

calf, the diseased pig and the unfortunate ram Dan had done much to bring discredit upon the agricultural interests of the Province. As a representative of one of the newly-settled constituencies he expressed hearty approval of the mining laws and Crown lands regulations. Referring to the attempts made to defeat him, he indulged in some good-humored badinage at the expense of Col. Matheson, who invaded Algoma and made eight speeches, the result being that for each speech the hon. gentleman made his (Mr. Farwell's) majority increased by 100 votes.

"How many did you have?" inquired Mr. Matheson.

"I can give you a thousand votes and then I'll beat you by two to one," was the retort, amid cheers of the Government supporters. Continuing, Mr. Farwell challenged the Opposition to show that a single dollar of the money voted for colonization roads has been improperly expended. He congratulated the Government upon the wise regulations which require logs to be manufactured in the Province. As an illustration of the beneficial results of these regulations he instanced the case of an American firm which in former years have cut millions upon millions of feet of logs and floated them across to their mills in Michigan, and they had been hopeful while the Washington negotiations were proceeding that some compromise might be arranged by which they might export their logs. But now that that hope is almost entirely gone he had not the slightest doubt that mills will be erected on the Georgian Bay or Lake Huron, and the work that was formerly done in Michigan will be done by Canadians. (Cheers.) He expressed pleasure that the hon. member for West Simcoe had endorsed the regulation prohibiting the exportation of logs, and was also favorable to compelling the manufacture of spruce logs into pulp in the Province. Respecting the assertion that to prohibit the exportation of pulpwood would be an injury to the settler, he had been informed by Mr. Clergue, Manager of the large pulp mill at Sault Ste. Marie, that he would be prepared to enter into a bond to give as much for every cord that is cut between Port Arthur and Sudbury as any American firm will give. He was assured that the House and the people would give the Government hearty support in a policy which would secure

for our workmen the employment to be obtained in manufacturing pulpwood into pulp. While Canadians wanted to be friendly with their cousins to the south, they wanted to demonstrate to them that they are able to stand upon their feet, and that, while willing to meet upon principles of equity and fair play, they are able to work out their own destiny and build up commercial interests equal in importance to theirs, if not so great. In conclusion he advocated a liberal policy in the encouragement of railway construction for the purpose of opening up and developing the millions of acres of fine agricultural land which await settlers in northern Ontario.

Mr. McLaughlin Recites Poetry.

Mr. McLaughlin (Con., Stormont), congratulated the Government on only having one Minister without portfolio, whereas at the last session they had two Ministers without seats. He lapsed into poetry in speaking of the Ministerial bye-elections. The poetry dealt with a man with a very red nose, a friend of Mr. McLaughlin's: "It was only a brandy blossom, upon his face so fair; but, oh, what money it cost him, to paint that blossom there!" (Laughter.) "And, oh, what money it cost them to get those two seats there," added Mr. McLaughlin, with very dramatic effect. He was highly amused by the speech of the Provincial Treasurer, and he told the House why. Then he criticized the management of the agricultural farm at Guelph, but he would not criticize the administration of the college proper. In dealing with Mr. Ross' educational policy Mr. McLaughlin triumphantly asserted that if there was one thing more than another which had helped to elect him it was that policy. The Opposition applauded, but the entire House laughed when Mr. Ross remarked, with a quiet smile, that Mr. McLaughlin could not have stated it accurately. Mr. McLaughlin went on to find fault with an item of \$79 14 of unauthorized expenditure, and accounted for Mr. Conmee's skirmishing in his recent speech by the fact that he served in the 8th New York Cavalry under Major-General Custer. The Government, he said, should immediately take the House and the people into its confidence and tell them what they proposed to tax to meet the decreased revenue.

Mr. McLaughlin had the floor when the House adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Powell will on Wednesday next ask for copies of all communications which have passed between the Dominion Government and the Government of Ontario in reference to the abduction of an Ontario man named Meagher by a customs officer of the United States.

Mr. Dryden will on Monday next introduce a bill amending the electric railway act.

Mr. Fox will on Monday next ask for copies of correspondence with reference to the appointment of a Police Magistrate of Lindsay and the salary to be paid him.

Mr. McLaughlin will on Wednesday next inquire of the Ministry to whom, when and at what price certain lots in the Township of Marmora were sold, whether gold was discovered on any of these lots and by whom, and did one Mr. Miller report on the discovery of gold on any of said lots, by whom the discovery was made, and what was the date of his report?

Private Bills Committee.

Mayor William Sutton and G. W. Wells, Q.C., appeared before the Private Bills Committee yesterday morning in support of the bill to consolidate the debt of the town of Simcoe. There is a debenture debt of \$35,000, composed of the following amounts:—Aid to woollen mills, \$6,000; school debentures (2 series), \$9,000; Port Dover & Lake Huron