

# LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

## PETITIONS.

The following petitions were private:

Seven, praying for the granting of a charter for the construction of a Railway from Glencoe to Niagara;

Four for the establishment of a school for the blind;

One for participation in the Land Improvement Act;

One against any amendments to the Assessment Law.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Reports were presented from the Committees on Standing Orders. Concurred.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Mr. BOYD introduced an Act to amend the Grammar School Act of Ontario; and moved its first reading. Carried, and second reading to-morrow.

## UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

Mr. CARNEGIE moved that the evidence taken before the Committee on the affairs of the College should be printed.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD objected to the printing as an unusual course.

Mr. BLAKE thought it was highly desirable that the Committee should have their evidence before them, in order to contrast it with other evidence taken.

Mr. CHRISTIE said that it had been done in the last session; hence he had no objection to it.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD said that it was a very bad and unusual precedent to set. He did not think that the enquiry was so important.

Mr. RYKERT thought that it was important that the public should be made acquainted with the enquiry. They were as much interested in it as the House.

Mr. CARNEGIE said the Hon. Atty.-General was acting in a shilly-shally way in this matter. He had advised him to take this course, and then found fault with it.

After some further conversation, the motion was carried.

## IMMIGRATION.

Mr. McDUGALL moved an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for a detailed statement of expenditure made during the current year, under the head of Immigration.

The only information is in the estimates.

Hon. Mr. CARLING said that the information was in the return placed on the table.

Mr. McDUGALL thought that by giving this statement as soon as possible, they would be able to judge whether the persons acting in this Department were acting judiciously and honestly.

Hon. Mr. CARLING was quite willing to give any information which the House might desire.

The motion stands till to-morrow.

## BILLS OF LADING.

Mr. CLARKE moved the third reading of Bill No. 41, to amend the law relating to Bills of Lading.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

## REGISTRATION OF CONVEYANCES TO RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Mr. EVANS moved that the House do go into Committee on Bill No. 105, to extend the time for the Registration of Conveyances to Religious Institutions in Ontario.—Mr. Evans.

The Bill passed through Committee, and the second reading was fixed for to-morrow.

## LAW SOCIETY.

Mr. CLARKE moved the second reading of Bill No. 80, to make the Benchers of the Law Society elective by the Bar thereof. Some objections had been made on a previous occasion when the Bill was before the House that it was a private Bill. It was, he thought, a public Bill, because it was brought forward in the interest of the public, and was desired by the profession. Numerous petitions had been presented showing this feeling.

On the motion that it be read,

The SPEAKER ruled that as it affected a corporation they were entitled to notice of it, and, therefore, that it must be considered as a private Bill.

Mr. CLARKE hoped that the same indulgence would be shown to the Bill as had been extended to others.

The SPEAKER said that it could not be so.

## PRECEDENCE.

The third reading of Bill No. 34, "To amend the Act incorporating the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company."

Mr. BLAKE objected that this was not in the order of precedence. Hon. members might be away who were interested in private Bills if these rules were not observed.

Attorney-General MACDONALD said that members of the House ought to be in their places.

Mr. LOUNT said that the objection had not been made on a previous occasion.

Mr. BLAKE said if the hon. member had been in his place, he would have known that he (Mr. Blake) did object, and successfully. He asked the decision of the House.

The SPEAKER thought that Private Bills ought to be proceeded with.

Atty.-General MACDONALD and Hon. Mr. CAMERON, amid cries of "chair," supported the view of the Speaker.

Mr. BLAKE called for a division on the point.

Some further discussion having ensued,

The SPEAKER ruled that the private legislation could be proceeded with, and that it was expedient that it should now be taken.

Atty.-General MACDONALD said the responsibility of putting off the Private Bill legislation, if his view was adopted, would rest upon the hon. gentlemen opposite.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

## PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS.

Bill (No. 40), to amend the Act incorporating the President, Directors, and Company of the Port Credit Harbour.—Mr. Coyne, was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35), To legalize the amalgamation of the Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company, and the Marmora Iron Company.—Mr. Rykert, passed through Committee, and the third reading was proposed for to-morrow.

