

FRIDAY, Feb. 3, 1871.

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.15

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PETITIONS.

Mr. Scott (Ottawa)—From Wm. H. Beattie and others, of Ottawa, praying for certain amendments to the School law, and two others to the same effect; also three for amendments to the Municipal law.

Mr. Lyon—From the County Council of Carleton, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment law.

Mr. Coyne—From the County Council of Peel to the same effect.

Mr. Gow—From Richard Mitchell and others, of Guelph, praying that the proposed Bill for the division of the County of Wellington may not pass.

EXPLANATION.

Hon. Mr. WOOD rose to make an explanation. **THE GLOBE** of this morning had made him say, in his speech of yesterday on the motion of the hon. member for South Bruce, that he (Hon. Mr. Wood) blamed the Roman Catholic authorities of the Province of Quebec for fomenting the insurrection. What he did say was—that when the hon. member for South Bruce eulogised the Catholics of the Province of Ontario, he was careful to limit it to those of Ontario, and did not extend it to those of the Lower Province.