

before the House, Dr. Nesbitt was in order. The difficulty was overcome by Mr. St. John moving the adjournment.

Mr. Pettypiece, armed with Crown lands literature, continued the debate until "time" was called by Dr. Nesbitt. He asserted that Dr. Nesbitt did not care whether the islands were sold, leased or given away. Dr. Nesbitt rising to a point of order, Mr. Pettypiece corrected himself. "The hon. gentleman does care; perhaps he would like to have the Crown lands disposed of, as they were by the Dominion Government some years ago, at \$5 per acre."

Messrs. S. Clarke, Rickard and Thompson also spoke.

The Speaker put the question: "Moved that the House do now adjourn," at 5.50, there being no dissent.

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## SCHOOL TAXES DIVISION

### LEADS TO A DISPUTE IN STURGEON FALLS.

#### Private Bills Committee Passed the Separate School Trustees' Bill to Enforce an Agreement—Dental Students.

Scant attention was paid by the Private Bills Committee to the opponents of the bill of the separate school trustees of Sturgeon Falls with regard to the division of taxes received from the pulp company there. The town gave a bonus of \$7,000 to the company and it was agreed in 1898 that the Public School Board should pay the Separate School Board one-half of the school taxes on the premises of the company up to an assessed value of \$40,000 during the currency of the debentures issued for the bonus. At that time the assessment for the two schools was about equal and the agreement was considered equitable, but now the Protestant assessment is about five-sixths of the whole. The Public School Board never carried out the agreement and the separate school trustees asked for an act to confirm and carry out the intent of the agreement. Mr. H. H. Dewart, K.C., appeared for the separate and Mr. J. S. Corley for the public schools.

"The opposition to this bill is an act of bad faith," said Hon. Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Corley read a very strongly-worded petition from the Public School Board. The petition charged that the separate school trustees had threatened to block the bonus to the pulp company unless they received half the taxes, and said that the public school trustees, knowing that the agreement would be ultra vires, ratified it, "being disposed to fight diplomacy with diplomacy."

The committee became impatient, and Hon. Mr. Harcourt pointed out that the town council, which represented all the ratepayers, was not represented before the committee.

The bill then went through without opposition.

The bill to direct the Royal College of Dental Surgeons to admit John Henry Gorman of Ottawa as a student in his final year, was adopted, despite a protest from Dr. Willmott, Dean of the college.

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