

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Sixth Parliament --- First Session.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

MONDAY, March 14.

Hon. A. S. HARDY presented a report on Mechanics' Institutes and Art schools.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were read the first time:

Respecting Building Societies—Mr. Leys.

To amend the Consolidated Municipal Act—Mr. Kerns.

To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act—Mr. Ferguson.

Respecting Land Surveyors and the survey of lands—Mr. Pardee.

DUES ON PINE TREES.

Mr. MARTER moved for an order of the House for a return showing what application has been made for payments out of the consolidated revenue, under the provisions of sec. 4, cap. 4, 43 Vic., in respect of the dues of the pine trees. Also showing what is the aggregate sum which, up to the first day of March last, the patentees of lands subject to the provisions of the Act, are entitled to receive out of the dues collected on pine trees cut after date of their patents.

Mr. MEREDITH—When will that be brought down?

Hon. Mr. PARDEE—As soon as possible. I may explain that no money has been received yet. The Act did not come into force until 1885, and the returns for 1886 are not yet in.

FREE GRANTS AND HOMESTEADS.

Mr. MARTER moved for copies of all regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the Act to amend the Free Grants and Homesteads Act, 43 Vic., cap. 4. Carried.

ESTIMATES FOR 1887.

The following estimates of expenditure for the financial year ending 31st December, 1887, were then submitted:—

SERVICES.	TO BE VOTED.		
	For current Expenditure	On Capital Account.	For other Purposes.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Civil Government.	190,165 00		
Legislation	119,200 00		

Administration of Justice.....	370,965 75		
Education	574,384 00		
Public Institutions & maintenance.....	660,456 21		
Immigration	16,900 00		
Agriculture	137,736 00		
Hospitals and Charities	105,709 56		
Maintenance and repairs of Government and Department's buildings.....	56,580 00		
Public Buildings..			
(1) Repairs.....	23,846 00		
(2) Capital acct.....		229,664 11	
Public Works.....			
(1) Repairs.....	22,000 00		
(2) Capital acct.....		34,561 00	
Colonisation Roads.....		109,550 00	
Charges on Crown Lands.....	96,900 00		
Refund account.....			23,998 28
Statute consolid'n.	33,650 00		
Miscellaneous expenditure.....	124,442 50		
Unforeseen and unprovided.....	50,000 00		
Total.....	2,582,935 02	373,775 11	23,998 28
1. Current Expenditure for 1887.....			2,582,935 02
2. On Capital Account.....			373,775 11
3. Other purposes.....			23,998 28
Amount of Estimates.....			2,980,708 41

The House adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Sprague—On Wednesday next, Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Biggar—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

The following notices of motion were given on Friday:—

Mr. McMahon—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend section 13 of cap. 161, R.S.O. relating to insurance.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Fraser—That a special committee be appointed to consider and inquire into the operation of "The Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, 1886," and that said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Hardy—Bill to amend the Ditches and Water Courses Act.

Mr. Meredith—Order of the House—For a return showing as to each vacancy which has occurred since 1st January, 1884, in the office of Sheriff, Registrar of Deeds or County Crown Attorney.

(1) When the vacancy occurred.

(2) How it was created.

(3) When it was filled.

(4) By whom it was filled, and showing also which of such vacancies still remain unfilled.

Also—Order of the House—For a return showing (1) the agreement entered into between the Province and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Kingston for the use of the building known as Regiopolis College. (2) The amount expended for repairs and improvements made at the expense of the Province on the said building.

Mr. Creighton—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House it is unjust to other classes of the community who are taxed on their incomes, that the salaries of officials holding office under the Government of Canada should be exempt from municipal taxation; that the constitutional right to tax such salaries for municipal purposes is a subject of such importance that an authoritative decision thereon should be had from the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council; and the matter being one of general interest throughout the Province, and in which no municipality is exclusively interested, steps ought to be taken by the Government of Ontario for obtaining such a decision.