

Toronto, Monday, Feb. 5th.
The House only sat a short time to-day, no business of much public importance coming up for consideration.

Mr. Blaks stated in reply to Mr. Poirer that the Government did not intend during the present session to introduce a measure amending the Assessment Law.

Thursday, Feb. 8.

After routine business Mr. R. Scott moved that the House do pass the following resolution, *Resolved*, in recognition of the whole to consider the following resolutions:—

1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should have authority to reduce the price of unsold Crown lands sold previously to 1st July, 1871, to such price as shall be found that such lands have been sold at prices beyond their fair value, and that such prices remain unpaid; and also to make such abatement as may appear equitable and just to the owners of interest on the unpaid instalments of the purchase money of any common school lands sold by the Crown previously to 1st July, 1871.

2. That such reductions and abatements be made only in respect of lands proportion to the share or interest in such Province in such lands, and in price thereof, and also not in any case to raise or to affect the share or interest of Quebec in such lands or the price thereof.

3. That such reduction or abatement should be effected by payment of the Consolidated Revenue by the amount thereof so the particular titleholder, on his paying the full amount of the purchase money and interest.

4. That before any such reduction or abatement be made, the land in respect of which such reduction or abatement proposed is in arrears of interest and taxes, or any or more inspectors or valuers, appointed for that purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

5. That such reduction and abatement should be confined to cases in which the purchaser from the Crown is the person claiming under him, in the occupation of the land, and is in arrears thereof, or on land adjacent thereto.

6. That it is expedient to provide

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by an order in Council, confer on the Commissioner of Crown Lands authority to make such reductions or abatements as aforesaid, subject to the provisions of these resolutions, and subject to such provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the provisions hereinbefore embodied in any Order in Council.

He would postpone any observations on the subject until the house went into committee on Thursday.

Mr. Blake said he had been directed by His Excellency to recommend the resolutions to the consideration of the House.

The Railway appropriation bill had then read a third time and was considered the other Bills which were considered to-day was the Independence of Parliament act. Mr. Blake moved the amendment the 3rd clause by adding words "But the Executive Council shall not at any time consist of more than members." Mr. Cameron rose to further amendments as follows. "The case any member of the Legislative Assembly hereafter becomes a member of the Executive Council, his election shall be void and his seat vacated." The object of the amendment was—that his Excellency might appoint more than six advisers, but the act of the country should be governed by five executive officers as before; that any member of this House who came an Executive Councilor should vacate his seat. This was regarded as a most just action. The words "shall be void" were inserted in Mr. Blake's motion, after which the amendment was proposed by Mr. Blake was carried. In reply to a question by Mr. Clarke of Wellington respecting erection of new counties, Mr. I. said that the attention of the Administration had been directed to this important question involved in the inquiry not merely by circumstances known everybody, but by applications from the public and villages in the north coast (it appeared to the Administration premature to take action at the present inasmuch as the formation of the railways was developing in many

stances new centres. Therefore the
ministration did not intend to
any action this session.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.
Mr. Wood (Victoria), in moving
leave to introduce a Bill entitled
"Act to amend the Assessment Act,"
said that the same had first been
read at the last Assessment Law
a general improvement on the former
on the subject in many points, but
very unsatisfactory in a number of
assessments were made in the
session, when the snow was deep
ground, and the assessors went out
with no intention and no possibility
inspecting the land or the farms, as
the assessment was taken a mere copy
the proceeding document. They
frequently found that farms varied
from \$500 to \$1,000, and in some
cases the same farm was now taxed
the law worked very bad, and it
often found on sale, that the same
valued at \$300 would sell for \$400,
other land assessed at the amount
not fetch \$100. No person places
slightest value upon the assessments
now made. The intention of this
was to make the assessment val-
not only as between man and man,
but of reference. He proposed
that the assessment would take place
the same manner, interviewing with
and villages—between the 1st April
and 1st May; that the report at
be made on the 1st July, and if an
order be made to the collector,
decision before the 15th August.
Bill would not interfere with the
when the rolls would be placed
collectors' hands. If the Bill were
a second time, he proposed to send
for a committee; and if it should
proposed to allow it to stand over
the Government should have any ty-
ing of bringing in a measure for
general amendment of the Assess-
ment Law, he would be satisfied. (C)

Leave was granted, and the Bill
first time.

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