

The House went into Committee, with Mr. Baxter in the chair, on Mr. Mowat's bill respecting the territory in dispute between this Province and the Province of Manitoba. The bill was reported with unimportant amendments.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the bill to define the limits of the districts of Algoma, Parry Sound, Nipissing, and of the County of Renfrew. Carried.

The House then went into Committee on the bill and reported it without amendment.

THE SCHOOLS ACT.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex) moved the House into Committee on his bill to amend the Act respecting Public, Separate, and High Schools, when it was reported and then read a third time.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

The House went into Committee on Mr. Ross' bill to amend the Act respecting Toronto University.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex) moved that the Senate be empowered to confer the degree Doctor of Laws under such regulations as might be made in that behalf. Carried.

The bill was reported and read a third time.

TERMINABLE RAILWAY ANNUITIES.

Mr. ROSS (Huron) moved,

That it is expedient in lieu of and for the purpose of retiring any outstanding certificates heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, in aid of any railway under authority of any Act of the Legislature of this Province, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct the granting of terminable annuities for such terms, not in any case exceeding forty years, as the Lieutenant-Governor may from time to time deem expedient, and every annuity so granted shall be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province.

That it is expedient that the said annuities shall be based on a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and shall be evidenced by such form of certificate or other instrument as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct.

That it is expedient that the Provincial Treasurer may sell any annuities authorized under these Resolutions, and apply the proceeds thereof in the repayment of any certificates issued as aforesaid in aid of railways, or may, with the consent of the holders of certificates, and upon such terms as may be agreed on, exchange such annuities for any certificates held by them.

He explained the objects of his resolution, which was given in the Budget Speech.

Mr. MEREDITH moved, in amendment:—

That all after the word "that" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—The aggregate amount of the outstanding certificates issued in aid of railways is \$2,862,144, the present value of which, discounting the future payments at the rate of five per cent. per annum, is \$2,091,704.

That these certificates are by their terms payable in equal half-yearly instalments, and most of them will mature within eight years, and all of them within eighteen years from the present time.

That the aggregate amount of the payments required to retire these certificates by new certificates payable in forty years from their maturity, according to the terms of the proposed resolutions, is \$6,195,967, and, in the opinion of the House, it is inexpedient to authorize the renewal of the existing certificates on the terms mentioned, and thereby to begin the establishment of a Provincial debt, especially in view of the statement of the Treasurer, claiming that the Province had at the beginning of the year a surplus of \$4,334,241.

A division was then taken on the amendment, which was lost, the vote being as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baskerville, Brereton, Broder, Carnegie, Clancy, Creighton, Denison, Ermatinger, Fell, Gray, Hammell, Kerns, Kerr, Lees, McGhee, McKay, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morris, Preston, Robillard, Roe, Ross (Cornwall), White, Wilmot—26.

NAYS.—Messrs. Awrey, Badgerow, Baxter, Bishop, Caldwell, Clarke (Toronto), Dowling, Dryden, Ferris, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Gould, Graham, Hagar, Harcourt, Hardy, Hart, Laidlaw, Lyon, McCraney, McKenzie, McKim, McLaughlin, McMahon, Morin, Mowat, Murray, O'Connor, Pardee, Phelps, Rayside, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Waters, Widdineld—33.

Mr. ROSS (Huron) moved the first reading of a bill embodying the resolutions which were carried, and the bill was afterwards read a third time without opposition.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

On motion of Mr. ROSS (Huron) the House received and concurred in the report of the Committee of Supply. It was understood that the supplementary estimates would be brought down on Monday.

THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

Mr. MEREDITH asked whether it was true that the Hon. David Mills, a member of the House of Commons, had been retained by the Province in reference to the boundary award dispute. He (Mr. Meredith) had understood that Mr. Hodgins, Master in Chancery, had also been retained by the Government.

Mr. MOWAT explained that when the Hon. Mr. Mills was retained he was not a member of the House of Commons, but he thought Mr. Mills was one of the best men who could be got for the service. Mr. Hodgins' work would not interfere with his duties at Osgoode Hall. He was the most competent man to make the investigation into certain clues which had been found.

The House adjourned at 1:30 p.m. till 3 p.m. on Monday.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

WILKINSON AND THE REGISTRARSHIP.

Mr. BLAKE—Was any promise or assurance given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for or might have the Registrarship at Calgary? Was any promise or assurance given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for or might have the Registrarship at Edmonton? If so, by whom and when? Will the Government lay on the table forthwith any correspondence or papers on the subject of either office? Is any such promise or assurance still in force? If not, at what date and by whom was it cancelled or withdrawn?

Sir JOHN MACDONALD—No promise or assurance was given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for or might have the Registrarship at Calgary. A promise was more than a year ago given to Mr. John A. Wilkinson that when the Registrar should be appointed at Edmonton he would be recommended for the appointment. The promise was given in the first place by myself and repeated by my successor. There is no correspondence on the subject of either office, except a letter to Mr. John A. Wilkinson which has appeared in the papers. As to the question whether any such promise or assurance is still in force I do not think it would be proper to answer that question. No such promise has been cancelled or withdrawn.

WILKINSON'S GOVERNMENT WORK.

Mr. BLAKE—What sums of money, at what dates, and for what services, were received by J. A. Wilkinson in respect of the census.

Mr. McLELAN—On May 2nd, 1882, for services \$50; July 5th, \$75; July 5th, travelling expenses \$75; total, \$200.

Mr. BLAKE—For what services?

Mr. McLELAN—Investigations respecting industrial establishments. (Laughter.)

C. P. R. FLOATING DEBT.