

\$5,000 for the whole Province. The total cost of the jury system in the Province for the year 1876 was altogether \$135,000. That was an average of \$94 for each case—civil and criminal—which the municipalities had to pay for the purposes of juries. He thought this was altogether too large a cost. He submitted the question to the House as a system entailing an unnecessary expense upon municipalities.

Mr. HARDY said he did not propose to enter into any discussion upon the subject, because he did not think that at that late period of the session there would be sufficient time to discuss the question in the exhaustive manner it merited. The whole jury law would require consolidation at an early session, and it would be better to let the matter stand until then. He thought that the scheme of the member for Huron was not broad enough. The question of jurors had been discussed by the House before, and the House had then declared that there should be trial by jury. He hoped that the hon. member would not press the motion.

Mr. PATTERSON said he thought the expenditure for the selection of jurors might be saved, and heartily concurred in the motion.

Mr. NAIRN could not see why the present system should be continued. He failed to see the necessity in the public interest for the second selection.

Mr. LEES also favoured the abolition of the second selection, as the selectors selected the names without knowing the men they were selecting.

Messrs. Dryden, Watterworth, Waters, and Monk also concurred in the position taken in the matter by the member for West Huron (Mr. Ross).

Mr. FRASER hoped that his hon. friend would withdraw his motion, as a great deal more was involved in it than appeared on the face of it. He was not yet persuaded that the second selection should not be retained. It was a question to be gravely considered. The fact that the second selectors did not know who the men were they selected might be an advantage instead of a drawback.

Mr. ROSS hoped now that the Government saw that the sense of the House was unanimously expressed in favour of the motion that something would be done in the direction indicated. Another point which he would suggest for the consideration of the Government was a reduction of the number of jurors in civil cases. He had brought the matter before the House before, and had been induced to withdraw it, but he thought that in the present case the House should pass the motion. It would not alter the law, but would merely express the wish of the House that the second selection of jurors should be abolished.

Mr. MOWAT said the hon. member for Huron should not force a vote upon this question in spite of the wish of the Government. They were not prepared to legislate upon the question as yet, and he would move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. YOUNG said the hon. member for Huron should withdraw his motion, as if it passed it would commit the Government against their wish.

The debate was then adjourned.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

The following Bills were advanced a stage in Committee:—

To give increased efficiency to the laws against the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors; and

For the incorporation by letters patent and the regulation of timber slide companies; and

To give increased efficiency to mutual fire insurance companies.

Mr. HARDY moved the addition of a clause to the last-named Bill to the effect that in case of any Ontario insurance company whose name might be confounded with any other company in Ontario the Lieut.-Governor in Council shall be empowered to change the name of such company. Carried.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

A message was read from the Lieut.-Governor transmitting further supplementary estimates required to complete the service for 1881-82.

Mr. WOOD explained in Committee that he was embarrassed in making necessary payments in January of each year, and the vote was intended to cover the difficulty.

The Committee rose and reported the resolutions.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

On the item relative to the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's office, \$3,350,

Mr. MEREDITH said that the Opposition had divided the House on the item last session, and he thought there would be nothing gained by dividing the House again, as they knew the

position of the Government.

The item passed.

SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read a second time:—

The Municipal Amendment Act of 1881.

The Assessment Act of 1881.

To amend the law securing to wives and children the benefit of assurances on the lives of their husbands and parents.

Respecting Peach Trees.

THE SCHOOL LAW.

On motion of Mr. Crooks the Bill to further amend the School Law was read a third time.

PROGRESS OF BUSINESS.

Mr. MOWAT moved that when the House adjourned it stand adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow, and that the Speaker leave the chair at one o'clock without the question being put. Carried.

CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Mr. BADGEROW moved for the discharge of the order respecting the Civil Engineer's Bill. Cries of—"Carried unanimously."

The motion carried.

PUBLIC BILLS.

The following Bills were reported in Committee:—

To amend the Jurors Act of 1879.

To amend the Registry Act.

Respecting snow fences.

Further to amend the revised statute respecting mortgages and sales of personal property.

The House adjourned at 12:15 till eleven o'clock to-day.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return showing (a) for each license district in the years 1878, 1879, and 1880 the number of applications to County Judges under section 62 of the Liquor License Act for the revocation of licenses upon any of the grounds in such section set forth, stating the ground of each application and the result of the same; (b) the investigations of negligence of inspectors under section 63 of the said Act, stating the grounds and the result of each investigation.