

represented hitherto. During the whole time this Government has been in office it has been well represented, and I am sure its representation could not possibly be improved. I am sure that I should like to have the support of two members from Hamilton, and I know that the present member for that place is confident that if an additional member were granted it would lead to two Reformers being returned. We have been acting in this measure on non-political grounds, and we have acted with respect to giving additional members just as we have acted in respect to not interfering with county boundaries. After pointing out that Hamilton would not be entitled to two members, he concluded by remarking that he should be compelled to oppose the amendment.

The amendment was lost on the same division as the last, with the exception that Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) and Mr. Awrey voted in favour of the amendment.

#### THE SERIES RESUMED.

Mr. Preston—Dealing with the division of Leeds and Grenville, and protesting against the reduction of the eastern section of the Province. Lost on Mr. White's division, except that Mr. French voted instead of Mr. Morris, the latter having paired with the Hon. C. F. Fraser.

Mr. Metcalfe—That the portion of the Bill relating to Kingston be struck out. Lost on the same division, with Mr. Metcalfe's name changed for Mr. French.

Mr. Wood—Dealing with the county of Huron, proposing to add the village of Blythe to the east riding. Lost on the same division with Mr. Wood's name substituted for Mr. Metcalfe's.

Mr. Broder—That the Nipissing District be added to Algoma East. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Clancy—Attaching North Hope to South Perth. Lost on the same division.

Mr. French—Taking Logan and North-East Hope from North Perth and adding them to the South Riding. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Carnegie—To strike out so much of the Bill as provides for the new division of the County of Victoria. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Creighton—Proposing a new division of Grey. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Meredith—General amendment striking out all the changes in the Bill except those relating to Algoma, Muskoka, and Parry Sound, and the part giving an additional member to Bruce. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Meredith—Condemning the alteration made in the Election Act to qualify Mr. Dowling. Lost on the same division.

Mr. Kerns—That the franchise be given to all school teachers, clergymen, and volunteers.

Hon. C. F. FRASER said it would be altogether too late in the session to provide the necessary machinery for this change, even if it were necessary, but the hon. gentleman could not be serious when he included school teachers, because there was not a school teacher who would not have a vote. There was not one of them twenty-one years of age who did not earn the \$250 which would qualify him to vote as a wage-earner. Then as to the clergymen, every one of these was at least a householder. As for the volunteers, he did not know a case in which they would not come under one or other of the classes, except some of the University students who were away from home.

The amendment was lost on a division.  
Hon. C. F. FRASER moved that the measure be entitled a Bill to amend the Act relating to the franchise and the representation of the people.  
The Bill then passed its third reading.

#### THIRD READINGS.

Hon. C. F. Fraser—To further amend the Assessment Law.

Hon. C. F. Fraser—To further amend the Voters' Lists Act.

Mr. MacKenzie—To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act, 1883.

#### NEW ELECTIONS.

Hon. O. MOWAT moved—That before the ordinary period of the next session of the Legislature five members are to be elected to this House, viz: one for each of the following Electoral Divisions:—East Kent, East Simcoe, Lennox, Algoma East, and Algoma West: that it is expedient, and in accordance with the policy of the law, as applied to a general election, for the said five elections to take place on the same day; that Mr. Speaker is therefore respectfully requested to issue the writs for the said elections at such times, and to take such other steps as may serve to secure, so far as practicable, the holding of all the said elections on such day before the fifteenth day of July next as may appear to be most convenient to the electors. Carried.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Hon. O. MOWAT presented a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting the following supplementary estimates:—

Civil Government	\$ 107 00
Legislation	300 00
Miscellaneous Criminal and Civil Justice	5,435 00
Education	9,010 00
Maintenance of Public Institutions	11,505 00
Agriculture and Arts	5,075 00
Experimental Farm	3,500 00
Maintenance and Repairs of Government and Departmental Buildings	2,650 00
Public Buildings	27,305 00
Public Works	9,750 00
Colonization Roads	5,500 00
Charges on Crown Lands	2,090 00

Refunds	10,000 00
Miscellaneous	24,646 50
	\$116,784 50

Expenses of Legislation, Public Institutions Maintenance, and for salaries of the officers of Government and the Civil Service for the month of January, 1886..... \$ 30,000 00

Mr. MEREDITH, on the item Miscellaneous, \$24,646, moved that the item of \$10,000 as a contribution towards the cost and expenses of litigation re Provincial Rights in the Rivers and Streams Bill be struck out.

The amendment was lost on the same division the last.

#### THE CENTRAL PRISON.

Hon. O. MOWAT stated that the Government had decided to have an investigation in regard to the management of the Central Prison. So far as the information of the Government goes there was no foundation for the rumours at all, but at the same time, as the rumours have been given currency to a large extent, they thought it best to have an investigation. Mr. Massie himself had expressed a great desire to have the investigation.

Mr. MEREDITH asked who would conduct the investigation.

Hon. O. MOWAT—We shall try to get one of the judges.

Mr. MEREDITH—It will not be before the departmental officers.

Hon. O. MOWAT—No, it will be before one of the judges.

Mr. MEREDITH hoped that the prisoners and guards would be allowed to give their evidence without any restraint, and expressed himself as satisfied that an investigation had been ordered.

#### BILLS REPORTED.

The House went into Committee and reported the following Bills:—

To make further provision regarding the public health. The Bill was amended, providing that the Local Boards may not take action interfering with property of the value of \$2,000 without an order of the Superior Court.

Respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors.

Respecting sawmills on the Ottawa River.

To promote the detection of crime.

