

Mr. Richards remarked that the Speaker's question had not been answered.

Hon. Mr. Howlan—Well, we were thinking of adding 3 per cent to the present *advalorem*, and charging all the free goods at the same rate.

Hon. Mr. Pope—And doubling the land tax.

Hon. Mr. Owen—And clapping 1½ per cent., on the exports.

Hon. Mr. Strong—Hold! that will do.

Mr. H. Beer—The proposed increase would amount to a very large sum every year.

Dr. Robertson—Then there are no returns at all expected from the Road. I understood it was to clear, at least, half the yearly interest.

Hon. Mr. Haviland—Let us have peace.

Hon. Mr. Pope—And a dissolution.

Hon. Mr. McEachen was not afraid of his own constituents.

Hon. Mr. Howlan—It was cowardice that made some hon. members oppose a Railroad for the good of the country.

Hon. Mr. Yeo—The individual who has just sat down had better look the Attorney General in the face, and think of last session, before he questioned any gentleman's courage. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. A. A. McDonald—Let us have peace; there is no necessity to break up the party.

Mr. Richards—I am afraid the country is asked to undertake too much at once. The road should be built in sections, as our means will admit.

Mr. Munro—Beginning of course, at Georgetown.

Hon. Mr. Pope—The Government are opposed to that plan, and the wants of the farmers are so urgent that the work cannot be delayed.

Hon. Mr. Strong would rather digest an iron rail than go for the scheme of taxation proposed by the government. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. Howlan—I'll quit politics and rejoin my regiment.

Hon. Mr. Brecker—Don't.

Mr. Lefurgy—Positively, gentlemen, you spent the whole day doing nothing—when will you get through the business at this rate.

Hon. Mr. Davies did not like to see the government so pressing on an important question that was not before the country when they were elected. It looked bad, and tended to alarm the people.

Hon. Mr. Pope—Hush! there's Currie coming. Is the sentry at his post?

Hon. Mr. Bell—George, you may as well drop it, like a hot potato, for this session. It's more up-hill work than Kelly's election.

(Adjourned in confusion.)

ON DIR that one of the best precautions against fire, is the piling of ashes against wooden walls. *Vide* Steam Engine House, Grafton Street.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ENQUIRER.—We cannot say whether any Sleeper contracts had been entered into by the friends of the Government before the Railway scheme fizzled. Reports are probably exaggerated, but there has no doubt been a good deal of *lobbying* done.

P. O. HARE, Esq., J. P. Stands over until our next issue.

VOX POPULI.—Your letter is certainly very severe. We have no space for it to-day, and we are not quite sure that we ought to publish it at all. Gross negligence on the part of public officers should be first reported to the government, and failing satisfaction, then the press becomes a legitimate tribunal wherein to apply for redress. We shall probably write a general article on the School Visitorship, and bear your points in mind. We cannot agree with you, however, that £150 is a "handsome salary" for the work to be done, and the qualifications required for the office.

POLL CLERK.—You are right. The decision, in our judgment, is an unwarranted imputation on the character of an honest mechanic, but Parliamentary majorities do many things which private individuals would scorn to attempt. Party conscience is very elastic.

DEBTOR.—To an honest man, a just debt is never out of date. Only rogues take advantage of the six years' statute.

LEXICOGRAPHER—In type, but crowded out. Will appear next issue.

OBITUARY.

Died, or fizzled out, at Township No. 11, (for the want of formation), after a lingering illness of eighteen months, the Lot 11 Commissioners' Court, much regretted by a few friends and relatives. We deeply sympathize with the Commissioners in their sad bereavement. Let it rip. [pd.]

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