

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Summary of the week.

The following petitions were presented: Mr. McCraney—From the Kent County Council and the town of Dresden, praying for the extension of the charter, for one year, of the Erie & Huron Railway Company; also from Thomas Brown and others, praying for an amendment to the game laws; also from the town of Dresden, praying for an amendment to the Municipal Institutions Act.

Mr. Rose—From the county of Hastings, for power to be given to County Councils to regulate the width of tires upon all vehicles conveying heavy loads upon the free gravel roads of their respective counties.

Mr. Robertson—From the County Council of Halton, respecting power of incorporated villages of reuniting with adjoining municipalities.

Mr. Freeman—From the Municipal Council of Waterford, in favor of manhood suffrage.

Mr. Freeman—From A. Woodley and others, praying for manhood suffrage.

Mr. Robertson—From the County Council of Halton, praying that division lines may be exempt from the operations of the Real Property Limitation Act.

Mr. Near—From John Scholfield and others, praying that the Act to extend the limits of Port Colborne may not pass; also of the County Council of Welland, praying for amendments to the Act respecting market fees.

Mr. Hardy—From the County Council of Brant for certain amendments to the Voters' Lists Act respecting appeals.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

Mr. Robinson—For amendment to the Act making further provisions for drainage works.

Mr. Baskerville—Amendment to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Deroche—An Act respecting the Napanee & Quebec Railway Company.

Mr. Gibson—An Act to amalgamate the Standard Fire Insurance Co. and the Alliance Insurance Co. as the Standard Insurance Co.

Mr. Chisholm—An Act to incorporate the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada.

Mr. Meredith—An Act respecting the City Gas Company of London, and the London Gaslight Company.

Mr. Dryden—An Act to change the name of the Canadian Literary Institute to Woodstock College.

Mr. French—An Act to amend the Liquor License Act.

Mr. Fraser—An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston, in Canada, in each diocese.

The Attorney-General presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting the Estimates for 1883.

On motion of Mr. Wood the Estimates were referred to Committee of Supply.

The Bill authorizing the cities, towns and villages to provide gas and other means of lighting and heating was passed through committee without amendment.

The House went into committee on the general Bill to authorize the construction of street railways.

Mr. French moved for a return respecting market fees.

The motion was carried.

Mr. French—On Thursday next—in view of the Act passed, 44 Vic., chap. 25, sec. 35, whereby it is enacted: "No municipality shall make any sale, assignment or lease of its market fees for a period longer than April 1st, 1882, unless, and until hereafter empowered so to do by this Legislature." It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to enable municipalities to lease, assign, or make sale of the right to collect market fees?

Mr. Lyon—An Act to incorporate the Thruer Bay Colonization Railway.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—An Act to incorporate the Institute of Accountants.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—An Act to amend the Married Women's Property Act.

Mr. Meredith—An Act to authorize the city of London to borrow \$200,000 and issue debentures therefor.

Also an Act respecting certain aid to the London Junction Railway Company.

Mr. Hardy brought down a copy of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's Commission, and instruction since issued to him.

Mr. Hardy brought down returns of harmless patients confined in each of the lunatic asylums; also returns of number of bills in Chancery.

Mr. Broder—An Act to incorporate the Cornwall Junction Railway Co.

Mr. Fraser—An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ottawa.

Mr. Masters—An Act to incorporate the Berlin & Waterloo Street Railway Company.

Also—An Act respecting the Waterloo, Wellington & Georgian Bay Railway Company.

Mr. Field—An Act respecting Victoria College, Cobourg.

Mr. McCraney—An Act respecting the debt of the city of Hamilton.

Mr. Mowat introduced an Act respecting the solemnization of marriages. In explanation of this he said there was a certain Church called the Disciples of Christ, who had no ministers, clergy or persons they called by those names, and they were in doubt how the present Act applied to them. This Act would relieve that doubt.

Mr. Robertson (Halton) moved for a return showing the number of lunatics committed to the jails in each county of the Province during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882.

Mr. Ferris moved for a return showing the style and nature of cases in which jury notices were struck out for the years 1881 and 1882, and by what judge, and for what reason, if reason assigned. He desired to know if there was any well-understood rule guiding the judges in certain classes of cases, or whether action was taken in a haphazard manner, according to the particular notions of the presiding judge. The motion was carried.

Mr. Bell moved for return of correspondence and other documents connected with the proposed erection of Parliamentary and Departmental buildings to present time.—Carried.

Mr. Meredith complained that there were ten Government Bills on the paper which were not yet printed.

