

marked that he did not remember having given it as his opinion that the omission to open and hold polls had voided the election.

MOTIONS.

Mr. MEREDITH moved the motions standing in his name for returns regarding the appointment of G. R. Pattallo and George Burden, and the correspondence with them; for a statement of claims brought before them as Commissioners; for a return of the expenses in connection with the disputed territory; for a statement of the timber cut in the disputed territory. The motions were carried.

ALGOMA VOTE.

Mr. MEREDITH also moved for copies of the writ for holding the Algoma election and papers regarding the fixing of polling places. He made complaint that polling places had not been fixed at certain places.

Mr. MOWAT in reply showed that the statute strictly defined the manner in which the polling places should be fixed; and if anything had been done otherwise than as directed by law, the vote cast at the election would have been lost, and then a claim would have been made that persons had been entrapped into voting at places where he knew they would be lost. There were twenty places mentioned in the Act as places where polls should be opened; an Order in Council was passed fixing twenty more, and the returning-officer having called attention to the need of more his recommendations were met by an Order in Council. The member for London had called attention to the fact that the returning-officer had not opened a poll at Cockburn Island. Surely he knew that if the returning-officer had done so the vote had been lost, and then the 50 or 60 votes which were cast for Mr. Plummer would have been lost, as they would have voted there instead of going elsewhere, which they did. There had been polls at every place at which one had ever been held and many more.

Mr. PARDEE said that every voter on Cockburn Island had gone to vote at Thessalon, and about 80 votes were there received as coming from Cockburn. The fact was that many Detroit fishermen came over and voted who would not have been able to vote at Cockburn Island, as the deputy returning-officer would have known them and prevented them from voting. As a matter of fact a member of Parliament had worked up public feeling and got every man to sign a paper promising to vote against Mr. Lyon—not because of the policy of the Government or its administration, but for the reason stated.

Mr. LYON stated that a thorough canvass had been made of Cockburn Island and it showed that there were only 42 voters. There was a polling place only fourteen miles distant at Robinson; if they had gone down the shore they could have voted, but they preferred to go across the whole lake, 45 miles, for the reason as stated by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

On motion by Mr. CREIGHTON the debate was adjourned.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Mr. BRERETON moved for a return showing the number of teachers in each High School and Collegiate Institute in the Province for the years 1881, 1882, and 1883; the salary paid to each teacher; and the Government grant to each school and institute. He also asked for a return of the amount paid to assistant teachers.

Mr. ROSS (West Middlesex) stated that he would endeavour to obtain the information; but he was not certain whether the amount paid to assistant teachers was returned.

The motion was carried.

THE ESTIMATES.

Mr. ROSS (Huron) stated in reply to Mr. Meredith that the estimates would be brought down next week.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Ferris—On Monday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Badgerow—On Monday next—Address for a copy of the judgments of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered in the cases of Russell v. Queen and Hodge v. Queen.

Mr. French—Address for a return, (1) copies of all correspondence and memorials respecting the appointment of Police Magistrates in the villages of Merrickville and Cardinal; (2) copies of all correspondence between the head of the municipality of the town of Prescott, or any member of the Council thereof, or of any other person with the Hon. Attorney-General or any member of His Honour's Government, relating in anywise to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the said town of Prescott, and of all petitions, resolutions, memorials, or other papers forwarded to His Honour or to any member of His Honour's Government, relating to the said appointment, either prior to or since said appointment was made, with dates of each communication respectively.

Mr. Creighton—On Monday next—Resolution, that it be a standing order of this House that questions asked of Ministers—after due notice—and the answers thereto be in writing and entered upon the journals of this House.

Mr. Monk—On Monday next—Enquiry of the Ministry whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation with regard to the transfer of real estate in this Province during the present session.

Mr. Waters—Resolution—That in the opinion

of this House the publishing of another edition of the Agricultural Commission Report would be highly beneficial to the farmers of this Province.

Mr. Preston—Enquiry of the Ministry—Whether it is the intention of the Government to fill the office made vacant by the death of the late Sheriff Patrick, of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville? If so, when?