

Mr. SMITH.—Now, whilst apologizing for the use of unparliamentary language, the Attorney General makes use of another expression equally offensive. He must know that some words are just as offensive as some games, and he has been blowing off a good deal of it of the most offensive character. But I am not afraid to meet him to discuss the questions at issue between us, nor to leave the verdict for the decision of the people.

BILLS, ETC.

Hon. Mr. McCLELLAN moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to Great Roads. Leave granted, and Bill read a first time.

Mr. LINDSAY moved the House into Committee on a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Woodstock Bank.

Mr. BECKWITH in the Chair.

Mr. LINDSAY explained that this Bill was to amend the Act so as to extend the time for the paying of the capital stock from two to four years.

Mr. SMITH did not intend to oppose the passage of the Bill, but he thought before Bills of this description passed the Attorney General should have explained to the House. Low enough, if any, of the Imperial Act of Union was now in force, Banking matters being one of the powers which pass from our hands into that of the General Government.

The Bill was agreed to.

Mr. McINERNEY moved the House into Committee on a Bill to establish an additional polling place in the Parish of Carleton, in the County of Kent.

Mr. LINDSAY in the Chair.

Mr. CAIRNS was surprised to hear of such a Bill. It was a matter touching the Parish in which he resided, and he had never heard one word mentioned on the subject by any one of his people. He thought that progress should be reported, so as to give him time to write to his friends, and see if they were desirous such a step should be taken. No Petition came in support of the Bill, and he had strong doubts whether the people were acquainted that such a Bill was to come before the House.

Mr. McINERNEY said the Bill was introduced at the request of the people of Point Stupart. In that place there was forty five voters. The distance to the nearest polling place at Kouchibouguac was twenty miles, and the roads were very bad. The people were all poor, and one and all had, requested him to get a polling place established in their vicinity. Under these circumstances he thought the privilege should be accorded to them.

Mr. CAIRNS said it would have been very easy for his colleague to have made him acquainted with the wishes of the people on the subject especially should he have

done so, as it affected matters in his own Parish, and he should move that progress be reported with power to sit again, to enable him to obtain information on the subject.

Progress was reported.

Mr. BEVERIDGE moved the House into Committee on a Bill to provide an additional polling place in the Parish of Grand Falls, in the County of Victoria.

Mr. HABBIE in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to without discussion.

REPRESENTATION OF CARLETON COUNTY.

Mr. LINDSAY moved the House into Committee on a Bill to increase the representation of the County of Carleton.

Mr. BOTSFORD in the Chair.

Mr. SKINNER.—I should like to hear from the hon. members from the County of Carleton, on the Bill; first from the hon. member of the Government. It is generally conceded that these two hon. members are about equal to three ordinary members in their ability to get privileges for their County, and if one were put in the Senate and the other went to Ottawa to represent Carleton in the House of Commons, and the County have three members in this House, I think that would hardly be dealing fairly with the County down below.

Mr. LINDSAY.—I can give my humble opinion as to the requirements of the County, but whether I can convince my hon. friend from Saint John of the necessity of this Bill is another matter. I think I would be in favor of requesting the representation of all the

Counties, and if the Government does not introduce such a measure, I may do so myself before the Session closes. (Hear, hear.) At the present time, however, I think I can show to hon. members that Carleton County is deserving of an additional representation in this House, when compared with the representation from other Counties. I am much obliged to the hon. member from Saint John for the compliment he has paid my colleague and myself as to our abilities as representatives. The section of the County I represent is not a support like Saint John, but a district inhabited by hard working agriculturists, and this interest I think is worthy to be represented on the floor of this House. If the hon. member from Saint John would pay us a visit I should be pleased to take him out to Johnville, where he will find a thrifty and industrious people, settled in a part of the country which a few years ago was all wilderness; people who, instead of loafing about the corners of streets in Saint John, have gone up there, built houses and cleared up farms for themselves, and are now happy and comfortable. If we look at the representation of

Carleton as compared with other Counties, we shall find that Carleton has one representative to 8,187 of its population, while in Restigouche they have one to every 2,437, and in Saint John one to 8,155 inhabitants. I believe, however, in making up the representation we should not include the population of the large cities.

Mr. SKINNER.—Why not?

Mr. LINDSAY.—Population is a good basis, but should not embrace the large cities, because there they have a large floating population.

Mr. SKINNER.—What does that mean? Seamen?

Mr. LINDSAY.—I don't know whether my hon. friend was elected by such, but however much he may be inclined to make fun, I will let him know that

"Thrice he is armed, that hath his quarrel just."

and therefore he had better keep quiet till I have done speaking. The representation in Westmorland is one to every 7,000, which is fairer than it is in Carleton. In Gloucester they have one member for every 7,539, in Kent one for every 9,227, and in King's one for every 7,761. These Counties should all have a larger representation. In Charlotte they have one for every 5,117, and in Northumberland one for every 4,700. This is not a fair representation surely. Carleton has not only large agricultural interests, but it is, without doubt, destined to become a large mining district. I am informed that gold has been found there by a gentleman returned from California.

Mr. BEVERIDGE.—That was in Victoria.

Mr. LINDSAY.—I don't care where it was, even if it was in the far North, for we have both Copper and Iron besides. I believe it is the duty of every man to be faithful to the interests of the people he represents, and I am satisfied that when the next census is taken the County of Carleton will have a larger population than some Counties that now have four representatives. Carleton increased in population seventy nine and a half per cent in the ten years preceding the last census, at which time the population was 16,373, and the increase is so great that they should have five representatives at the present rate at the end of the next ten years.

Mr. SKINNER.—The soil is better up there than it is with us.

Mr. LINDSAY.—The hon. member had better stand on his feet when he speaks; he is not so large that he need retain his seat. I think, Mr. Chairman, I have said sufficient to show that in justice we should have three representatives instead of two, as now.

Mr. HABBIE.—I was in the amused at