

it would serve the purposes of the Province for years. He would suggest before the final passage of the Bill that it should be amended in such a way as to provide that this money should be expended in building school houses, and should not be devoted to any other purpose.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS asked whether it was the intention of the Government to sell any of those school lands.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Not at present.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS said he was glad to hear it. These lands would be a magnificent endowment for the schools of that Province if they were preserved, but if they were sold now they would be sacrificed. The ground taken by the hon. Senator from Manitoba was the correct one, that the Government should not divest itself of those lands, but should keep them for school purposes. The hon. Senator had stated a tax on wild lands had been appropriated for school purposes—what amount would that yield?

Hon. Mr. GIRARD could not say exactly, but his opinion was the tax would give five or six thousand dollars. There was also an appropriation of \$7,000. If it should once become known that there was this addition to the funds of the Province, the provision made by the Local Government might take another course, and after three years they might have to provide again for the fund. He thought it important that the Bill should be amended as he had suggested.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS thought the suggestion was very appropriate. He was quite willing that Manitoba should receive assistance, but, at the same time, he thought the House should be careful not to induce the local authorities to pursue a course which would be inimical to their own interests and not serviceable to the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said this legislation was at the instance of the Local Government, and the money was to be advanced out of the revenue that would ultimately be appropriated for school purposes. They wanted either the land or the money.

Hon. Mr. Girard.

This Government thought it would not be well to give the land when it would be sacrificed, and therefore an advance of money was made, and it was charged against the lands.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD approved of the Government holding the land at present: his objection was to applying the capital to the maintenance of schools, and, therefore, he suggested that the Bill be amended to provide that the money be devoted to the building of school houses.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said it would be quite impossible for the Dominion Government or Parliament to control the expenditure of the money. It was advanced at the ordinary rate—five per cent—and would be recouped to the Federal Exchequer whenever school lands were sold. He assumed that the money would be devoted strictly to school purposes.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—My hon. friend must take the Bill as it is or not at all.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FIRST READINGS.

The following Bills from the House of Commons were read the first time.

Bill for the Better Prevention of Crimes of Violence in certain parts of Canada.

Bill to amend the Act 37 Victoria, Cap. 8, intituled "An Act to impose License Duties on Compounder of Spirits; to amend the Acts respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of food, drink, and drugs."

The House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

The SPEAKER took the chair at eight o'clock p.m.

After Routine proceedings.