

SECOND PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Jan. 24.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. McRea—From James Lorg and others, Township Council of Macaulay, Watt, Cardwell, Muskoka and Stephenson, for the erection of a new county to be called Muskoka.

Mr. Boulton—From John Montgomery, of Headford, for certain investigations.

Mr. Boulton—From Charles Gream, of Madoc, for an Act to authorize the Law Society to admit him as an attorney and solicitor.

Hon. Mr. Scott—From C. R. Ling and others, of St. Vincent, that no new county may be erected that will dismember the county of Grey.

Hon. Mr. Scott—From Township Council of Collingwood, for certain amendments to the Registry Act.

Mr. Tooley—From the President and Directors of the Agricultural Investment and the societies of London, praying that an Act may pass to amalgamate them.

Hon. Mr. Pardee—From the County Council of Welland, respecting county gaols.

Mr. M. C. Cameron—From C. Gamble and others, of Toronto, for an Act to incorporate the Toronto Gravel Road and Concrete Company.

Mr. Gow—From C. Robertson, of Guelph, for an Act to incorporate the Guelph and Collingwood Railway Company.

Mr. Tooley—From Charles Lilley and others, of London, for amendments to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Gibbon—From James Richard and others, of Exeter, for an Act to unite the villages of Exeter and Frances Town as a separate municipality.

Mr. M. C. Cameron—From Anson Dodge and others, for an Act to incorporate the Lake Simcoe Junction Co.

Mr. Bethune—From John McMillan, of Guelph, for an Act to authorize the Law Society to admit him as a barrister-at-law.

Mr. Deacon—From Alfred Menard and others, of Pembroke, for an Act to incorporate "L'Union St Joseph de Pembroke."

Mr. Williams—From John Stuart and others, of Hamilton, for an Act to incorporate the Hamilton Warehousing and Transportation Company.

Mr. Hodgins—From F. H. Marling and others, of Toronto, for an Act to incorporate the Congregational Society.

Mr. Gibson—From William Williams and others, of Hespeler, relative to certain Church property held by trustees.

Mr. St. Iker—From Charles Francis and others, of Trenton, for an Act to incorporate the Trenton and Marmora Railway.

Mr. Gibson—From the Township Council of Warwick, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Dawson—From Monsignor Walsh, R. C. Bishop of London, Ont., from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, for incorporation and vesture of certain property on them.

Mr. E. B. Wood—From T. Graffe, E. Moffatt, V. Lang, the Township Council of Egremont, and others, of Luther, for the erection of a new County to be called Palmerston.

Mr. Hamilton—From Rev. P. Bertrand, D. Ryan and others of Plantagenet for the erection of a Normal School at Ottawa.

Mr. Wilson—From T. Jenkins and others, of Vienna, for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Norfolk Railway.

Mr. Tooley—From the Township Council of Oxford for the erection of a Normal School at London.

Mr. Wood—From E. D. Tilson and others, of Tilsonburgh, for an act to amend the Act incorporating the Norfolk Railway Company.

Mr. Wilson—From E. Leff, and others, for an Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Norfolk Railway Company.

Mr. E. B. Wood—Twenty-nine petitions were also presented for restrictions on the liquor traffic.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. BOULTBEE—To incorporate the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company.

Attorney General MOWAT—To consolidate the Public School Law of Ontario. He observed that the Government had promised, in the Speech from the Throne, to bring in Bills both for the consolidation and amendment of the school laws. He thought the most convenient course would be to introduce the Bill for the consolidation first; then if the amendments they proposed were passed, they could be dovetailed into the consolidated Bill. If they did nothing more than consolidate the laws it would be a very important work, as it was difficult now to tell what the law really was.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON thought the best course would have been to propose the amendments first, and if they were adopted, then they could be incorporated into the consolidated Bill. It was like putting the cart before the horse to introduce the consolidation Bill first. Of course, gentlemen on his side would give all the assistance in their power to perfect the school law.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL thought the course proposed would be found more practically convenient than the course proposed by his hon. friend.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS—To facilitate the adjustment of disputes between masters and workmen.

Mr. TOOLEY—To amend the Municipal Law.

Mr. WOOD (Victoria)—To amend the Act respecting the partition and sale of real estate in the Province of Ontario.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS—To facilitate the proof of telegraph messages, letters, and other written instruments.

Mr. MONK—To extend the provisions of the Act for the encouragement of the planting of trees on the high ways.

Dr. BAXTER—To amend the Ontario Medical Act.

Mr. WELLS—To incorporate the Toronto Street Railway Co.

Mr. WILSON—To amend the Act to incorporate the Boye City Co.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved that the House will, on a future day, go into committee to consider the following resolution:—

"That the Treasurer of the Province may, with the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council advance out of the public moneys of the Province any sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$100,000, to be expended in drainage works to be executed under the provisions of the Act respecting the public works of Ontario and of this Act."

Hon. Mr. CAMERON thought the explanation should be given of the provisions of the late Government, which the hon. gentleman opposed.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said he had opposed some of the details of the Act of the late Government. He proposed in this measure, while enabling the Government to do the work, to place a very large amount of control in the hands of the municipalities, which was not the case in the Act of the late Administration. There were several features in his Bill which he thought would commend themselves to the House when the