

must be either from the organs of the party or from the utterances of its representatives. Nobody would deny that The Mail had raised the No Popery cry. The Mail was the organ of the Tory party, specially recognised by a convention of that party, and it continued so until it was seen that the No Popery cry was doing the party more harm than good. The No Popery cry was raised most assiduously during the whole campaign in Haldimand. The leader of the Opposition at length repudiated the cry, but repudiated it very gently. His election address on this point was so ambiguous that The Mail, which raised the No Popery cry, declared that it was quite satisfied with Mr. Meredith's declaration. (Cheers and laughter.)

Mr. MEREDITH—What is the No Popery cry?

Hon. O. MOWAT said that if his hon. friend was so innocent as not to know what the No Popery cry was, he utterly despaired of giving him any light upon it. (Laughter.) His hon. friend had referred to

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION,

and he found himself unable to defend the position of his friends at Ottawa on that subject. His hon. friend, however, claimed great credit because our rights there were no longer disputed. Why, they had no power to dispute it; the Privy Council had settled that question. The Dominion Government were to blame because they still refused to obtain Imperial legislation, ratifying the judgment of the Privy Council. They were to blame, too, because they refused to relinquish their claim to the timber lands and

minerals of the disputed territory, although the Courts had decided against them, and although nearly every other Province in the Dominion owned lands in the same position, and were allowed to deal with the minerals, lands and timber as they pleased. Then his hon. friend had referred to

THE FACTORY ACT.

The Dominion Government had for a long time claimed the right to pass a Factory Act, and it was for this reason that he advised that the putting into force of the Act should be postponed until the issue of a proclamation. He desired to have the matter settled in a friendly way. Mr. Thompson, the Dominion Minister of Justice, had asked him (Mr. Mowat) what reasons he had for doubting the validity of the Act. His reply was, "It is not I, but your own colleagues, who have taken that ground." He had proposed to Mr. Thompson that the Dominion Government should say publicly that they did not dispute the validity of the Act. That was refused. He had proposed that the matter should be settled in the courts in a friendly way, and that was refused. There were several other matters to which the leader of the Opposition had referred, which he would deal with at a later period of the session. The fact was that the No Popery cry was the only point on which the Government had been attacked during the elections. On nine-tenths of the platforms that was the cry they had to meet. The electors had said that the Government was right, and that his hon. friend opposite was wrong, and he believed the present session would tend still more clearly to show that the people had decided rightly. (Cheers.)

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

EVENING SESSION.

After Recess,

The resolutions proposed were carried and the Address based upon them presented and carried after the usual form.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he believed it was customary at the last session of the incumbency of a Lieutenant-Governor that the

Address should be presented by the whole House. He moved a resolution that this course should be followed and directing the members of Council to ascertain at what time his Honor would receive the Address.

This resolution was carried and the House adjourned at 3 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Waters—On Friday next—Bill to make the provisions of the Ditches and Water Courses Act applicable to the road beds and lands of railway companies.

Also—On Friday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act. Also—On Friday next—Bill to enable married women (who have the same qualification as male voters) to vote for members of municipal councils.

Also—On Friday next—Bill to enable widows, unmarried, and married women (who have the same qualification as male voters) to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly.

Also—On Friday next—Resolution, That in the opinion of this House, the time has come when Upper Canada College should be abolished, as the instruction given in said college can be obtained in any well-conducted High School in the Province; and that all the real estate belonging to the Endowment Fund, with the block of land upon which the college buildings are erected, together with all investments and the interest thereon accrued or accruing, cash in banks, and all other assets, shall belong to the Province; and any future disposition of said property, investments and cash, or other assets, shall be subject to the approval of this House.

Mr. Creighton—On Friday next—Address for a return giving copies of all advertisements inviting tenders for the erection of the proposed Legislative and Departmental Buildings, or any portion of the work connected therewith; copies of specifications on which tenders were invited; copies of all tenders received, whether in accordance with specifications or otherwise; and copies of all contracts which have been let for any portion of the said works, or materials to be furnished in connection therewith.

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COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. FRASER presented the report of the committee to strike standing committees. The report was adopted, thus constituting the following committees:—

RAILWAYS.

Allan, Armstrong, Awrey, Balfour, Ballantyne, Biggar, Bishop, Blezard, Blythe, Bronson, Chisholm, Chamberlain, E. F. Clarke, H. E. Clarke, Clarke (Wellington), Craig, Connee, Cruess, Drury, Dryden, Evanturel, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Freeman, Guthrie, Garson, Gilmour, Hammell, Hilliard, Ingram, Leys, Mack, Marter, Meacham, Miller, McKay, Nairn, Ostrom, Robillard, Stewart, Stratton, Tooley, Willoughby, Wylie, Wilmot, Wood (Hastings), Wood (Brant).

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

The Attorney-General, Messrs. Armstrong, Ballantyne, Blezard, Chamberlain, H. E. Clarke (Toronto), Connee, Craig, Creighton, Cruess, Dack, Dryden, Evanturel, Fraser, French, Gibson (Hamilton).