

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO

SECOND PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT brought down returns of all lands sold by the Government, between the 1st of December, 1871, and the present time, to members of this House, or to any firm or company of which any member was a partner; including mineral locations and licenses to cut timber on Crown Lands, also renewals of such licenses.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill to incorporate the Lyn General Manufacturing Company.

Bill to incorporate the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company.

Bill to amend the Act consolidating the debt of the town of Ingersoll.

Bill to legalize and confirm a survey made by Charles Rankin, Provincial Land Surveyor, of certain lots in the fourth concession of the Township of Colchester.

Bill to amend the Act intituled, "An Act to authorize and empower the Canada Company to divert the River Aux Sables, and to drain lands in the townships of McGillivray, Bosanquet, and Stephen, in the Counties of Middlesex, Lambton, and Huron.

Bill to incorporate the Toronto Fuel Association.

Bill respecting the Canada Southern Railway Company.

INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

Hon. Mr. FARDEE rose to move that the House go into Committee to consider a resolution granting a sum of money for the establishment of a hospital for the reclamation and cure of habitual drunkards. In making the motion the hon. gentleman said that before asking the House for this grant it was necessary, for the proper appreciation of the subject, that he should make some general explanations. The question of intemperance had already occupied the attention of the House to a considerable extent during the present session, as well as that of a large number of persons in the community. Whether or not that arose from the fact that intemperance was on the increase or that the public mind was more interested in the matter, the fact was true at all events. During the present sitting of the Legislature several Bills had been introduced with the view of reducing the evils arising from intemperance. The member for North Norfolk had brought in a measure to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors altogether as a beverage. Whether the House had the power to pass a measure of that kind or not, it was not his province to discuss at the present time. The member for Stormont had a Bill, not for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, but to pre