

Legislature of Ontario

FIRST PARLIAMENT—FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15.

The SPEAKER took the chair at half past twelve.

MR. CLARKE.

Atty.-Gen MACDONALD said he had a motion to propose which he felt confident would commend itself to every member of the House. Every one who had had any dealings with the hon. member for Leeds and Grenville (Mr. Clarke) had found him worthy of all the commendation which could be bestowed upon one occupying his position. (Hear.) The House regretted his absence from it, and especially as prostration through sickness was the cause of that absence. The statute provided that hon. members receiving sessional allowances should make a declaration, but in this case, he thought this might be dispensed with. No hon. gentleman had a higher sense of honour than the hon. member, and he was sure the House would unanimously sanction the payment to him of that portion of the sessional allowance to which he would have been entitled if he had not been ill. He would therefore move, seconded by Mr. Blake, "That the absence from this Chamber during the session of the honourable member for the South Riding of Leeds and Grenville, having been caused by illness, this House unanimously recommends that the accountant be authorized to receive that portion of the sessional allowance to which, but for such unavoidable absence, he would have been entitled to. This resolution shall not be held to be a precedent to authorize similar claims in the future." (Hear.)

Mr. BLAKE said he had great satisfaction in joining with the hon. Attorney-General in expressing the regret that all the members of the House had felt at the absence of their hon. friend, the member for Leeds and Grenville. (Hear.) He did not suppose that there was a person more entitled to, or who received a greater share of, the admiration and respect of the House and the country during the period in which his health permitted him to attend his parliamentary duties. He had very great satisfaction in expressing the admiration which he had witnessed the efforts of the hon. member. The motion which had been proposed must be considered exceptional, and its last clause precluded, he thought, the possibility of its being taken as a precedent. He thought however that, in dealing with the circumstances connected with the hon. member for Leeds, the House was dealing with exceptional circumstances, and could adopt the resolution now before it, without infringing upon the ordinary and wholesome rule. (Hear and cheers.)

Mr. LYON, in a few words, bore testimony to the excellent character of Mr. Clarke, with whom he said he had been associated for years. He was happy to see this compliment paid to the hon. member. It was not only creditable to the hon. member, but also to the House. He hoped that when the hon. member recovered his health, that he would again take his seat in the House. (Cheers.)

The motion was then carried.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes to one till half-past two.

THE PROROGATION.

The prorogation of the House was fixed to take place at three o'clock, at which hour the various galleries were crowded with spectators. The Judges of the Superior Courts, including Chief Justice Richards, Chief Justice Haggarty, Vice-Chancellors Mowatt and Strong, and Justices Morrison and Gwynne, together with the United States Consul, Col. Shaw, and Mr. S. J. Vankoughnet, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, occupied seats on the floor of the House. Several ladies were also present, usurping for the nonce many of the seats of hon. members. Sheriff Jarvis was present, as were all the Ministers of the Crown. The only persons present who seemed out of place, were the hon. members, the greater number of whom crowded together on the back Opposition benches.

Shortly after three o'clock, His Excellency, attended by Capt. Curtis, A.D.C., drove up to the House, and was received by a guard of honour, of the 10th Royals, under the command of Major Boxall. He at once proceeded to the Chamber, where he was received by the members upstanding.

The titles of the following Bills were then read by Mr. Vankoughnet, and the assent of the Lieut.-Governor was then signified in the usual manner by Col. Gilmor, the Clerk of the House.

An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto to sell certain parts of the Rectory Lands of Peterborough, and for other purposes.

An Act to confirm and establish a certain survey of the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth concessions of the township of

Portland, in the county of Frontenac, made by Ayleworth Bowen Perry, a Deputy Provincial Surveyor.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty and intitled "An Act to incorporate the Toronto, Simcoe and Muskoka Junction Railway Company."

An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Daniel Brook, junior, as a barrister at law.

An Act to vest in the County Agricultural Society, of Glengary, certain property situate in the village of Williamstown.

An Act to authorize the delivery of certain registry books in the county of Essex to the Registrar of Deeds of Wayne county, in the State of Michigan, one of the United States of America.

An Act to authorize the trustees of the Presbyterian Church, in the township of Keryon, county of Glengary, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to sell lot two, and part of lot one, in the seventeenth concession of the said township.

An Act to make valid certain commissions for taking affidavits issued by the Court of Queen's Bench.

An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the Consumers' Gas Company, of Toronto.

An Act to make valid certain by-laws of the corporation of the township of Wolford, and certain by-laws containing the same and a conveyance made thereunder.

An Act to alter the names of the Superior Courts in Ontario.