Mr. Fraser replied that the printers were working night and day preparing matter for

the session. They worked on Saturday last till midnight, and started again immediately after midnight on Sunday.

The Provincial Secretary presented the report of the Commissioner of Public Works for 1882.

THE BUDGET.

Mr. Wood on rising to make his annual financial statement was received with loud cheers. He said:

Our receipts for the past year (1882) were as follows:

Domestic subsidy.....	\$1,333,569 42
Crown Lands.....	1,095,154 24
Algebra taxes.....	14,499 22
Agriculture and Arts.....	30,059 86
Education Department.....	52,399 89
Law stamps.....	92,360 72
Licenses.....	41,907 85
Drainage debentures.....	5,547 55
Public Institutions:	
Toronto Lunatic Asylum.....	\$30,535 33
London ".....	8,795 49
Kingston ".....	4,083 13
Hamilton ".....	4,328 37
Orillia ".....	1,490 63
Reformatory—boys.....	683 90
Reformatory—females.....	3,996 25
Central Prison.....	24,403 81
Deaf and Dumb Institute.....	493 00
School Practical Science.....	583 00

79,201 91

Casual Revenue:

Fines, etc.....	\$4,422 83
County Court fees.....	757 42
Division Court fees.....	2,882 76
Insurance fees.....	435 00
Provincial Secretary's Dept.....	7,602 80
Official Gazette.....	9,198 51
Private Bills.....	4,842 00
Statutes.....	387 40

30,578 77

Interest..... 101,927 93

Lock-up, Huntsville, fire insurance..... 1,500 00

Mimico farm..... 707 95

Total..... \$2,880,006 31

It will be noticed that the receipts from the Crown Lands Department have exceeded the estimates by about \$95,000.

I come now to the expenditures for the past year. They are as follows:

Civil Government.....	\$ 187,101 23
Legislation.....	165,016 04
Administration of Justice.....	292,731 08
Education.....	510,384 69
Public Institutions' maintenance.....	30,084 67
Immigration.....	131,126 83
Agriculture and Arts.....	128,491 84
Hospitals and Charities.....	78,098 79
Miscellaneous.....	71,827 37
Public Buildings.....	138,491 84
Public Works.....	30,340 26
Colonization roads.....	110,650 00
Charges on Crown Lands.....	83,447 25
Re-funds.....	41,348 98

\$2,430,885 53

New Public Buildings..... 1,849 19

Municipal Loan Fund..... 57,458 67

Drainage debentures..... 37,519 47

Aid to railways..... 254,448 82

Land Improvement Fund..... 111,158 79

Common School Fund..... 25,000 00

Stationery and office expenses..... 1,323 34

\$2,919,138 81

We have had, Mr. Speaker, several over-expenditures in the present year, some of them pretty large, especially that in connection with our public institutions maintenance. It was owing to the large increase among that portion of our people who are becoming insane that that increased expenditure was incurred.

We were obliged to lease a building in the town of Orillia, and we were obliged to remove our idiots from Hamilton Asylum to the number of 70 in order to increase the room for insane patients at Hamilton. This was something over which the Government had no control, and the result has been that not only at Hamilton, but at Orillia, there has been increased expenditure.

ASSETS OF THE PROVINCE.

I propose to pass, Mr. Speaker, a statement of our assets on the 31st December last year. They are as follows:

1. Investments:

Domestic 5 p.c. bonds.....	\$500,000 00
Market value over par.....	30,000 00

\$530,000 00

Drainage—5 p.c. debentures invested 31st Dec., 1881..... \$271,214 44

Title drainage—5 p.c. debentures invested 31st Dec., 1881..... 27,629 00

Overdue interest on account of same..... 1,152 00

Colonial rent charges for works completed..... 337,574 00

628,708 44

2. Special or Trust Fund within Dominion of Canada:

Upper Canada Grammar School Fund, 5 Vic., cap. 10 and 250,000 acres of land allotted to it. (This fund is bearing interest at 5 per cent.)..... \$312,769 04

Upper Canada Building Fund (under the 15th sec., Act 1854) Seigniorial tenure set apart for local purposes in Upper Canada. (A large portion of this fund should bear interest at 6 per cent., but we have received only 5 per cent.)..... 1,472,391 41

Land Improvement Fund, being one-fourth of the collection on account of Common School Lands sold between the 14th day of March, 1853, and the 6th day of June, 1851, as per award..... 121,083 18

Common School Fund (see Consolidated Statutes, cap. 26, 1,000, 000 acres set apart (proceeds realized to 1st July, 1867), after deducting Land Improvement Fund, \$1,520,959 24, portion belonging to Ontario, as per population of 1871. (This fund is bearing interest at 5 per cent.)..... 891,301 74

2,901,047 37

3. Value of library share assigned to Ontario as per award..... 105,541 00

4. Balance due on account of Municipal Loan Fund debts, 31 Vic., cap. 47..... 76,100 00

5. Balance due from Mechanics' Institute, Toronto..... 7,661 79

6. Balance due on account of sale of lots at Mimico..... 6,520 61

Balance in banks, current accounts..... 249,483 85

Special deposits..... 550,000 00

\$5,253,023 06

LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE.

