

Dundas would limit the question to some year, as the return would otherwise be a long one.

Mr. MEREDITH said he had information that no Orders in Council had been issued, and therefore the work would be light.

Mr. ROSS said Orders in Council had been issued ever since the High Schools were established.

Mr. MEREDITH asked if the Minister of Education really meant to say that Orders in Council had been issued giving directions to the principals of Model and High Schools as to the text books before the present Minister came into office.

Mr. ROSS said there had been no such order issued since he had been in office.

Mr. MEREDITH asked if Orders in Council had been issued to the principals of Model and High Schools since the one issued last year?

Mr. ROSS said there must have been Orders in Council issued ever since there have been High Schools.

Mr. MEREDITH—Will the hon. gentleman not tell us what there must have been, but say if there has been.

Mr. ROSS said there had been Orders in Council issued on the subject, and many of them.

Mr. MEREDITH now said he meant Normal and Model Schools.

Mr. ROSS upon this pointed out that the leader of the Opposition did not know what the motion was.

The motion was carried as amended so that it only went as far back as 1857, and was for Normal and Model Schools only.

SECOND READINGS.

Mr. FERRIS moved the second reading of his bills to amend the Assessment Act, and the Municipal Act.

Mr. GIBSON (Huron) moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Ditches and Water-courses Act.

Mr. MEREDITH thought the bill was a very important one and should be sent to a special committee. The Government might look at the matter and bring it up as a public measure next session.

Mr. PARDEE said he would be sorry to see a change in the Act at present. It only came in force last March. The bill provided for the limiting of the amount the engineer should award for the deepening, widening, or making any ditch or drain, but he could not see the logic of the change. The bill, he thought, should be deferred till they could ascertain the working of the Act.

Mr. WATERS could understand the object of the bill to limit the scope of the Water Courses Act, but he thought it would be a difficult thing to do. The Act had given great satisfaction.

The motion was carried and the bill referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

Mr. WOOD moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Railway Act of Ontario.

Mr. CLANCY moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act with reference to the construction of drains.

REPORTS.

Mr. HARDY laid on the table the report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for 1883; also statement of timber cut in disputed territory. He also laid on the table by command the correspondence between the Government of the Province and the Government of the Dominion with reference to the case of the Queen v. Hodge.

The House adjourned at eleven o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Carnegie—On Friday next—Order of the House for the return of (1) a copy of the calculation upon which it has been announced that 40 annual payments of \$13,105, if sold for a cash payment of \$242,154, will yield the purchaser 4½ per cent. upon his investment; and (2) of a statement of the aggregate amount of such 40-year scrip which it will be necessary to issue in order to take up the railway scrip now outstanding, as the same matures.

Mr. French—On Friday next—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to extend the principle of cap. 118, sec. 1, R. S. O. (which prevents confessions of judgment) to cases where, by collusion with, or other act of a debtor, a creditor procures a fraudulent or speedy judgment, to the prejudice of other creditors, and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill on the subject.

Mr. Meredith—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence or communications since the 1st of January, 1875 between the Commissioner of Crown Lands or any other member or officer of the Government and any other person with regard to the sale or disposal of water fronts or lots at or near Prince Arthur's Landing; also copies of all Orders in Council and reports with reference to the sale or disposal of any of the said water fronts or lots also for a return showing the names of the persons to whom, the prices for which, and the date upon which such water fronts or lots were sold or disposed of; also a return showing in which of the grants of any of the said water fronts or lots a reservation is made of a right of way for the Canadian Pacific Railway; and also a map or sketch showing the position of each of the said water fronts or lots sold or disposed of, specially with reference to the streets of Prince Arthur's Landing.

Mr. Bishop—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return showing the names of teachers on the superannuation list, the date of their superannuation, the amount received by each, their place of abode at the time of superannuation, and by whom their superannuation was recommended.