

Opposition were imbecile and had not two ounces of brains amongst them. He did not believe this. There were, some of them, very able men, and he believed there were more than two ounces of brains amongst them.

Mr. HARDY—Four ounces. (Laughter.)

Mr. MOWAT—Neither the statements nor the statement made to give weight to them were believed.

The motion was passed without the alteration suggested by Mr. White.

LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mr. CREIGHTON moved for papers relating to outstanding accounts between Ontario, Quebec, and the Dominion.

Mr. A. M. ROSS stated that he had made it one of his first duties upon entering his office as Provincial Treasurer to try and come to a settlement with the Dominion and the Province of Quebec. Delays had occurred, but these delays were unavoidable. He was perfectly willing that the correspondence asked for should be laid before the House. He had received a statement from the Dominion authorities, but it was a very voluminous one, and it would be brought down as early as possible. He could say, however, that the Province of Ontario did not stand in the same position as the Province of Quebec, but he thought there was a large amount due the Province.

The motion was carried.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Mr. CARNEGIE moved for a return of the number of hotel and saloon licenses authorized to be granted in the town of Peterborough, for the year 1883-4, under the Crooks Act, and of the number of such licenses actually granted. The motion was carried.

MINING LANDS.

Mr. WOOD moved for a return showing:—1. The several lots in the townships of Tudor, Wolleston, Limerick, and Faraday, in the County of Hastings, which have been sold, located, disposed of, or applied for since January 1st, 1880. 2. The dates of said sales; the persons to whom sold; the prices paid and terms of payment. 3. The dates of the several applications for the purchase or location of said lots. 4. Copies of all correspondence with the Crown Lands Department with reference to any of the said lots to which conflicting claims have been made.

Mr. PARDEE, after assenting to the first three returns, stated that the fourth would be of a very voluminous nature and would involve a search through all the files and an examination of all the correspondence.

After a little discussion the mover assented to this course on an offer having been made by Mr. Pardee that he might examine the correspondence in case he found out that there were any grievances in connection with any particular lots.

MUSKOKA DAM, SLIDE, AND BOOM CO.
Mr. CARNEGIE moved for a return of copies of the annual reports of the Muskoka Dam Slide and Boom Company for the years 1882 and 1883. He contended that the Company had not only a complete monopoly but in addition they claimed all the unmarked saw logs, instead of dividing.

Mr. FRASER explained that the so-called monopoly was one granted by the House, and it consisted of doing work which it was in general difficult to get a company to do and which had mainly to be done by the Province with no direct return.

INTERIM ESTIMATES.

Mr. MOWAT brought down a message from the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province until the estimates for 1884 are finally passed, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly:—Civil government, \$35,000; legislation, \$80,000; immigration, \$5,000; education, \$100,000; administration of justice, \$40,000; public institutions, maintenance, \$50,000; Crown lands expenditure, \$60,000; miscellaneous, \$10,000; agriculture, \$2,500. Total, \$232,500.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. MOWAT moved the following as the Committee to select the Standing Committees:—Messrs. Baxter, Ferris, Fraser, Gibson (Huron), Hardy, Lauder, Meredith, Merrick, Morris, Ross (Huron), Awrey, and Creighton. Carried.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. MOWAT moved to appoint the following as the Committee to assist the Speaker in the control and management of the Library:—Messrs. Mowat, Harcourt, Meredith, Morris, O'Connor, G. W. Ross, Gibson (Huron), White, Wood, and Gibson (Hamilton). Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Mr. A. M. ROSS moved that the message of the Governor accompanying estimates be referred to Committee of Supply.

The House went into Committee of Supply and concurred in the estimates, and they were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House went into Committee of Ways and Means, which considered the estimates, reported to the House, and asked leave to sit to-morrow.

Mr. MEREDITH asked when the estimates would be laid on the table?

Mr. A. M. ROSS—Possibly they will be laid on the table next week.

CABINET CHANGES.

Mr. MEREDITH gave notice that he would ask a question to get the usual information about the changes which had taken place in the Government.

The House then adjourned.