

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

Motions for the following Returns were severally agreed to:—

Statement showing for the time elapsed since the period covered by the Order of the House of Commons of last Session with reference to the Superannuation Fund: 1. The number of persons on the list for the year as entitled to the benefit of the Act; 2. The number superannuated during the year under the Act; 3. The number retired during the year on a gratuity under the Act; 4. The total amount paid into the fund from the beginning by those who were during the year superannuated, or retired on a gratuity; distinguishing between those whose superannuation was caused by the abolition of office, those who were superannuated otherwise, and those who retired on a gratuity; 5. The numbers of persons on the list for the year who died in the service; and 6. The total amount paid into the fund from the beginning by those who during the year died in the service.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of judgments of the Supreme Court of Canada, not already brought down, on the question of the legislative power with reference to the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and of the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of Hodge against the Queen on the same subject, and of the shorthand writer's notes of the proceedings before the Committee, and of any correspondence in connection with the case; and also, for copies of the shorthand writer's notes of the proceedings before the Committee in the case of Russell and the Queen.—(Mr. Blake)

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 4:05 o'clock, p.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 25th January, 1884.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORT.

The following Report was laid on the Table:—

Report of Minister of Railways and Canals.—(Sir Charles Tupper.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 14) to amalgamate the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto and the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.—(Mr. Beaty.)

Bill (No. 15) to limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Appeal.—(Mr. Landry, Montmagny.)

Bill (No. 16) for the declaration of titles to land and to facilitate its transfer in the Territories of Canada.—(Mr. McCarthy.)

MANITOBA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved that this House do, on Tuesday, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide that the Governor in Council may authorize the advance, to the Province of Manitoba, in aid of the Public Schools therein, of the sum of \$10,000, the advance whereof, in the fiscal year 1880-81, was authorized by the Act 41 Vic., Chap. 13, and a further

sum not exceeding \$30,000, being \$15,000 for each of the fiscal years 1881-82 and 1882-83; the said sums to be advanced out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and to be repaid thereto with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, out of the first proceeds of the sales of "School Lands" in the said Province under the Dominion Lands Act, 1883.

Motion agreed to.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. BOWELL, in moving to add the names of Messrs. Foster and Royal to the Select Committee for the supervision of the Official Reports of the Debates of this House, said: My attention has been called to the fact that it would be better to have another gentleman representing the French language upon the Committee, and also one from the Maritime Provinces; and looking through the list of members of the House, we thought the two members suggested would be, perhaps, as eligible as any others for the position. I suppose the House will have no particular objection to this motion.

Mr. BLAKE. This Committee, which is a House Committee, to discharge duties which are important, and may become delicate, with respect to the publication of the debates, has been, I believe, always, and I know certainly is to-day, composed of proportions which, as is proper, give the Ministerial side of the House a majority, but in the proportion of five to four. The hon. gentleman now proposes that these proportions should be changed to seven to four. I think that is objectionable for many reasons. It would be very much better to allow the proportions to remain as at present, and the hon. gentleman might, at least, have adopted the name of another member from this side of the House. I, therefore, suggest that the name of an hon. member from this side of the House be substituted for one of the two names proposed—I do not object to the names otherwise—in order to keep the majority as it is, and the two sides of the House as nearly as possible on an equality.

Mr. BOWELL. I did not hear the hon. gentleman suggest any name. There can be no possible objection to adding another name to the list, but I think the two names I have suggested should be placed on the Committee. If the hon. gentleman thinks his side of the House will not be sufficiently protected, there can be no objection whatever to adding another name.

Mr. BLAKE. The addition of another name, when the hon. member is proposing two additional names, will not retain the proportion. That is the reason I proposed a substitution instead of an addition.

Mr. BOWELL. If the hon. gentleman will reflect, he will remember that the representation of his side of the House on that Committee is much greater than on any other Committee of the House.

Mr. BLAKE. Certainly, and for obvious reasons.

Mr. BOWELL. I frankly confess I thought nothing of that matter. I suggested two names as being those of members who should represent the House on the Committee. If the hon. member will suggest a name I will move that it be added; but I do not feel inclined to withdraw either of the names I have suggested.

Mr. BLAKE. I suggest the name of Mr. Innes.

Mr. BOWELL. A very good name; and I move the addition of the name of Mr. Innes to the names mentioned in the motion.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

GOLD MINING IN THE N. W. T.

Mr. LISTER enquired, Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to