An Act to empower the West Middlesex Agricultural Society to sell certain lands.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered sixty-one, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Peterborough and Haliburton Railway Company, and the Act amending the same, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty, and chaptered forty."

An Act to confirm the deed for the distribution and settlement of the estate of the Honourable James Jarvis Goodhue, deceased.

An Act to authorize the Law Society of Ontario to admit William Henry Steele as a barrister at law.

An Act to authorize the Midland Railway Company to consolidate its bonded debts and issue new bonds, and for other purposes.

An Act respecting affidavits, declarations and affirmations, made out of the Province for use therein.

An Act to exempt the townships of Bidolph and McGillivray from taxation for gravel road purposes outside of said townships.

An Act to incorporate the Streetsville and Port Credit Junction Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Fenelon Falls Railway Company.

An Act to enable the Church Society of the diocese of Huron to sell or exchange certain Church lands in the township of Brantford, in the county of Brant.

An Act to incorporate the North Grey Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Oakville, Milton and Guelph Railway Company.

An Act to enable the trustees of the Stamford Presbyterian Church to sell lands held by them for the use of the congregation, and for other purposes.

An Act to appoint trustees for certain lands belonging to the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, in the town of Osnawby, and authorizing such Trustees to sell portions thereof.

An Act to enable the trustees of the Canada Presbyterian Church in Osgoode to convey parts of the Church lands to other trustees for a burial ground.

An Act to empower the Trustees, under the will of the late Joseph Bitterman Spragg, to sell certain lands in the township of Henkleim, and county of York.

An Act to incorporate the Sisters of St. Joseph, in the diocese of London, in Ontario.

An Act to incorporate the St. George's Society of London.

An Act to vest certain real estate in the Churchwardens of St. John's Church, in the township of Ancaster, with authority to sell the same and to purchase other land,

and otherwise to apply the proceeds thereof.

An Act to incorporate the London, Huron and Bruce Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the success on of trustees of the Church and glebe property of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, and to authorize the Trustees of the said property to mortgage the said property or part thereof.

An Act respecting Commissioners of Police.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered forty-one, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company."

An Act to extend to the townships of Albion and King the provisions of the Act passed in the first session of Parliament of the late Province of Canada, held in the twenty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chaptered fifty-nine.

An Act to incorporate the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge of Ottawa.

An Act respecting the Norfolk Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Napanee River Improvement Company.

An Act to legalize certain by-laws passed by the corporation of the town of Brantford, and certain agreements made between the said corporation and the Great Western Railway Company of Canada, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, respectively.

An Act to establish and declare the mode in which the side lines of the lots, in the township of Huntley, in the county of Carleton, have been and shall be run.

An Act for amending the law relating to

Election Petitions, and for providing more effectually for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

An Act to revive the Act incorporating the Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.

An Act to vest the property belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada at Ottawa, in the present Trustees, and their successors, to be appointed according to the discipline of the said Church.

An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, in the township of Nottawasaga, in the county of Simcoe, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to sell the west half of Lot No. twenty-four, in the seventh concession of the said township.

An Act to authorize the corporation of the city of Ottawa to acquire certain lands for the enlargement of the By-Ward Market.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered seventy-one, and intitled "An Act to exempt from municipal taxation, for a certain period, a Sugar Refinery proposed to be erected in the city of Toronto."

An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, for Ontario, to admit John Netterville Blake, to practice as an attorney and solicitor therein.

An Act to amend chapter eighty-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intitled "An Act respecting the conveyance of Real Estate by married women," and the Act passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered nine, intitled "An Act to amend the Registry Act, and to further provide as to the certificates of married women, touching their consent to the execution of deeds of conveyance."

An Act to incorporate the Pembroke and Ottawa Railway Company.

An Act to make the members of the Law Society of Ontario elective by the Bar thereof.

An Act to amend the Act to regulate the procedure of the Superior Courts of Common Law, and of the County Courts.

An Act to incorporate the Georgian Bay Lumber Association.

An Act to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Company.

An Act to provide for the organization of the territorial district of Thunder Bay.

An Act to incorporate the Newboys Lodging and Industrial Home of the city of Toronto.

An Act to extend the limits of the Corporation of the town of St. Thomas.

An Act to incorporate the Merrickville and Westport Railway Company.

The Pharmacy Act of 1871.

An Act for the relief of the Estate of the late John Flanagan, of the township of Charlottetown, in the county of Glengary.

An Act to incorporate the Simpson Lumber Company, (limited).

An Act to enable Charles O. Groves and Nicholas Uelhoefer to construct a Railway in the township of Perle, county of Welland.

