

dealing with land, and is moreover uncertain in its results, and is frequently productive of great loss to innocent persons, and whereas the defects in the present system, if it is continued longer in force, are certain to increase;

Therefore be it resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire, and report by bill or otherwise at the next session of this House, as to the feasibility of introducing into this Province the principle of land transfer and registration of titles to land, now in force in Her Majesty's Australian Colonies, for remedy of the defects aforesaid; and further, to enquire and report, by bill or otherwise, what amendments, if any, in the present laws affecting the tenure and descent of land are necessary to be made in order to give due effect to the Australian system of transfer and registration, if found suitable to the requirements of this Province, and to secure to all persons owning or interested in lands, whether as owners, creditors, or heirs-at-law, or devisees of deceased owners, their just and lawful rights.

Mr. Fraser—That when the House goes into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 94) to provide better means of egress from Public Buildings, he will move that there be inserted in the Bill the clauses following:—

The word "hotel" shall mean and include every building or part of a building kept as an hotel, inn, or tavern and being of more than two storeys in height.

From and continuously after six months from the passing of this Act, in every hotel there shall in and to the sill or stool of every window thereof, above the second storey, be constructed and fixed so as to securely and safely bear and sustain suspended therefrom a weight of not less than three hundred pounds, either

(a) A solid wrought iron eye-bolt formed with round iron, of not less than half-an-inch in diameter and having a wood-screw stem of like diameter and an eye not less than one inch and a quarter internal diameter, or

(b) Some other equally strong convenient and safe matter, thing, or contrivance that will in case of fire permit of a rope not greater than one inch in diameter being attached and fastened thereto.

(2) In every bed-room and public room in any hotel there shall be kept conspicuously posted a copy of this section, with the following heading thereto:—"Ontario Public Buildings and Hotel Act, 1884."

(3) The keeper, or proprietor, of any hotel wherein, or in respect to which, or to any part thereof, the requirements of this section are not complied with, shall be held to have violated the provisions of this section, and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with costs of prosecution.

Mr. Meredith—On Tuesday next—Inquiry of Ministry—(1) whether the Order in Council of 29th June, 1872, with regard to the right to cut and use pine timber on lands north of Lake Superior has been rescinded, and if so, when and how; (2) the latest date on which such Order in Council was acted upon.

Mr. Meredith—On Tuesday next—Inquiry of Ministry, whether the Lieut.-Governor in Council has directed the

**A FITTING SEQUEL.**—After the close of the annual general meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company, of which a portion of the proceedings was reported in THE MAIL of yesterday, the directors and employes of the company adjourned to the Rossin house, where a lunch of a goodly character was provided by the excellent host to the assembled guests. The chair was taken by the Hon. A. Mackenzie and the vice-chairs by Hon. A. Morris and Mr. Blaikie. The usual toasts were proposed by the chairman, who in proposing that of the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, called upon Mr. Morris to respond. Mr. Morris did so in fitting terms, eulogizing Lords Dufferin and Lorne, and expressing his belief that the Marquis of Lansdowne would endear himself to our people, and when his term of office was ended would go back to the Fatherland as another ambassador for Canada. Mr. Morris made a remark which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, and is worth preservation. He said that he saw in the press, that the Governor-General derived his descent from four great races, English, Irish, Scottish, and French, and the best he could wish him would be, that when his term among us was ended, it would be recognized by all that along with the mixed blood he had inherited he had also by virtue thereof become an embodiment of the best qualities of all the races referred to and a bright example of brilliant statesmanship to the people. Mr. Morris also responded on behalf of the Lieut.-Governor, whom he described as a Canadian, and a worthy son of a worthy sire. When he commenced office it was said he would be coached, but as a man of high principle he needed no coaching and had discharged his duties with dignity and impartiality. Mr. Blaikie and other speakers took part in the proceedings, which were on a whole of the pleasantest character, and a fitting sequel to the closing of a prosperous year's business.