

Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Monday, Feb. 3.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Hayer—From inhabitants of the township of Howick, praying that no charter be granted to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway.

By Mr. Coyne—From inhabitants of Wellington, with the same prayer.

By Mr. Coyne—From the Municipal Council of Brampton, praying that the village of Brampton may be incorporated a town.

By Mr. Paxton—From Hannah Paxton and others, praying an act to vest certain property in trustees.

By Mr. Wallis—From inhabitants of Toronto, praying amendments in the municipal law.

By Mr. Wallis—From inhabitants of Toronto, praying a charter for the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway.

By Mr. Crosby—From inhabitants of the township of Scarborough, praying that no charter be granted to the Licensed Victuallers' Association.

By Mr. Graham—From inhabitants of the township of Sydney, with same prayer.

By Mr. Pardee—From inhabitants of the townships of Sarnia and Moore, with same prayer.

By Mr. Tett—From inhabitants of the village of Ganancque, with same prayer.

By Mr. Blake—From T. B. Anderson and others, praying the incorporation of the Ganancque Water Power Company.

By Hon. Mr. Cameron—From J. Hoaten and 217 sportsmen of Toronto, praying amendments to the proposed game law.

By Mr. Wigle—From D. McCormick and others, praying that Pte. au Pelee Island may be incorporated as a separate municipality.

By Mr. Wigle—From Township Council of Mersea, with same prayer.

By Mr. Hays—From County Council of Huron, for increased grant under the Agricultural Bill.

By Mr. Rykert—From County Council of Lincoln, praying amendments in the law relating to Grand Juries.

By Mr. Springer—From D. L. Bowlby and others, praying the establishment of an ophthalmic hospital.

By Hon. J. Carling—From D. Farren and others, praying for the establishment of an ophthalmic hospital.

By Mr. Rykert—From T. Clarke and others, with same prayer.

By Mr. Eyre—From R. Scripture and others, praying that the yearly grants to township societies be not lessened.

By Mr. Lount—From Geo. Lount, for amendments in the laws respecting Registrar's fees.

By Mr. Wigle—From the County Council of Essex, praying that Pte. au Pelee Island may be incorporated as a separate municipality.

By Hon. Mr. Cameron—From E. A. Meredith and others, praying an Act to confirm a deed of partition.

By Mr. Perry—From the Township Council of East Nissouri, praying that reeves and deputy-reeves may be elected by councils, and for amendments in the dog tax Act.

By Mr. Shaw—From inhabitants of the township of Bathurst, praying that no charter be granted to the Licensed Victuallers' Association.

By Hon. Mr. Cameron—From D. Brooke, praying an Act to entitle him to practise as counsel in the County Court.

By Mr. McKellar—From certain inhabitants of Kent, praying the extension of the Erie and Niagara railway.

By Mr. Matchett—From J. Parker and others respecting the lumber trade.

By Mr. McKellar—From inhabitants of Kent, praying amendments to the Municipal Law.

CRESCENT PETROLEUM COMPANY.

Mr. PARDEE moved that the Bill to authorise the Crescent Petroleum Company Association of New York and Canada to hold and convey certain property be read a second time on Wednesday next. Carried.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE the Bill to incorporate the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association, was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. GALBRAITH moved that the Bill to extend the powers of the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company, be read a second time on Wednesday next. Carried.

FIRST READINGS.

Hon. Mr. WOOD introduced a Bill to authorise the trustees of Mrs. Carrie Robert Wilkes to convey to her certain real and personal property.

Hon. Mr. McMurrich introduced a Bill to authorise George Taylor and D. Cook to convey certain trust lands.

Mr. CUMBERLAND introduced a Bill to incorporate the Rama Timber Transport Company.

Mr. COYNE introduced a Bill, entitled an Act respecting Real Estate in Ontario. The mover explained that the object of the measure was to facilitate proceedings and lessen the expense of parties applying to Court in matters respecting real estate. By the proposed amendment, a party had full power to apply to the judge in chambers, just as he has now in full court.

The Bill was ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

Mr. OLARKE introduced a Bill to authorise and empower the Corporation of the City of Kingston to sell and convey certain of their lands.

Mr. EYRE introduced a Bill to amend the Act 27 and 28 Vic. c. 28, entitled an Act respecting the offices of sheriffs, and to make further provision regarding said offices. Ordered for a second reading on Wednesday next.

ONTARIO COLLEGE.

The house went into committee on Sir Henry Smith's Bill respecting Ontario College—Mr. Hooper in the chair.

Sir HENRY SMITH explained that a similar Bill had been carried through Parliament before, regarding a college in the diocese of Huron. For the present college, the land had been already purchased, a fine building had been erected on it, the college was in full operation, and masters were permanently engaged in the discharge of their duty. The County of Prince Edward had been selected as being a healthy and central place, and the counties surrounding the Bay of Quinte, and also the cities, sent their young men there for educational purposes. He moved the adoption of the 1st clause.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON—The College will not require Government aid? (Hear, hear).

Sir HENRY SMITH said there was nothing of the kind asked for in the Bill; and he had that confidence in the hon. the Premier that when the time came for such grants, this college would not be treated differently from other institutions.

Mr. FERGUSON objected to this measure as a piece of special legislation. He saw no necessity for this Act of incorporation at present, and thought it might be deferred till Government brought down a general measure, under which it could come. It would be wise to stop this species of legislation at the outset. For his part, he would like to see these places incorporated, but it ought to be done by a general Act. Besides, this Bill asked for some \$13 000 of a yearly annuity, and that was a large sum for any body to control. Still, if all parties were served alike, it would not be so bad. He would repeat that this was one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation they could deal with, and one that would infallibly end in discord and confusion. All parties would be coming forward, and none would be satisfied. He hoped, then, that the hon. and gallant mover would not press the measure.

Mr. SCOTT—Perhaps the hon. gentleman himself would prepare a general Bill.

Mr. FERGUSON understood the member for Ottawa very well. He would allow this measure to slip through, and then come down and ask for a grant for some other institution of similar powers. He (Mr. Ferguson) would like to see all these institutions on a parallel, and hoped a general measure