

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD asked whether the Government intends to give the Province of *Manitoba*, a law regulating weights and measures, or to extend to that Province same laws and provisions on the subject of weights and measures as are in force in other parts of the Dominion, and to appoint Inspectors of weights and measures there.

Mr. CAMPBELL replied that it is not the intention of the Government to establish the same laws in *Manitoba* during the present Session, but they hoped to establish a perfect and uniform system for the whole Dominion when the next Session meets.

## POSTAL FACILITIES.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD again made the following enquiry and urged the attention of the Government to the subject which is of much importance to the Province he represents, where there is considerable difficulty found to transmit money, especially in small sums:—Whether the Government intends to complete the organization of the Postal System in *Manitoba*, by establishing therein a Money Order Office or Money Order Offices and a Savings Bank Office or Saving's Banks Offices, such as are established in the other parts of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that the Government had every disposition to meet the wants of the people of *Manitoba* in every particular, and would pay attention to the postal requirements of that Province at the earliest date possible.

## PUBLIC LANDS.

The House then went into Committee on Bill respecting Public Lands.—Hon. Mr. HAMILTON in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD said in French that he naturally felt great interest in the measure, affecting as it did the people of his own Province. He had looked carefully over the Bill and had no objection to many of its details, but there were certain features which he did not approve of and which he thought required modification and amendment. He proceeded at some length to state his objections, and read some amendments which, whilst they did not affect the principle, materially affected the details of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST proposed that the hon. member have his amendments printed, so that the House might be in a position to undersand their actual tendency.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS agreed to go on with those clauses to which there was no particular or valid objection.

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE said the Bill in respect to homestead principle was really more liberal than the American law.

In answer to an objection raised by Mr. Girard to the 18th clause respecting those Townships reserved to Indians, Hon. Mr. AIKINS explained that when the Hudson's Bay Company transferred their rights, they were entitled to receive 5 per cent. of the lands of the Territory. The Company adhered to the right, and the Government had no option in the matter.

Clause 22 respecting Educational endowment having been read,

Hon. Mr. BUREAU proposed an amendment dividing the lands among all religious denominations for separate school purposes, in proportion to their number.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS explained that such a provision could not properly be incorporated with the present Bill which simply set apart the lands as an endowment for purposes of education

Hon. Mr. BUREAU agreed to defer his amendment until another stage in the proceedings, stating that he wished to have lands in question disposed of according to certain principles.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD suggested that the land should be under control of Trustees or School Commissioners of sections where they may be, who would keep them for education, but would not have authority to dispose of them except through an order in Council.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS explained that such provision was superfluous in present Bill.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST thought the means of assisting Education should be entrusted to the Local Government.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS said, that it rested with the Parliament hereafter to say what shall be done with the lands.

In reply to Hon. Mr. SANBORN,

Hon. Mr. AIKINS stated that one dollar per acre, would be about the same as that fixed to land in *Minnesota*; the Government thought that the price would deter persons from buying for mere speculative purposes.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN hoped, when village lots were laid out in accordance with clause 31, care would be taken to reserve space for market places, cemeteries &c.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

## AFTER RECESS.

The House again went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD, in reference to the 31st clause, thought the upset price