

civil rights, than the Government that has the power to punish crime. This is one of the functions of reformatories in dealing with persons who have not committed any crime. This is the view taken by the Local Legislature of Ontario, and those measures which the hon. member for South Huron (Mr. Cameron) has referred to, have been considered by that Legislature during the past Session. I would call the attention of the Minister of Justice to the measure entitled, "An Act respecting the Ontario Reformatory for Boys," which was enacted during the past Session. This provision of the Ontario law is taken from the law relating to Industrial Schools, of the State of Wisconsin; so that the Ontario Legislature and Government have legislated under the powers possessed by them relating to the personal liberty of the various citizens of the Province.

Bill ordered to be reported.

House resumed.

(In the House.)

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

#### GOVERNMENT BILLS.

##### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read the third time and passed:

Bill (No. 91) Respecting Dorchester Penitentiary.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

Bill (No. 92) To continue for a limited time the Better Prevention of Crime Act, 1878.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

Bill (No. 99) Respecting the Reformatory for Juvenile Offenders, in Prince Edward Island.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

Bill (No. 100) Respecting the Industrial Refuge for Girls of Ontario.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

Bill (No. 103) To amend the Act, intituled an Act respecting Offences against the Person, and to repeal the Act intituled an Act to provide that persons charged with Common Assault shall be competent as Witnesses.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

#### THE HULL FIRE—RELIEF GRANTED.

##### MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

MR. SPEAKER read the Message, and it is as follows:—

"LORNE.

"The Governor-General transmits to the House of Commons a copy of an approved Report of the Privy Council, recommending that an application be made to Parliament for a vote for the sum of \$7,000, for the immediate relief of the sufferers by the destructive fire which yesterday, consumed a large part of the City of Hull, and rendered some 4,000 people houseless.

"GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

"OTTAWA, 22nd April, 1880."

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: By the unanimous consent of the House, and only by unanimous consent could I do so, I ask for a Committee to consider this Message from His Excellency.

Motion agreed to.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message.

(In the Committee.)

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: As we were all spectators of the awful sight yesterday, I need not dilate upon it. I believe that 4,000 people, if not more, are left houseless and homeless by the disastrous conflagration yesterday at Hull. Upwards of 400 houses were destroyed, and these houses were occupied, in most cases, by more than one family, so that, in fact, some 800 residences were destroyed. The people thus rendered homeless are all hands employed about the mills of the Chaudiere, and the works of that kind around. In this city and at Hull, a great amount of sympathy will be felt, and no doubt here, and from various parts of the country, substantial aid by private charity will be forthcoming; but it is a matter which brooks no delay, and it is thought that we could not do better than adopt a Resolution to carry out the suggestion of His Excellency for affording relief to the sufferers by this awful accident. I move:

"Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty the sum of \$7,000 for the immediate relief of the sufferers by the destructive fire, which on the 21st instant, consumed a large part of the City of Hull."

MR. MACKENZIE: I am sure we shall all concur very heartily in the proposition made by His Excellency in the usual way. The fire was all the worse, because the population are of the poorer class. Of all the fires that have taken place in Canada, of which there have been a great many, this was, indeed, one in