

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO

SECOND PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, March 14, 1873.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock

COLONEL BALDWIN.

Mr. BOULTBEE presented the report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the case of the late Colonel Baldwin.

THE ESTIMATES.

The House again went into Committee on the Estimates, Mr. Wood (Victoria), in the chair.

On the item of \$1,000 salary for a shorthand writer in the Crown Lands Department, Mr. Rykert wished some explanation.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT stated that far more business had been done in that department during the past year than in any other, either before or after Confederation, and he found it absolutely necessary that the services of a shorthand writer should be obtained. The speaker quoted figures to show that the revenue of the department had vastly increased under his administration of its affairs, and he had disposed of many cases that had been before previous Commissioners for twenty years. This great increase in the business, he thought was a sufficient justification for his employing whatever officials might be necessary for the efficient working of the departmental affairs. He might also mention that in 1868 the letters received at the Department numbered 11,000; in 1869 and 1870, 15,000 odd; in 1871, 17,380; while in 1872 the number increased to 21,614; and during the two and a half months of the present year they had increased at the rate of over 30,000.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDS at great length criticised the details of the Crown Lands expenditure, going into the items for telegraphing, office furniture, advertising, &c; and was replied to by Mr. McKim.

After some remarks from Mr. McCall the Committee rose.

After recess.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Private Bills were read a third time.

Mr. Deroche—To incorporate the Three A Silver Mining Company of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Mr. Fraser—To authorize the Corporation of the Town of Clifton, to pass by-laws for licensing and regulating hacks and carriages, and their drivers, and for other purposes.

Mr. Scott (Grey)—To further amend the Act incorporating the President, Directors and Company of the Credit Harbour.

Mr. Meredith—For the construction of Water-works for the City of London.

Mr. Wells—To incorporate the Clifton Water Power and Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Deroche—To incorporate the Hubbard Silver Mining Company of Thunder Bay.

Mr. Deroche—To incorporate the Beck Mining Company of Marmora.

Mr. Smith—To incorporate the Agricultural Emporium of Ontario.

Mr. Gibson—Respecting the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada.

Mr. Gifford—To incorporate the Cobourg Hotel Company.

Mr. Christie—To incorporate the Dundas Wesleyan Institute.

Mr. Wells—To amend and extend the provisions of the Act incorporating the Simcoe and Port Ryerse Tram or Railroad and Harbour Company.

Mr. Williams (Hamilton)—To amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company, and to enable them to extend their line to Collingwood.

Mr. Williams (Hamilton)—To amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and Lake Erie Railway Company, and to confirm certain agreements for granting running powers to other Companies over their line of Railway, and for other purposes.

Hon. Mr. McKellar.—To incorporate the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

Mr. Oliver. — Respecting the Fair Ground of the County of Oxford, and the Public Square of the Town of Woodstock.

Mr. Gibbons.—To incorporate the village of Exeter.

Hon. Mr. Gow.—To incorporate the