

SATURDAY, March 22.

The Speaker took the chair at 11 o'clock.

FENELON FALLS RAILWAY.

After routine,

Mr. RYKERT moved the reception of the report of the Committee on Standing Orders upon the Fenelon Falls Railway Bill.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN rose to a point of order.

After a short discussion the Speaker ruled that the motion was in order.

Mr. BOULTBEE then moved in amendment that the report be not received, but referred back to the Committee on Standing Orders to be reconsidered. He proceeded to state that he objected to the following clauses, and gave reasons for so doing:—

Notwithstanding anything in the said or any other Acts contained, the Townships of Galway, Cavendish, Snowdon, Glamorgan, Monmouth, Minden, Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Stanhope, Guilford, Harburn, and Branton, or any two or more of them that may choose to join together for the purpose, may give aid to the said Company by way of bonus to an amount which shall not involve the levying of a rate of more than three cents in the dollar; and in estimating such rate any liability of the said townships in respect of any indebtedness or liability contracted by the County of Peterborough for railway purposes shall not be taken into account.

The County Council of the County of Peterborough shall within three weeks after a petition, under the third sub-section of section five of the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Her said Majesty, and chaptered sixty, shall have been left with the warden of the county or the clerk of the said council, submit a by-law to be voted on by the duly qualified voters in such townships as may petition therefor, and forming part of two or more local municipalities, and shall pass the same if it shall have been carried, and shall issue the debentures therein provided, which debentures shall set forth the authority under which the same are issued, and shall have coupons attached to each debenture respectively, for the payment of the interest accruing thereon, half-yearly, until such debenture becomes due; shall be signed by the warden and clerk of the said County of Peterborough, and sealed with the corporate seal thereof; and shall do all other acts and things that may be necessary to give effect to the object of the petitioners.

A long debate ensued, in the course of which Messrs. Crooks, Pardee, Craig (Glengarry), Cameron, Boulter, Wood (Victoria), and Wood (Brant), spoke against the amendment, and Messrs. Fairbairn and Read in favour of it; after which a division was taken on the amendment, which was lost—Yeas 13, nays 32.

YEAS—Messrs. Baxter, Boulton, Caldwell, DeLoche, Fairbairn, Ferguson, Gifford, Hamilton, McCall, Merrick, Read, Webb, Williams (Durham).—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cook, Corby, Craig (Glengarry), Dawson, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Graham, Launder, Macdonald, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McRae, Meredith, Mowat, Pardee, Paxton, Rykert, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Williams (Hamilton), Wood (Brant), Wood (Victoria)—32.

The original motion was then carried.

Mr. WOOD (Victoria) moved that the Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole House on Monday. Carried.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR moved the House in Committee on the following resolution:—

That the Dairymen's Association of Ontario shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated monies in the hands of the Treasurer of this Province, a sum not to exceed seven hundred dollars in any one year, on the like condition, as far as applicable, provided in section forty six in the case of County or Electoral Division Societies.

In reply to Mr. Cameron,

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that His Excellency had recommended the said grant of \$700.

Mr. RYKERT hoped that the Commissioner of Agriculture would, between this and Monday, endeavour to persuade His Excellency to recommend a further grant to the Fruit Growers' Association.