An Act to confer upon the Bishop and Incumbents of the Diocese of Toronto, similar powers to those held by the Bishop and Incumbents of the Diocese of Ontario.

An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Friends' Seminary of the Province of Ontario.

An Act to incorporate the Gananoque and Rideau Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Church of England Ladies' School at Ottawa.

An Act to incorporate the Ontario Sugar Refining Company.

An Act to enlarge the powers of the town of Brantford respecting the Grand River Navigation Company.

An Act to amend chapter seventy-one of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intitled "An Act respecting charitable, philanthropic, and provident associations."

An Act to incorporate the town of Walkerton and to define the limits thereof.

An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Toronto General Buying Ground, to confirm certain purchases made by them, to authorize them to acquire additional lands for the purposes of the said trust, and to amend the Acts relating to the said trust.

An Act to enable Sullivan Cavanoe to convey certain lands in the county of Welland.

An Act to incorporate the Queen City Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to improve the Common and Grammar Schools of the Province of Ontario.

An Act to alter the times for auditing the county accounts by the Board of Audit.

An Act to enable the municipalities along the line of the Grand Junction Railway Company to grant aid thereto, and to legalize certain by-laws granting aid to said Railway Company.

An Act to amend 31 Vic, chapter 13, for the better protection of game in Ontario.

An Act to legalize and confirm the survey made by William Smiley, P.L.S., respecting certain lines in the township of West Oxford.

An Act to amend the Assessment Law.

An Act to incorporate the Glenwood Cemetery, of the town of Picton.

An Act respecting the establishment of Registry offices in the ridings, and to amend the Registration of Titles, "Ontario" Act.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.

An Act to amend an Act respecting the Court of Error and Appeal.

An Act to amend Chapters 52, 29 and 30 Vic, and Chapter 39, 31 Vic, relating to Municipal Institutions.

An Act to close part of Church street, in the city of London, and to vest the same in the corporation of said city.

An Act to incorporate the Toronto Union Passenger Station and Dock Company.

An Act to encourage the planting of trees upon the highways in this Province, and to give the right of property in such trees to the owners of the soil adjacent to such highway.

An Act to facilitate the establishment of public fairs, and provide for the regulation thereof.

An Act to incorporate the Brockville and Westport Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Court of Chancery.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and Lake Erie Railway Company.

An Act relative to arrears upon Crown, Clergy and Grammar School lands sold previously to 1st of July, 1867.

An Act to provide for the establishment and government of a Central Prison for the Province of Ontario.

An Act respecting Asylums for the insane.

An Act to provide for the appointment of Judicial Officers to whom Estate Bills may be referred.

An Act to amend the Ontario Drainage Act.

An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act.

An Act relating to Unpatented Lands sold for taxes.

An Act to amend the Act chaptered 29, of 31 Victoria, intitled, an Act respecting Registrars' offices, and the registration of instruments relating to lands in Ontario.

An Act in aid of Railways.

An Act to facilitate the business of the Superior Courts.

An Act relating to Government road allowances, and the granting of Crown timber licences therefor.

An Act to encourage the settlement of the Free Grant Territory.

SUPPLY BILL.

MR. SPEAKER then presented the Appropriation Bill, and asked the assent of the

Lieutenant-Governor to it, which was given in the usual manner.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for the diligence which has marked the performance of your arduous labours during this session,—the result of which, flowing from the many important measures which you have passed, cannot fail to confer lasting benefits on the Province.

I have cheerfully assented to the various grants which the satisfactory condition of our finances has enabled you to make for the erection of important public institutions, so much required for the purposes and objects for which you design them.

The appropriation made by you in aid of railways will, I feel confident, greatly conduce to the material progress and advancement of the Province in attracting trade thereto, enhancing the value of property, and in the extension of the settlement of the country.

At the close of the last session of the term for which you were elected, I cannot help congratulating you on the wisdom and prudence which have guided your deliberations during your several assembled sittings. Such evidence of the advantage of self-government directed by a single chamber may well be regarded as auguring general confidence to the future beneficial working of our constitution. In its support I feel I can best discharge the responsibility cast on me by continuing to administer the Government in conformity with the well understood wishes of the people.

In parting with you, I trust that the good sense of your constituents will induce them to continue at all times to eschew violent and extreme measures, to observe respect for law and order, and to cultivate towards each other feelings of kindness and mutual good will.

PROROGATION.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON, as Provincial Secretary, then announced that the Assembly was prorogued until the 28th day of March.

This concluded the proceedings, and His Excellency then left the Chamber. A salute was fired as the carriage left the grounds.