

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Fifth Parliament—First Session.

By special telegraph from our own correspondent.
Toronto, Feb. 27.—The Speaker took the chair at 3 p.m.

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The following Bills were read a third time:
To further amend the Act incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston in each diocese—Mr. Fraser.
To authorize the township of Colchester South to borrow certain moneys—Mr. Baird.

To amend the Act to incorporate Knox College—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).
Respecting the Sherbrooke in the Diocese of Toronto—Mr. Clarke (Toronto).

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Mr. French—Whether it is the intention of the Government to issue a proclamation compelling into force the Creditors' Relief Act of 1883, which was intended to provide for the equal distribution of judgment on insolvent debtors' estates? Has the Attorney-General yet decided whether the provisions of said Act or any of them are ultra vires of this Legislature? Does the Government propose any legislation to amend the provisions of cap. 118, sec. 1, R. S. O., which prevents confession of judgment in cases whereby collusion or other act of debtor or creditor procures fraudulent or special judgment to the prejudice of other creditors?

Mr. Nowat in answer to the first question, said it was not the intention. In regard to the second he said he had no power to decide, as the Act was passed with the understanding that the Federal Parliament would pass a similar Act, and it had not done so. The third question had not been considered.

Mr. Brecken—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this session tending to control the spread of contagious diseases among herds?

Mr. A. M. Ross said notice had been given of a Bill to cover the question.
Mr. O'Connor—Whether in the statement of accounts furnished by the Dominion Government credit has been given the Province of Ontario for any money due said Province upon account of the land improvement fund upon Crown lands, and whether there is a prospect of speedy payment of said money?

Mr. A. M. Ross—No; but payment is expected soon.

Mr. Merrick—Whether James Cornell is or has been, since 1882, in the employment, temporary or otherwise, of the Province, and if so, in what capacity and for what remuneration?

Mr. Pardee—He has not.

Mr. Broder—Whether any instructions have been given by the Department of Education as to the use of any of the text books known as Royal Readers in Normal or Model schools, and if so, when such instructions were given? Whether any report or recommendation was asked for or received from the principals of such schools or either of them with reference to the Royal Readers, and if so, from or by which of them? Whether it has previously been the practice of the Department of Education to give instructions as to text books to be used in Normal or Model Schools?

Mr. G. W. Ross said instructions had been given on the 25th July last. No report had been received, and it is the duty of the Department by the Statute to prescribe text books.

Mr. Kern—Who is the Matron of the Ontario Reformatory for Boys? When was she appointed to the position? Has she performed the duties, and if so, during what period, and when? What salary is she receiving, and from what date has it been paid?

Mr. Hardy—Mrs. Fitzpatrick was engaged in January, 1883, at \$400 per year. When the appointment was made no residence for a Matron could be secured near the institution, and last month a cottage was completed and furnished. Hitherto the Matron has been becoming acquainted with the nature of her new duties.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS, ETC.

Mr. French—Return of copies of all correspondence and memorials respecting the appointments of police magistrates in the villages of Merrickville and Cardinal; copies of all correspondence between the head of the municipality of the town of Prescott or any member of the Council thereof, or of any other person, with the Attorney-General or any member of the Government, relating in anywise to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Prescott, and petitions, resolutions, memorials or other papers forwarded the Government or any member thereof relating to said appointment either prior to or since said appointment was made, with dates of each communication respectively.

In the discussion which followed it was ascertained that the Government had been guilty of a mean piece of partisanship.
Motion carried.

Mr. Brecken—Return of all correspondence and papers in connection with refusal to grant license to Mr. Bradley, of the Lambert Hotel, Port Hope.
Mr. Hardy said the correspondence he had promised to bring down was complete.

Motion carried.
Mr. O'Leigh—For copies of all correspondence between the Government of Ontario, or any member thereof, and the Government of the Dominion, or any other thereof, respecting any claim for arrears or annuities due Indians, or the Dominion on behalf of Indians, under treaties for relinquishing of territorial rights on the shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, known as the Robinson Treaties.
Mr. Nowat said a settlement of the dispute was necessary before the matter could be decided.

Much discussion was indulged in over the motion, which was carried.
Mr. Backhouse—Copies of any agreement made by the Government of Ontario, or any member or officer thereof, with Major Gaskill, acting on behalf of the Irish Immigration Commissioners, and Mr. Hodgkins, on behalf of the Irish Immigration Commission, in connection with the summer of 1883, a portion of which immigrants are now in Toronto, with full information as to the character of such agreement and of the obligations thereby assumed by the Government of Ontario, or if such agreement

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