Our liabilities are as follows:

Railway Aid Fund.

Canada Atlantic Rail. (5.75 at \$2,000) way..... \$17,100 00

Canada Atlantic Rail. (5.75 at \$1,000) way..... 17,100 00

Surplus Distribution to Municipalities.

Balance due..... \$11,222 15

Quebec's Share of Common School Fund, made up as follows:

Collections on account of lands sold between 14th

June, 1853, and 6th March, 1851.....	\$813,105 24
Less 6 p.c. cost of management.....	\$48,790 31
One quarter for Land Improvement Fund on account of land sold.....	252,002 62

\$561,042 62

Collections on sales made since 6th March, 1881..... 393,635 91

Less 6 per cent. cost of management..... 23,021 15

370,614 76

Quebec's proportion, according to population, 1881..... 385,527 65

Land Improvement Fund.

Balance due municipalities for collections on lands sold between 14th day of June, 1853, and 6th day of March, 1851, as per award..... 13,526 39

\$487,496 19

Leaving a surplus of..... 4,925,596 87

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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1883.

I will now refer very briefly to the estimated receipts for the present year, which are as follows:

Subsidy..... \$1,110,972 80

Specific grant..... 80,000 00

Interest on special fund..... 126,096 62

\$1,333,569 42

Crown Lands Revenue.

Crown lands..... \$ 100,000 00

Clergy lands..... 20,000 00

Common School lands..... 20,000 00

Grammar School lands..... 5,000 00

Woods and Forests..... 600,000 00

\$ 780,000 00

Public Institutions Revenue.

Lunatic Asylum, Toronto \$ 32,000 00

London "..... 8,000 00

Kingston "..... 5,000 00

Hamilton "..... 5,000 00

Orillia "..... 2,000 00

Penetanguishene Reformatory..... 1,000 00

Meer Reformatory..... 6,000 00

Deaf and Dumb Institute..... 500 00

Central Prison..... 55,000 00

\$ 115,500 00

Education..... 31,000 00

Interest on Investments..... 10,000 00

Casual revenue..... 24,000 00

Licenses..... 42,000 00

Algebra taxes..... 8,000 00

Law stamps..... 60,000 00

Drainage Assessment Fund..... 30,000 00

Municipal Loan Fund..... 10,000 00

Toronto Mechanics' Insti..... 7,700 00

From insurance companies to defray expenses of inspection by Provincial Inspector..... 3,000 00

From counties to defray expenses of taking lunatics to asylums, boys to Reformatory, etc..... 6,000 00

\$ 387,700 00

Making a total estimate of..... \$2,586,709 43

The House then divided on the amendment moved by Mr. Meredith with the following result:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Baskerville, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Croighton, French, Jelly, Kerr, Lauder, Lees, Long, Madill, Meredith, Merrick, Metcalfe, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Near, Parkhill, Richardson, Rose, Toft—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Appleby, Awrey, Badgour, Balfour, Hallantyne, Baxter, Bettis, Biezard, Bonfield, Caldwell, Cascard, Chisholm, Crooks, Deroche, Drury, Dryden, Ferris, Field, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Huron), Graham, Hagar, Hunter, Lyon, McCraney, McKim, McMahon, Mack, Master, Mowat, Nealon, O'Connor, Pardee Peck, Rayside, Robinson (Caldwell), Robinson (Kent), Robertson, Ross, Sinclair, Snider, Striker, Waters, Waterworth, Widdifield, Wood, Young—53.

KIDNAPPING A BELLE.

Queer Case of Carrying off a Pretty Girl.

A St. Louis telegram says: There is great excitement here over the disappearance of Zerelda Garrison, aged 17, one of the belles of the city. Last Saturday she left the residence of her uncle, accompanied by her sister, and took a street-car for Wild Hunter's, the terminus of the car line in the extreme southern part of the city. The conductor remarked her getting off the car at Wild Hunter's, when she asked to be directed to the convent of the Sacred Heart, half a dozen blocks away. Since then she has not been heard of. The conductor noticed on the car platform four rough men, who commented on Miss Garrison's handsome appearance, and it is supposed they had something to do with her disappearance.