Atty.-General MACDONALD suggested that the rule should be suspended in order that the Bill should be read a third time immediately.

Mr. BLAKE objected that, as they had already suspended the rules of the House to forward the Bills a stage, it would be very precipitate to completely place it beyond the power of the House without due notice, by a further suspension of the rules.

The third reading was ultimately fixed for to-morrow.

The following Bills were passed through Committee of the Whole, and third reading fixed for to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 59), to incorporate the Ottawa Ladies College.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa).

Bill (No. 60), to incorporate the Ontario Peat Company.—Mr. Scott (Ottawa).

Bill (No. 64), to amend the Act incorporating the Wesleyan Female College of Hamilton.—Mr. Williams, (Hamilton).

Bill (No. 65), to authorize the closing of certain streets in Elora, in conformity with a By-law of the said village.—Mr. Ferrier.

Bill (No. 67), to empower the Ottawa Mechanics' Institute and Athenaeum, and the Ottawa Natural History Society to amalgamate into one corporate body, under the name of "The Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society."—Mr. Scott (Ottawa).

Bill (No. 70), to facilitate the withdrawal of the town of Perth in the county of Lanark, from the jurisdiction of the Council of the county of Lanark, and to provide for the liability of the town for its share of the county debt.—Mr. Cole.

Bill (No. 78), to confirm and legalize a sale and conveyance by the Church Society of the diocese of Huron, of certain premises in the town of Galt, to the Reverend Michael Boomer, D.D.—Hon. Mr. Carling.

Bill (No. 79), to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of Huron, to sell certain Church land in the township of Goderich.—Hon. Mr. Carling.

Bill (No. 83), to incorporate the Weston Church School.—Mr. Grahame (York).

## THE RAILWAY PROJECTS.

Bill (No. 36) to Amend the Act incorporating the Erie and Niagara Extension Railway Company, and to change its name to the Canada Southern Railway Company.—Mr. McKellar.

Bill (No. 43) to incorporate the Canada Air Line Railway Company.—Mr. Rykert.

Bill (No. 44) to incorporate the Canada South-Western Air Line Company.—Mr. Oliver.

The above Bills were read a second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. SCOTT (Ottawa) said it must be understood that if the Bills were read a second time without discussion that there would be an opportunity for debate at the future stage.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD—Certainly.

The order was disposed of upon this understanding.

## MORE PRIVATE LEGISLATION.

The following Bills were advanced a stage:—

Second reading Bill (No. 45), to enable Donald Alexander Macdonald to construct a canal in the township of Kenyon.—Mr. Ferguson.

Second reading Bill (No. 68), to confirm certain side roads in the township of Tilbury East, and to provide for the defining of other road allowances and lines in the said township.—Mr. Smith (Kent).

Second reading Bill (No. 69), to amend the Act 31 Vic. cap. 40, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company," and the Act 32 Vic., cap. 82, amending the same.—Mr. Ferguson.

Second reading Bill (No. 88), to amend an Act intituled "An Act for the relief of the representatives of the late David B. Ogden Ford.—Mr. Fitzsimmons.

Second reading Bill (No. 95), to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Cobourg Cemetery Company, and to extend to said Company the provisions of chapter sixty-seven of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, and for other purposes.—Mr. Fraser.

Bill (No. 89) respecting proceedings in Judges' Chambers at Common Law—Attorney-General Macdonald.

House in Committee on Bill (No. 103), to amend an Act passed in the 32nd year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend chap. 15 of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, intituled an Act respecting County Courts—Attorney-General Macdonald.

House in Committee on Bill (No. 106) to make further provision for carrying out the Law Reform Act of 1868, and to regulate proceedings on Writs of Error and *Certiorari*—Attorney-General Macdonald.

Second reading Bill (No. 107) to provide for the organization of the Territorial District of Parry Sound.—Attorney-General Macdonald.

The following Order was discharged:—

Bill (No. 74) respecting the establishment of Public Fairs.—Attorney-General Macdonald.