On motion of Hon. O. MOWAT, the order respecting the Bill for the amendment of the law relating to the estates of deceased persons was discharged.

The following Bills were read the second time and passed through Committee:—

Respecting convictions.

To amend the Acts respecting joint stock companies.

For the preservation of the natural scenery about Niagara Falls.

The following Bills were read the third time:—

The Municipal Act, 1885.

Respecting police magistrates in counties.

#### WAYS AND MEANS.

On motion of Hon. A. M. ROSS, the House went into Committee of Ways and Means, and passed the Supply Bill—\$2,937,882 31.

The House adjourned at 3:25 a.m.

#### SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Speaker took the chair at 11 o'clock.

#### REPORT.

Mr. BAXTER presented the fifth report of the Printing Committee.

#### THIRD READINGS.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—To amend the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act.

Mr. Ross (Huron)—To make further provision regarding the Public Health.

Hon. O. Mowat—Respecting Sawmills on the Ottawa River.

Hon. O. Mowat—To promote the Detection of Crimes.

Hon. O. Mowat—Respecting appeals from Summary Convictions.

Hon. O. Mowat—To amend the Acts respecting Joint Stock Companies.

Hon. O. Mowat—For the preservation of the Natural Scenery about Niagara Falls.

#### ASSIGNMENTS.

The order for the third reading of the Bill respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. O. MOWAT moved two amendments, in effect that a debtor may, with consent of his creditors, make an assignment to a person other than the sheriff; also one providing that in case a creditor holds securities he shall value them, and only rank for the difference between the value of the securities and the amount of the debt.

The amendments were carried and concurred in and the Bill read a third time.

#### THE SUPPLY BILL.

Hon. A. M. ROSS moved the first reading of the Bill granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the expenses of Government during 1885. Carried.

Mr. MEREDITH—I hope that the hon. gentlemen will not go and spend \$2,000,000 more than the Bill entitles them to.

Hon. O. MOWAT—I am sure the hon. gentleman's hope is more likely to be realized than many he has had during the past two years.

#### THE CLOSING SCENE.

Mr. MEREDITH congratulated the House on the fact that many Bills had been passed which would be of eminent service to the Province, regretted the legislation in regard to redistribution, and that the Franchise Bill did not give manhood suffrage, and was pleased that the Government had assumed a more peaceful attitude to the Ottawa authorities.

Hon. O. MOWAT—I deny that there is anything whatever iniquitous in the Redistribution Bill. There is not in that measure a single clause which is not in accordance with the sound principles laid down as governing us; there is not a single change which has been made which cannot be justified and defended on non-political grounds; and, as I have pointed out at other times, we have carefully avoided that infamous thing which the friends of hon. gentlemen opposite did—cutting up municipalities and disregarding cutting lines. While Sir John Macdonald laid down the principle that county boundaries should not be cut up, a principle which was accepted by all parties as just, in order to gain a party advantage it was utterly and avowedly disregarded, and no pretence made except to gain party advantage. We have broken no rule; violated no principle whatever, but if the changes made in the interests of the country prove to be advantageous to the Reform party I shall be glad of it. The hon. gentleman alluded to manhood suffrage. His course is entirely different from his party in this respect. I never heard before of a Conservative pretending even to be in favour of manhood suffrage, but the hon. gentleman has prevailed upon his followers in this House to side with him in this matter. Reference has also been made to the troubles we have had with the Dominion Government. He says we are admitting now that we have been wrong in asking the House at various times to pass the resolutions regarding the rights of the Province. We don't admit any such a thing. The resolutions are all right—right in spirit and right in all other respects, and if the same exigencies occurred we would ask the House to pass similar resolutions again. We have had questions with the Dominion Government on a variety of matters besides those on which we asked the House to pass the resolutions, and we did not introduce resolutions on those subjects because the cases did not require them. But on those subjects, for their course on which the Dominion Government deserve blame, we have not been afraid to uphold the rights of the Province. In regard to the boundary dispute their course was very objectionable, and we introduced the resolutions in order that the House might express its views upon that subject. We hold that in the policy we pursued, which was the subject of resolutions, and in that which was not the subject of resolutions, was all right, and I may say that the policy which we have adopted and acted upon, which he blames and pretends to say we have abandoned, is the policy which has met with the approval of the country.

The House adjourned at 12:15 to 2 p.m. Monday, when the Lieut.-Governor will prorogue the House.

## ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

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### PROROGATION CEREMONIES.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor prorogued the Ontario Legislature at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The occasion did not bring out so many citizens as is usually the case, the excitement over the departure of the Volunteers and the disagreeable weather which prevailed both militated against the attendance.

Among the ladies and gentlemen present were:—Hon. and Mrs. A. M. Ross and Miss Ross, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dill, Bruce-bridge; Toronto; and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Wroxeter; Mrs. James Whyte, and Miss Whyte, Heensburgh, Scotland; Rev. Father Laurent, and Sheriff Jarvis.

As His Honour left Government House a detachment of the Toronto Field Battery under command of Captain Wilson fired a royal salute on Wellington-street. The escort comprised about fifty of the Lieutenant-Governor's Body Guard commanded by Col. Demson. A guard of honour was formed by one hundred and twenty-five men from the Queen's Own Rifles. This detachment took up a position in front of the Parliament Buildings under the command of Capt. Sankey. The Queen's Own Band played the "National Anthem" on the arrival and again on the departure of His Honour.

At three o'clock His Honour proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, and took his seat on the Throne.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills that had passed, severally as follows:—

An Act to incorporate the city of Stratford, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Act intitled "An Act to incorporate the Long Point Company."

An Act to consolidate the debenture debt of the town of Durham.