

TUESDAY, Jan. 31.

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

PETITIONS.

Mr. Carnegie—From the County Council of Peterborough, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Law.

Mr. Williams (Hamilton)—From Thomas B. Conley and others, of Hamilton, praying for certain amendments to the Liquor Law.

MR. CLARKE.

Mr. Clarke, the hon. member for South Grenville, on taking his seat for the first time this session, was received with hearty cheering. The hon. gentleman has been absent on account of illness.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Attorney-General MACDONALD presented the eleventh report of the Committee on Standing Orders, reporting the Bill respecting the Brantford by-laws relating to the Grand River Navigation Company and the Queen City Fire Insurance Company.

Attorney-General MACDONALD presented the thirteenth report of the Standing Committee on Railways, reporting the Bills referring to the Brockville and Westport Railway Company, Credit Valley Railway Company, Bill amending the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company, Norfolk Railway Company, and the railway in the township of Bertie, county Welland.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. ANDERSON introduced a Bill for the prevention of corrupt practices at municipal elections.

ROCKWOOD ASYLUM.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved that on to-morrow the House go into committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions:—

1st. That the occupation of the Rockwood Asylum for the use of an average number of three hundred of the insane of this Province, permitted by the Dominion Government, renders it expedient that the control of that institution should, if on no other than economical and administrative reasons, be vested in the Provincial Government.

2nd. That with that view, it is expedient that authority be granted to the Commissioner of Public Works to negotiate for the purchase or the leasing of the said institution, and the land pertaining thereto, upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

3rd. That any agreement for the purchase thereof shall be subject to the ratification of the Legislative Assembly.

He said that he regretted to say that the number of lunatics for the past year had been on the increase, and it was the duty of the House to see that proper accommodation was provided for these unfortunates. The Rockwood Asylum was under