

COMMITTEE ON EXEMPTIONS.

Thursday, Feb. 14. This Committee met this morning. They were present Messrs. Ferris, Clark, Hardy, Bell, Galloway, Hay, Hays, Wills, O'Donoghue, Deacon, McArthur, and Mr. Maughan were also present on behalf of the petition from the City Council.

Mr. ROBINSON moved that the House be asked to reduce the number of the members of the Committee to nine. Mr. Deacon seconded the motion. Mr. MAUGHAN was extremely sorry to hear that a deputation from the City of Toronto had waited upon the Committee the day before, and asked for an extension of time.

Mr. O'DONOGHUE pointed out that there was a petition from the City of Toronto very often taken to the House. Mr. MAUGHAN said that if a certificate were produced that these goods had been already assessed they ought of course to be exempted.

Mr. HAY said that this was a subject which had been discussed in the House on several occasions. Mr. MAUGHAN said that the subject of the exemption of goods from the duty of importation was a subject which had been discussed in the House on several occasions.

IMMIGRATION IN 1877.

Table with columns for Country, Number of Immigrants, and other statistics for 1877. Includes entries for Great Britain, Ireland, India, etc.

The Public Accounts.

The great totals of the Public Accounts, which were laid before the House on Monday last, show that the total receipts for 1877-78 amounted to \$2,009,274. The total disbursements for the same period were \$2,009,274.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Lord Coleridge and Mr. Justice Lopes have given judgment in the case of the Attorney-General v. The Proprietors of the Daily News, Standard, and Morning Advertiser newspapers.

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It appears that shortly after midnight a wagon containing four men entered the village from the north and proceeded in the direction of Thornhill. A crowd of young men and boys were standing on the street, and peered the occupants with curiosity as the wagon passed by.

The wagon stopped and two of the men jumped out and ran back. The crowd scattered in every direction, but one of the parties attacked a young man named Wm. Horan, who was standing by but had not taken part, as he stood in the snowbank, while the other struck at George Keith, a companion of Horan. The latter took place in front of Riley's blacksmith shop and did not last over five minutes.

The two men closed upon each other and began to fight. The crowd gathered round them and they were separated when they were both lying on the ground. The man who had been struck was taken to the hospital.

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CANADIAN.

The Reform party are to boast of the multitude of able men within the fold. It is half the members of the present Government are "old Tories" of the present Government.

Mr. McLeod, member for Kings, N.B., has been in Ottawa, a couple of days, but has not attempted to take his seat, having disapproved of the present Government. He is a member of the Government, and his constituency remains disaffected.

We hear that the *Asses*, the new political weekly, is meeting with good success in Hamilton. The cartoonists which the way are drawn by a Hamilton artist, are excellently well done, and are a true reflection of the present Government.

A Battleford correspondent writes from Winnipeg that Governor Laird has issued a proclamation restricting the cutting of timber within twenty miles of the town, which has given great dissatisfaction. Several have been fined already, and others are preparing to leave the town.

In the Queen's Bench a fine of two thousand dollars has been imposed on the Hamilton Railway Co. for obstructing the railway for a distance of one mile, and for obstructing a nuisance by obstructing the railway for a distance of one mile.

It is said that the Crown Land agency in Ontario, together with the office of the Stipendiary Magistrate, by Mr. C. W. Loant, is to be given to Mr. White, a member of the Ontario bar, who is a wood-ranger, but lately he has been in the employment of Mr. H. H. Cook.

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