LATER—Oliver Garrison states that Miss Garrison is now in the house of her uncle. He doesn't think she suffered any violence at the hands of her abductors, other than being chloroformed on Saturday, when the ruffians obtained possession of her person. The young lady was returned this evening by one of the ruffians, who probably became alarmed at the great excitement of the public and the probability of punishment.

When Miss Garrison's abduction was announced yesterday all business was stopped on 'Change. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the crime. In ten minutes \$20,000 was subscribed as a reward for the girl dead or alive, and every member on 'Change shouted his willingness to drop business and turn detective.

The Confessed Murderer.

A Rochester telegram says: Justice Fuller, who committed O'Donnell, says the man gave reasons for making the confession of the murders of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, which he does not care to make public now. He says he also has other confirmatory evidence which he does not now wish to give, and says he did not make the story of the confession public before because he was at a loss what to do. He corresponded with the British consul in New York and received descriptions of the men seen in the cab, some of whom resembled O'Donnell in some respects, but not in others. He had no means of determining the truth or falsity of the statements of O'Donnell, and thought he should not be let go under the circumstances. On Monday night he said he should send a copy of the confession to the British consul at once.

THE MILWAUKEE CATASTROPHE.

Finding of the Bodies—Horrid Sight.

DRAMATIC RECITALS.

A late Milwaukee telegram says: The body supposed to be Miss Chellis was found in the ruins of the Newhall House this forenoon charred beyond recognition. The news of the finding of the body attracted thousands to the scene. Afterwards two more bodies, charred beyond identification, and part of a human trunk were found. It is now settled that the loss of life will not be below seventy. The action of the Council caused such general condemnation that another meeting is called for this afternoon to employ a large force and get electrical appliances for working at night. W. A. Hall died this morning. He jumped from the fifth storey. Six bodies were buried this morning, there being a large attendance.

Of two coats found in the ruins of the hotel, one belonged to a guest who escaped. There is nothing left to tell to whom the other coat belonged. The photograph of a young man was found. On its back was written Mr. E. Leland. The photograph was taken in New York. A memorandum book, a large number of bundles and business papers were also unearthed. The workmen have now dug in about sixteen feet from the sidewalk.

Up to this evening five additional bodies have been found in the ruins of the Newhall House. As the men worked into and opened up the ruins odors of burned flesh became more apparent, and there is scarcely room to doubt that by to-morrow night a scene will be presented before which the most stout heart will quail. A human foot has been found partially burned, with no traces of the body. Two little heaps of remains found near personal effects recognized as belonging to Robert Howie and David Martel, Wisconsin Central conductors, leave little doubt that both perished. The body identified in the morgue is not Miss Chellis, but Mrs. L. W. Brown, of Allegheny, Pa. The last body found was recognized as Emma Hager, a domestic. James H. Earnest, whose name appears among the missing, was a prominent Democratic politician of Southwestern Wisconsin.

A THRILLING RECITAL.

S. A. Dixon, of Chicago, who occupied a room in Michigan street front, gives a thrilling account of the fire. He was awakened by the crashing of some glass, and opened the door to ascertain the cause. The hall was filled with an impenetrable volume of smoke, which immediately filled his room, forcing him to close the door. He then gathered up his clothes and went into the hall, groping about until he found the way leading to the bank building. Continuing, he said:

"I looked back upon the Newhall, a dark looking mass of smoke enveloping it, with now and then lurid gleams lighting up the opaque cloud. The scene was a frightful one. After a moment's hesitation I decided to re-enter the building, in the hope of saving some poor creature. The few clothes I had recovered I hastily put on and crawled back. I met a girl, one of the help, with a bundle of clothes in her arms. The moment I saw her she fell back exhausted, and I carried her out into the bank building. The rear portion of the hotel where I was was not then in flames, but from the other side great sheets of fire leaped up whirling and flashing. I went back a second time and met another girl. I do not know her name, but she was a dining-room girl, and waited on the table at which I sat. She recognized me, but I did not know her. She was burned very badly. Her hands were hanging by her side, cut open by fire, and the flesh hanging loose upon them. Her arms and her face, too, were scorched and black with soot. Her scanty clothing had just caught fire, and rushing into one of the rooms I seized a sheet in which I enveloped her and carried her through the bank to a sleigh upon which she was placed and taken to her sister at the Axtell House. By that time the hotel was a mass of flame and entrance to it would have been death.

A STAIRWAY BLOCKED WITH DEAD BODIES.

