

is in the opinion of this House expedient, and this House recommends that for the purpose there be appointed a Royal Commission to be entrusted with such inquiry during the recess between the present session and the next session of this Legislature." (Applause.)

Mr. OSTROM urged that a school of practical science be established in Kingston, in order that tuition might be given in mineralogy.

Mr. O'CONNOR agreed in the importance of the teaching of mineralogy. It had been admitted on both sides of the House that the mines had not been developed to the same extent in Canada as across the border. One reason for this was the lack of capital. A silver mine required a gold mine to work it, and in this country we had not the gold mines. But the great reason was the want of a market. It would be the duty of the Royal Commission to find out where our market was. At present, on account of the prohibitive tariff of the United States, we had no market for our copper and iron. The Commissioner of Public Works had stated that there is, under license and otherwise in the Province of Ontario, sixty-nine thousand million feet of lumber. The American duty on lumber was \$2 per thousand. The taking off of that duty would, assuming the Commissioner's figures to be correct, mean an addition of \$138,000,000 to the wealth of Ontario.

Mr. CREIGHTON said that the amendment ignored the timber interest, and he therefore moved that these words be added to it:—"That the other subject to which the motion relates be referred to the said proposed committee, with the names of Messrs. McLaughlin, Nairn, O'Connor, Gibson (Huron), Ross (Huron) and Nairn added."

Mr. CONMEE doubted whether either a committee or a Royal Commission would advance the interests of the timber industry of this Province to any greater extent than it had been advanced by the Government. He approved of the amendment moved by the Commissioner of Public Works, and believed it was far more practical than the proposal of the leader of the Opposition. He had no doubt that one of the means which the Royal Commission would recommend for developing the mines would be the construction of railways and that the Government would grant assistance to that end. Mining interests would also be greatly promoted by the establishment of practical reducing works to test the ore.

Mr. BLYTHE said that the new districts of Ontario were unfit for settlement.

Mr. ARMSTRONG denied this statement so far as Parry Sound district was concerned. He approved of the proposal of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. MARTER supported Mr. Creighton's amendment.

Mr. MURRAY said that there was no need to make a regulation to prevent the cutting of timber under 13 inches, because it did not pay the lumberman to cut that class of timber.

Mr. H. E. CLARKE moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House adjourned at 12.10 a. m.

### COMMITTEES.

The following committees meet to-day:—

Butter and Cheese.....	10 a. m.
Sub (Ditches, etc).....	9 a. m.
Mortgages.....	2 p. m.
Game.....	10 a. m.
Inspection of Boilers.....	10 a. m.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middlesex)—Resolution—That this House concurs in a certain Order in Council, bearing date the 7th day of March, authorising the expenditure by the trustees of the University of Toronto of the sum of \$30,000 out of the permanent funds of the said university for the erection of a suitable building for the Science Department.

Mr. INGRAM—on Thursday next—For an order of the House for a return of copies of all documents, correspondence and Orders in Council relative to the investigation and dismissal of Mr. Archibald McIntyre, license inspector for East Elgin.