

## TORONTO HOUSE-BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved the second reading of a Bill to incorporate the Toronto House-Building Association.

Carried, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to sit on Monday.

The House adjourned at five minutes past eight o'clock, till Monday.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notice of motion has been given:

Mr. Lyon—For leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to declare the mode in which the side lines of the lots in the township of Huntley, in the county of Carleton, shall be run."

### COMMITTEES

#### LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

This Committee met in Room 3 at 9 15 this morning. Present—Messrs. Pardee (chairman), Blake, Boulter, Ferrier, Finlayson, and Hon. Mr Richards. The examination of Mr Gillis was resumed. He said he had heard that the conditions of settlement in the county of Bruce were, that the land cost \$2 per acre, and one fourth of this purchase money was to be expended on local improvements. When he went to settle in the county the Land Agent confirmed this account, but did not make it a condition of the sale.

Mr ECKFORD, of Brant township, also testified to hearing Mr McNabb make the statement.

Mr ROWE, one of the first settlers in Elderslie, who built the first house in what is now the village of Paisley, was next called. He said he had a good opportunity of learning the general opinion of the people on the subject, from the fact that he kept a tavern and was well acquainted with every settler in that part of the country. The belief was universal that one fourth the purchase money would be expended in local improvements. Many of the settlers regarded \$2 per acre as a very high price to pay for their land, but were satisfied when Mr McNabb made this explanation.

Mr H. BROWN was next examined, and said he had made large improvements in the township of Elderslie before the Act of 1853 was passed. It was understood when he paid for his lots in 1854, that one fourth of the money would be expended in local improvements, but it was not made a condition of the sale.

JAMES RAY, one of the early settlers of

Elderslie, was next examined and testified to the same effect.

The Committee adjourned at 11.30 till tomorrow.