The servants' stairway was in the northwest corner of the building. It was a narrow, spiral, wood staircase, and of course, very inflammable. Before the flames reached this part of the hotel there is reason to believe that this narrow stairway was literally glutted with the bodies of the dead servants. The story told by a guest, Mr. Samuel Martin, of Denver, bears out this theory. He had a room on the fourth floor. When he realized that the hotel was on fire he sprang into the hall, which was black with smoke, and running wildly about, found himself at a narrow stairway. Not knowing where it led, he plunged down. At the bottom of the first landing he fell over a stack of bodies of women. A little further on he encountered a girl who was crazed with terror. He asked her to follow him, but she refused. Without further words he swung her on his back and hurried down another flight. The smoke was stifling and the flames were growing hot. Almost despairing of ever reaching the outside, Mr. Martin, still carrying the girl on his back, again stumbled over some dead bodies, he knows not how many, and being unable to recover himself, he and his burden fell headlong to the foot of the stairs. In another moment they were taken out in safety. It is known that it was the servants' stairway that Mr. Martin descended, and so far as now known he is the only person who got out of the house in that way. If that narrow passageway was thus blocked on the lower stories, people now ask what must it have been on the fifth and sixth floors. As near as can be ascertained, no effort was made by anybody to waken the servants, and only a few of the guests had any warning of their danger until their transoms fell in by reason of the heat of the flames which swept up and down the long corridors.

THE WHITE FACE AT THE WINDOW.

"I stood by then and watched the horrible incineration. I saw the five girls leap to their death down in the alley, but the most awful view was one displayed soon

after. Miss Chellis stood by a window of the fourth floor in her night clothes, her face pale as death. All round her were tongues of fire, darting in circles from great sheets which waved skyward, and she seemed like a ghost looking out upon the snow on the adjoining house-tops. Hundreds of men and women looked up through the gyrating sparks horror-stricken at the awful sacrifice about to be offered. It was not long before the fire leaped upon her and shrouded her from view in a winding sheet of red, devouring her senseless form. Reason had doubtless fled before the fire reached her."

THROWN BACK BY THE WIND.

Nicholas Moran, of Beloit, Wis., occupied room No. 211 on the second floor, and was awakened by the cry of "Murder!" He sprang to his feet, went to the door of his room, opened it, and was thrown on his back by a violent concussion, caused by the rush of wind and flame. He grabbed his clothing and started for the lower floor; a man went rushing through the hall, shouting, "All those who want to be saved follow me!" He started toward the end of the hall and met several women rushing wildly about, and found others lying on the floor crying helplessly for their husbands. One of these shouted out many times, "Oh, God! save my child!" She rushed frantically into the flames with her child and was never seen again. Moran made his way out upon the balcony, and, after throwing his clothes to the ground, jumped upon them himself and escaped unhurt.

THE WORTH OF EACH LADDER ROUND.

Gen. Tom Thumb and wife are at the Plankinton House, feeling grateful for their escape. "I never had such a flurry in all my life," said the little General to a reporter. "I was awakened by my wife, who said some one was knocking at the door of our room. I was dazed for a moment, then got up and admitted a police officer, who yelled fire at me. The hall was full of smoke and I was almost suffocated. The first thing I did was to look around for a chance to get out."

"Did you find it?"

"Well," smiling and rubbing his chubby hands, "I came very near not doing it, but I did. The policeman opened the nearest window, and I found a ladder raised."

"Rather welcome, wasn't it?" asked the reporter.

"My dear boy, at that moment half a million in money wouldn't come anywhere near buying a single round of that ladder. I descended the ladder, followed by Policeman O'Brien with my wife in his arms."

INCIDENTS.

A realization forces itself upon the people that the hotel was not sufficiently watched, there being but one man to act as night watchman, elevator man, bell boy and general utility man.

One man swung himself down on the window-sills from the fifth story. His perilous descent was cheered and cheered again. As his feet touched the second story window he lost his balance, and with a terrible shriek of despair he fell, a quivering heap, in the very midst of the wild crowd that was still cheering.

Allan Johnson, the millionaire, who was carried with his wife into the office of the American Express Co., where the two were laid side by side, turned over and imprinted a kiss on the lips of his wife. A moment later he died. Mrs. Johnson also died within a quarter of an hour.

THE CIRCUS CATASTROPHE.

Terrible Scenes of Suffering and Death.

The loss of life by the burning of the circus in Berditscheff, Russian Poland, on Saturday, was not so great as was reported, but it is believed that over 150 persons perished. The fire broke out toward the end of the performance and was caused by the careless handling of fireworks on the stage. The curtain