

Mr. Henry Barr (North Renfrew) was presented by Mr. Hardy and Mr. Loughrin. Both members took their seats, Mr. Hart sitting with Mr. Glendining, and Mr. Barr with Mr. Campbell (Durham).

IN SUPPLY.

The House then went into Committee of Supply, Mr. Awrey in the chair. The items of \$18,300 for the Attorney-General's department and of \$21,145 salaries for the Treasury Department were adopted without discussion. On the item of \$1,750 for the salary of the Provincial inspector of licenses, the discussion on the increased remuneration of \$350 given Mr. Stewart over his predecessor was revived by Dr. Bush.

Mr. Harcourt again spoke of the fitness of Mr. Stewart for the office to which he was appointed. All the papers of the country had spoken well of Mr. Stewart, and he read the highly complimentary resolution adopted by the Ottawa City Council when Mr. Stewart resigned his seat at that board. The salary was not too large. The duties were onerous, and could not be equally well discharged by every one. They called for special fitness, and it was essential that the holder of the office should be fully in sympathy with the license measures adopted by the Province.

Mr. Meredith—What are his duties?

Mr. Harcourt—The hon. member was not in his seat last week when this matter was discussed, or he would have learned what those duties were. (Applause and laughter.)

Mr. Harcourt, proceeding, explained that the duty of the inspector was to inspect the inspectors, so to speak. He would be required to visit every inspector throughout the Province, to examine the books and to ascertain from his visits whether the inspectors were trying conscientiously to do their duty.

Dr. Bush paid a compliment to Mr. Stewart as a man of ability and popularity with the temperance element.

Mr. Preston complained of the increase having been given from the start without any excuse of length of services. This was contrary to the principles laid down in the past.

Mr. McMahon said he considered the increase was too much. Even if the gentleman possessed all the qualifications mentioned by the hon. Treasurer, a salary of \$1,600 would, in his opinion, have been sufficient. Mr. Stewart, he said, must be very peculiarly qualified for the office since he got it unsought and was granted a large increase over the previous holder of the office.

Mr. Rayside defended the increase, and said the appointment was a most acceptable one to the temperance people of the eastern counties. The item was then adopted.

On the item of \$1,800, one year's salary of the late clerk of the House, Col. Gillmor, Mr. Balfour asked what this was for.

Mr. Meredith hoped that the House would never be niggardly or mean towards any of its servants. Col. Gillmor had been clerk of the House from Confederation, and he was sure every one would say he had been a courteous official and the conduct of his office was creditable. He would defend the grant before the country or anywhere. It would be a great shame if his services were not recognised.

Mr. Hardy said that if Col. Gillmor had lived a few months longer he would have been entitled to a large retiring allowance. It was found after his death that there were some liabilities on the estate and that he was not so well off as supposed. In fact, when the encumbrances on his real estate were cleared off there would be little left.

Mr. Meredith said that apparently it was not the practice for the assistant clerk to succeed to the position, but he wished to call attention to the fact that the salary of the present assistant clerk (Mr. Sydere) had remained at the same figure for several years. He suggested that the House should see the propriety of a reasonable increase.

Mr. Mowat said the Government would consider the suggestion regarding Mr. Sydere. As for the late Col. Gillmor, although he was a Conservative, and politi-

cally a friend of the gentlemen on the other side of the House, no one could be more faithful in the discharge of his duties. He had as much confidence in Col. Gillmor as he would have in his own brother. The item was then adopted.

On the item of \$398,720 for administration of justice, Mr. Meredith expressed a belief that there should only be one taxing officer, instead of two as at present. He thought there was considerable anomaly under the present system, and he suggested that the Attorney-General should take this into consideration.

Mr. Mowat said he was always disposed to favor fusion in the courts as in every other department of administration. He would consider the question, with a view to removing any anomalies of the kind mentioned.

In reply to a question by Mr. Meredith as to the course of the Government with reference to officials of the Province giving all their time to the duties of their offices, Mr. Mowat stated that this was the principle adopted, but in some few cases the fees were not sufficient to warrant the Government in asking that an officer should abandon entirely his former employment. The item was then adopted. The committee made good progress with the estimates, having also adopted the items of \$19,635 for the Provincial Secretary's department, \$11,750 for public institutions, \$12,000 for miscellaneous matters and \$124,000 for legislation. The House adjourned at 5.40.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS PETITIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN.

Among the petitions presented was one by Mr. Waters from the Society of Friends in the following terms:—

A memorial of Canada half-yearly meeting of the religious Society of Friends, adopted in semi-annual session held at Newmarket ninth month, 28th, 1891. To the honorable the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled. Your memorialists humbly sheweth:—

That whereas women are required to render the same unflinching obedience and passive submission to all the laws of the land required of men, being subjected to the same penalties in case of violation, called upon to bear the same burdens of taxation, both direct and indirect, and expected to uphold by precept and example the rapidly advancing moral status of the country, induced by legislative enactment as well as by progressive sentiment; your memorialists deem it only equitable and fair that a class so important, having such a direct interest in the country's welfare, contributing so directly to the country's wellbeing, and sharing so equally in the country's burdens, should be in a position to exert a more direct influence in the law making bodies of the land than has hitherto been accorded them.

Therefore your memorialists humbly pray for the passage of an act extending the elective franchise to all citizens on the same conditions, without regard to sex.

And as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed by direction and on behalf of Canada half-yearly meeting of Friends.

CHARLES WILSON, clerk.
Newmarket, second month, 19th, 1892.

THE SPEAKER'S GUESTS.

The following members of the Legislature were invited to dine with the Speaker this evening:—Messrs. W. B. Wood, A. Bishop, A. Robillard, A. Evanturel, J. Rayside, J. Connee, K. Chisholm, E. W. B. Snider, T. Blezard, J. Waters, W. Mack, E. C. Carpenter, G. McKechnie, W. A. Charlton, W. P. Hudson, W. W. Meacham, D. McColl, W. McCleary, Thos. Magwood, H. T. Godwin, O. Bush, N. McLenaghan, J. Rorke, Dr. J. McKay, J. D. Moore, W. H. Biggar and J. Cleland.

THE CHICAGO EXHIBITION.

Mr. William Saunders, director of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who has been appointed commissioner to represent the Dominion at the Columbia Exhibition, Chicago, waited upon Mr. Hardy to-day to discuss arrangements for making a suitable exhibit of the timber and mineral resources of the Province. The Dominion Government has promised free transportation to exhibitors. The Ontario Government has placed \$15,000 in the estimates to assist exhibitors.