

SECOND PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Jan. 17, 1873.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Hon. Mr. Scott—From the Ottawa City Council, for an Act to widen Broad-street.

Mr. Monk—From Mr. Meloner and others, of Carleton, for a Normal-school in Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. McKellar—From H. J. Job and others, of Stephenson, for the construction of a road in Muskoka district.

Hon. Mr. Wood—From the School Boards of Scotland and Mount Pleasant, for an Act to compel the County Councils to divide the whole counties for High-school purposes.

Mr. Paxton—From the Manilla and Uxbridge School Boards, with the same prayer.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—From the Fergus and Elora School Boards, with the same prayer.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—From the Port Rowan School Board, with the same prayer.

Mr. Barber—From the Milton School Board, with the same prayer.

Mr. Cameron—From the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, for an amendment to their charter.

Mr. Fairbairn—From the Town Council of Peterboro', to unite the Town of Peterboro' with the Village of Ashburnham.

Also, from the same body, respecting the Municipal Loan Fund.

Mr. Robinson—From the Kingston Waterworks Company, to amend their charter.

Mr. Read—From the County Council of Peterboro', for an amendment to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Hodgins—From D. Galbraith and others, of Toronto, for an Act to incorporate the Toronto Financial Corporation.

Mr. Hodgins—From the Credit Valley Railway Co., for an Act to amend their charter.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—From N. Pegg and others, of Norfolk, to increase the pay of constables.

Mr. Farewell—From James Lisk and others, of Oil Springs, to incorporate the Dresden and Oil Springs Railway Co.

Mr. Pardee—From the Canada Co., to exempt certain lands in Bosanquet, McGillivra, and Stephen from taxation.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. HODGINS—To further amend the Act for securing to wives and children the benefit of assurances on the lives of their husbands and parents.

Mr. DEACON—To amend the Act respecting the conveyance of real estate by married women.

Mr. BETHUNE—For the protection of persons improving lands under a mistake of title.

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR—To authorize the investment of certain monies in debentures issued by municipalities for drainage works.

Also—Bill to provide for an income franchise.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE—To provide for the establishment of an hospital for the reformation and cure of habitual drunkards.

Also, to provide for the establishment of a training school for idiotic and imbecile children.

LIBRARY.

Attorney-General MOWAT moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the management of the Library. The said Committee to consist of the mover, Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Cameron, and Messrs. Wood, (Brant), Christie, Wood, (Victoria), and Rykert. Carried.

ADDRESS TO LORD DUFFERIN.

Attorney-General MOWAT moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address to be presented to His Excellency Lord Dufferin, congratulating his Excellency upon his arrival in this country, and his appointment as Governor-General: said Committee to be composed of Attorney-General Mowat, Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Scott, and Richards. In making this motion he was sure that no words that he could employ would go beyond the feeling that was entertained in the House and country towards his Excellency. When we heard the news of his Excellency having been appointed

to the high office which he now held, we learned at the same time something of his ability and learning, of his knowledge of public affairs, and of his popularity wherever he was known. But the short time which had elapsed since his Excellency came to this country had sufficed immensely to increase the high hopes which the people were led to entertain with regard to his administration. He had manifested during that period the strongest possible desire and had made the most untiring efforts to make himself acquainted with the country and its people, with their character, their institutions, their resources, and their aspirations. He thought he might say that no Governor-General in this country had ever manifested that desire to a greater degree or taken more pains to that end. The result was that his Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin had secured for themselves already a high place in the respect and esteem, and even affection, of the people of this country. All of us rejoiced in his Excellency's administration of public affairs as that of a nobleman of great ability, a statesman, a scholar, one who cherished a profound sympathy with all classes of the people, and whose determination was, so far as he was able, to promote the prosperity and well-being of the country, and to unite still more firmly those honoured ties which connect Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this country to the beloved fatherland. (Cheers.)

Mr. CAMERON, in seconding the motion, said that, although the Governor-General had been in the country a very short time, he had endeared himself to Canadians, and had shown a desire to make himself thoroughly acquainted with all our institutions; and they might feel proud and flattered by the fact that his Excellency had declared that our educational institutions were very much in advance of what could be reasonably expected from so young a country. In point of fact, they were not, the hon. gentleman considered, excelled by any other in the world. His Excellency was a nobleman, a man of letters, and his manners had proved him to be a perfect gentleman; and he had endeared himself to the country. His Excellency had found the country in a prosperous condition, and he hoped that when he left it its state would be much more prosperous than at present. He had the greatest pleasure in being able to unite in this with the hon. gentleman opposite, and he believed there was not one person in the whole breadth of the land who would not readily support him in that resolution, because the Governor-General had made himself dear to the inhabitants of Canada *per vias rectas*.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Atty.-Gen. MOWAT presented the following address, prepared by the Committee appointed:—

“To the Right Hon. Frederick Temple Hamilton Blackwood, Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada:

“We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in session assembled, respectfully beg leave to approach your Excellency to express our gratification at your assumption of the government of this country.

“The cordial welcome which greeted your Excellency upon your late visit to this province has, we trust, convinced your Excellency of the warm feeling of devotion which the people of Ontario cherish towards our most gracious Sovereign, and the gratitude they feel to her Majesty for appointing as her representative in the Dominion of Canada so eminent a statesman and so accomplished a scholar as your Excellency.

“The duration of your Excellency's stay in this portion of the Dominion, though short, was of sufficient length to give all who had the honour of meeting your Excellency the highest admiration of the brilliant talents, the unwearied affability, the deep interest in our people and the affairs of our Province, and the many public and social virtues displayed by your Excellency.

“It is the heartfelt prayer of this Assembly that your Excellency's residence amongst us may be as agreeable to your Excellency personally as we feel confident that your Excellency's administration of the Government will prove advantageous to the country.”

On motion of Atty.-Gen. MOWAT, it was resolved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to transmit the above address to Lord Dufferin.

SUPPLY—CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. WOOD (Victoria) said that before the