

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, Feb. 5.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. O'DONOGHUE, lately elected to represent Ottawa, was introduced by Hon. Mr. Fraser and Mr. M. C. Cameron.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS presented the first report of the Committee on Private Bills, and the Standing Committee on Railways. The reports were adopted.

Mr. DEROCHE presented the report of the Committee on Standing Orders, which was adopted.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington), presented the report of the Standing Committee on Printing, which was also adopted.

Mr. McLEOD presented the report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Mr. PRINCE the first report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Both reports were adopted.

THE GUELPH AGRICULTURAL FARM.

Mr. RYKERT asked whether any policemen of the city of Toronto, or other persons, were sent by the Minister of Public Works, or by the authority of the Government, to take forcible or other possession of the Agricultural Farm at Guelph, and whether any written or verbal instructions were given to such persons.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said that some months after the contract for the purchase of the farm, and two or three days before the conveyance was made, a person was sent to take possession of the new house, which was then unoccupied. The persons sent were policemen of Toronto. No person was sent by him or by the Government to take possession of the farm until after the conveyance was made to the Government by Mr. Stone. (Hear, hear.)

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. RYKERT moved for a return showing the names of all persons appointed to any office, either temporary or permanent, by the Government since January 1st, 1873, the date of their several appointments, and the salaries or emoluments attached thereto.

Mr. LAUDER asked leave, before the motion was carried, to correct the impression likely to be created by the remarks of the Provincial Secretary yesterday upon the subject of increase of salaries. The hon. Minister had stated that the salaries of officials at Ottawa had been increased since Confederation, which he (Mr. Lauder) denied. He went on to show that there had been decrease in the number of officials and the amount of salaries, under some heads, to the tune of \$10,000. He contended that the rider which the Premier had moved to his (Mr. Lauder's) motion, yesterday would strengthen the position of the Opposition.

Hon. Mr. FRASER said the hon. gentleman had said yesterday that he made the motion to show which was the party of extravagance, and which the party of economy. What he (Mr. Fraser) had then said was that the leader of hon. gentlemen on the opposite benches had sanctioned every increase in salary proposed by the Government except one, and that it came badly from the mouths of hon. gentlemen to complain of what their own leader had agreed to. The hon. member for South Grey endeavoured to show that salaries under the Government of Sir John Macdonald had not been increased. He (Mr.