

representation in the Senate by allowing the High School masters to elect one additional representative, thus giving them two instead of one. It also proposed to give more power to the Convocation of the University, as requested by that body; also to enlarge the constituency electing representatives of head masters of the High Schools. As the law at present stood, only the head masters had a right to elect representatives. He proposed to extend the privilege to every High School teacher.

March 15

#### COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) moved the ratification of the order-in-Council relating to Collegiate Institutes. He said that he had amended the order-in-Council in one or two particulars. He had made a few verbal alterations, and had withdrawn the clause requiring \$4,500 as the minimum of aggregate salaries to be paid in the institutes. (Hear hear). He did not, however, wish to be misunderstood as receding from the position he had taken. They were now in a transition state, and perhaps it would be well to postpone action until another year. The regulation would apply on and after January 1st 1885.

The motion was carried.

March 17.

#### TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) moved for a return of copies of all communications between the Senate of the University of Toronto and the Government, on the subject of further State aid to the university.

Hon. Mr. Morris suggested that the words "or the authorities of any other university, or any other person," be added to the motion but on explanation by the Minister of Education that there was no other communication upon the subject, except that of the Senate, Mr. Morris withdrew his suggestion.

March 18.

#### SUPPLY.

The House went into Committee of Supply and passed the following items:—Public and Separate Schools, \$240,000; schools in new and poor townships, \$20,000; inspectors of Public and Separate Schools, \$37,427; High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, \$84,500.

Mr. Meredith said he thought that the order-in-Council making the distribution of the grant to High Schools should be brought down to the House for ratification.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) said that would be an innovation. Of course if the Legislature declared that these orders must be submitted the change would be made.

The following items passed:—Inspection

of High Schools and Normal Schools, \$5,600; training of Public School teachers, \$64,673; departmental examinations, \$8,148; Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, \$21,601; Normal School, Ottawa, \$19,011; Educational depository, &c., \$7,531; School of Practical Science, \$5,375; miscellaneous, \$2,540; superannuated Public and High School teachers, \$52,000.

March 20.

#### PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting Public, Separate, and High Schools.

He explained that the bill provided that non-residents may require school tax to be appropriated to a Separate School, and that Separate School Boards might enter into an agreement with the municipalities, by which the Separate School Board should receive an immediate sum in lieu of the Separate School rate.

The bill was read a second time.

It was subsequently read a third time and passed.

March 20.

#### THE PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting Toronto University. He said he had already explained the leading features of the measure when introducing it, and he intended in committee to move a sub-section, giving the University authorities the power to confer the honorary degree of LL.D.

Mr. Meredith said he hoped that the Minister would also make provision whereby the public school teachers of the province could be represented in the Senate.

Mr. Ross said he had not considered that question, and would not promise to take any action on it.

The bill was read a second time, and was subsequently passed with a clause inserted providing for the conferring of the degree of LL.D. *honoris causa*.

March, 21.

#### ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL

Mr. Meredith moved—That in the opinion of this House all orders-in-Council determining or altering the basis for the distribution of the Legislative grant in aid of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools ought, before becoming operative, to be submitted to and ratified by the vote of this House. The House, he thought, had not that efficient control over the disbursements which it ought to have.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) asked the hon. gentleman to let the motion stand. Perhaps the present basis was not the best which