order of the House for a return showing the expenditure in the various Departments and offices of the Government for expenses and contingencies for the years 1868, 1871, and 1878. Carried.

SOUTH BRANT LICENSE COMMISSIONER.

Mr. MEREDITH moved for an order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Government or any of the Departments, or any officer thereof, with Mr. Grace, formerly a License Commissioner for the South Riding of Brant, relating to the working of the Temperance Act of 1864 in that Riding, or his position as a License Commissioner, or his resignation thereof. Carried.

Mr. HARDY presented the return asked for.

TEMPERANCE ACT OF 1864.

Mr. BARR moved for an order of the House for a return showing all moneys received, and from whom, on account of fines and costs in respect of convictions under the Temperance Act of 1864 in the township of Melanethon under said Act, in the Electoral District of Dufferin, during the year 1878; also, the expense of convictions and to whom paid, and the amount paid the Commissioners or the Inspector in respect of service or expense during the year. Carried.

TAVERN AND SHOP LICENSES.

Mr. BARR moved for an order of the House for a return showing the total amount of tavern and shop licenses granted to each of the municipalities of the Electoral District of Dufferin in the year 1878; also, total amount of moneys received from each of the said municipalities for such licenses; total amount received for fines; total amount deposited in banks; amount paid to treasurer of each municipality; expenses of Commissioners and Inspector's salary or fees; balance remaining, if any, to the credit of license fund for said Electoral District. Carried.

CHANCERY COSTS.

Mr. PAXTON moved for an order of the House for a return showing the amount of costs taxed in the Courts of Chancery during the years 1877 and 1878, distinguishing the costs in each case.

Mr. MOWAT said that he had made enquiries as to the amount of work that would be required for the preparation of the return asked for, and he had found that it would occupy two clerks for several months. He did not think the object of the return such as to warrant that expense, and he would ask his hon. friend to withdraw his motion.

The motion was lost.

The following orders were withdrawn:—

To amend the Election Act of Ontario.—Mr. Morris.

To amend the Act respecting Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.—Mr. Clarke (Norfolk).

To amend the Ontario Registry Act.—Mr. Clarke (Norfolk).

The following Bills were passed through Committee, and read a third time:—

To amend the Act respecting the income and property of the University of Toronto, University College, and Upper Canada College.

To amend the Act respecting the fees of counsel and other officers in the Administration of Justice.

To amend the Act relating to coroners.

FREE GRANTS AND HOMESTEAD ACT.

Mr. MILLER moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act. The object of the Bill was to give a settler who had lived six months on his land, who had made a clearing of five acres, and who had properly fenced it, the right of selling his land. He thought the only opposition to the Bill came from the Government.

Mr. PARDEE was entirely opposed to the Bill. The effect of it would be to deprive *bona fide* settlers of the opportunity of obtaining homesteads, and would throw the land in the Free Grant Districts almost entirely into the hands of speculators. His hon. friend had advocated the Bill very strongly, but it was strange that he was the only gentleman who had ever approached him (Mr. Pardee) on the subject. He had never had a petition or a letter asking for a change in the Free Grants Act.

Mr. DEACON had some experience in the working of the Free Grants Act, and was decidedly opposed to the Bill.

The Bill was lost on the following division:—

YEA.—Messrs. Miller, Paxton—2.

NAYS.—Messrs. Appleby, Baker, Ballantyne, Barr, Bell, Bonfield, Boulter, Broder, Chisholm, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Code, Cole, Counts, Creighton, Deacon, Finlayson, Flesher, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Harcourt, Hardy, Hargraft, Harkin,

Kean, Lane, Lauder, Long, Lyon (Halton), McDougall, McGowan, McLaws, McMahon, Massie, Master, Meredith, Monk, Morris, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Parkhill, Preston, Scott, Sinclair, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, White, Widdifield, Williams, Wood—53.

PROTECTION OF GAME.

Mr. MEREDITH moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the law for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals. The Bill was intended to prohibit "por-hunting" and the killing for exportation of deer and other animals classed as game.

Mr. FRASER opposed the Bill, as it would interfere with the livelihood of a certain class of persons who depended to some extent upon hunting for an existence.

Mr. MEREDITH said that if the Bill were allowed to pass a second reading any amendments could be made in Committee.

Mr. MILLER opposed the Bill.

Mr. CLARKE (Norfolk) and Mr. CURRIE spoke in favour of the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time, referred to a Committee of the Whole House, and reported with certain amendments.

Mr. MEREDITH asked whether the hon. member for Muskoka intended to oppose the Bill in all its stages.

Mr. MILLER said that it was his intention to do so.

Mr. MEREDITH said that, in that case, it would be impossible to have it read a third time to-day.

DITCHES AND WATER COURSES

Mr. BRODER moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Ditches and Water Courses Act.

Mr. FRASER opposed the Bill on the ground that it did not propose to make any change in the existing law.

Mr. BISHOP advocated the passage of the Bill, The Bill was withdrawn.

SHERIFFS.

Mr. CURRIE moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the office of Sheriff.

The Bill was read a second time, referred to Committee of the Whole and reported with amendments, read a third time and passed.

PROROGATION.

Mr. MEREDITH asked at what time to-morrow the House would adjourn.

Mr. MOWAT said that it would adjourn at three o'clock, and no business beyond the formal prorogation would be transacted.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF 1878.

Mr. BELL asked when the Public Accounts for 1878 would be brought down.

Mr. WOOD—To-morrow.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 5:30 until two o'clock to-morrow.