

the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The total amount coming to the municipalities was \$124,685 18. On that he claimed they were entitled to interest. Ontario and Quebec had been receiving interest from the Dominion, and his calculation was that since Confederation Ontario had received \$30,645 60 of interest on that, and Quebec had received \$53,516 90, making \$84,162 50 of interest. Taking simple interest on the interest payments made to Ontario and Quebec, Ontario should pay the municipalities \$11,263 88; Quebec should pay them \$16,088 83. In addition to the sums they had received from the Dominion they should pay interest on these sums. These two amounts together made \$27,352 71, and this amount added to the \$84,162 50, made \$111,515 21, which the municipalities were entitled to at simple interest up to 31st December, and this amount added to the principal showed that the municipalities were entitled to no less than \$236,200.

Mr. WOOD said he had no objection to the motion passing, but there was little correspondence to bring down. He admitted that the municipalities should have had the money long ago, but it had been impossible to secure a settlement up to this time. He hoped, however, soon to effect one, and if it were delayed much longer he thought the money should be paid to the municipalities anyway. The claim for interest would be fully pressed, and he believed it would be paid. When paid the municipalities would get the benefit.

CONVEYANCE OF PRISONERS.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Halton) moved for an Order of the House for return showing the time elapsing between the sentencing of the prisoners and their removal to the Central Prison from each county in Ontario for the years 1879 and 1880, distinguishing those who were tried by the Judges alone at the interim sessions from those tried before a jury. He said that prisoners were sometimes allowed to remain in the county gaol for a very long time after sentence before they were removed to the Central Prison. He had statistics with him which showed that the average period prisoners were kept in gaol after sentence in the county of Halton was twenty-two days. He thought such a state of affairs should not be allowed to exist.

Mr. WOOD said that it was essential that prisoners should be removed to the Central Prison as soon as possible after conviction. They had, however, to act in the interests of the country, not in the interests of the prisoners. Should a man be convicted in a distant town, and be sentenced to a term of confinement in the Central Prison, it was unreasonable to expect that a sheriff would be sent to Toronto with him, when by waiting a few days or weeks a dozen other prisoners might be picked up on the way. There was no objection to the return being brought down.

Mr. MEREDITH spoke of a statement which had been made in a city paper to the effect that a lunatic had been allowed to remain in prison nine months after committal. He thought there must be some defect in a system under which such a thing was possible.

Hon. Mr. WOOD'S attention had been called to this statement. He would at once enquire into it, though he thought that such a thing was impossible.

Mr. MERRICK moved for an order of the House for a return showing the names of all persons appointed to any office, either temporary or permanent by the Government since Confederation, with name of service, religion, date of appointment, salary, date of removal, if removed, and cause of such removal.

Mr. MOWAT consented to the motion with an amendment limiting the return to information not previously brought down.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

The SPEAKER read the following reply to the Assembly's resolution of condolence with the Queen on the death of the Princess Alice:—
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to the Marquis of Lorne.
DOWNING-STREET, 1st April, 1879.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 54, of the 3rd March, transmitting an Address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt.

I have duly caused the Address to be laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously; and I am commanded to request that you will convey to the Speaker of the Assembly Her Majesty's appreciation of this expression of sympathy in her bereavement.

I have, &c.,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

The Governor-General.

The Marquis of Lorne, K. T., K. C. M. G., &c., &c.

The Speaker also read the following reply from the Governor-General to an address of congratulation transmitted last year on the occasion of the runaway sleighing accident:—

OTTAWA, 2nd April, 1880.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Gov-

ernor-General to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, expressing its most sincere congratulations on the escape of His Excellency and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, from the danger in which they were placed by the late accident.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. DEWINTON,

Major, R.A.,

Governor-General's Secretary.

The Speaker also read messages from the Lieutenant-Governor acknowledging the receipt of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and transmitting estimates for a vote of credit in anticipation of the regular annual Supply Bill.

SUPPLY.

The House then went into Committee of Supply and voted the sum of \$346,250 for the expenses of civil government and other purposes from January 1, 1881, to the date of the passage of the Supply Bill.

The House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Monk—On Tuesday next—Bill to regulate the order of precedence of counsel practising in the courts of the Province of Ontario, and for other purposes.

Mr. Bell—On Tuesday next—Order of the House for a return of all papers and documents, including the report of the experts upon the competition, plans, &c., for new Parliament and Departmental buildings for this Province.

Mr. Morris—On Tuesday next—Order of the House that a Committee of this House, to be composed of Messrs. Crooks, Meredith, Gibson, McLaughlin, Boulter, Harcourt, Lauder, Young, Caldwell, Graham, Harkin, and the mover, be appointed to consider whether, with a view to promoting higher education in the Province of Ontario, the colleges having the power to confer degrees, can be affiliated with the University of Toronto on just and equitable terms to all these institutions, so as to secure, without interference with the respective autonomies, one Provincial University for Ontario, that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time.

Mr. Ross—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.