

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

FRIDAY, Dec. 3.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3:15 p. m.

The following petitions were presented :—

Mr. Perry—From the Village Council of Embro, and Embro Board of Common School Trustees, praying for amendments in Common School Law.

Mr. Fraser—From Robert Cockburn and others, Seymour, praying that no Act may pass to separate the counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Mr. Calvin—From Wm. Spoor and others, Wolfe Island, praying that certain clauses of School Act may not pass.

Mr. Lauder—From the Township Council of Collingwood, and Village Council, Listowel, praying for participation in Land Improvement Fund.

Mr. Lauder—From the Township Council of Osprey, for the establishment of a School for the Blind.

A large number of petitions were also presented praying that no charter be granted for the construction of a railway from Glencoe to the Niagara River.

MOTIONS.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

Mr. FRASER—Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Cobourg Cemetery Company, and to extend to said Company the provisions of chap 67 Con. Statutes of Upper Canada, and for other purposes.

Mr. COCKBURN—"Act to erect certain townships in the Muskoka District into municipalities, and to organize the county of Muskoka for municipal purposes, and for other purposes."

Hon. Mr. McMURRIE—Act to amend the Ontario Municipal Act.—Second reading on Monday next.

DRAINAGE

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD moved the reception of the report of the Committee on resolutions as to drainage, and with reference to the sum of \$200,000.

Carried.

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD moved the second reading of the "Ontario Drainage Act."

Mr. McKELLAR wished to know if the Hon. Attorney-General was prepared to discuss the measure.

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD said the principle of the Bill had already been discussed. If the hon. gentlemen opposite wished to introduce amendments they could do so when the measure was in Committee.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

The resolutions as to drainage was also referred to the same Committee.

TAX TITLES.

Atty. Gen. MACDONALD moved the second reading of Bill (No. 16) concerning Sheriffs' sales for taxes. He said when this matter was under discussion before he explained the necessity of initiating some legislation to quiet the alarm respecting the security of tax titles throughout the Province of Ontario. It was in the year 1819 that taxes were imposed on wild lands, and the Legislature of that day provided that at the end of eight years the lands on which taxes