

# LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

## SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 23.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

### NORTH PERTH.

The SPEAKER read the return received by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to the writ issued for the election of a representative for the North Riding of Perth, and announcing the election of Mr. T. M. Daly.

### AGRICULTURAL FARM AT GUELPH.

Mr. RYKERT moved for a return of all the correspondence between the Government and Mr. Stone, his Attorney and Agents, and all correspondence between the Government and its Solicitors, and Agents, at Guelph, relating to the Agricultural Farm at Guelph; also copies of all Orders in Council relating to the said Farm; also copies of all correspondence with the Police Magistrate and Chief of Police of the City of Toronto relating to the said Farm; also, all other correspondence between the Government and any other person, in reference to the said Farm. He contended that the authority of the Government was being prostituted by reason of the forcible possession taken of the property by the policemen of Toronto; and he recapitulated what he called the history of that act. He commented upon the appointment of a Professor to the College, and a Matron to take charge of the premises, before the Government had made their title good to them. He considered the Government were showing the people of this country a bad example when they violated in such a glaring manner one of the most widely recognized laws to which all private citizens were amenable, namely, that no forcible possession should be taken of any property, and that it must be gained by the usual process in the Courts.

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR said the hon gentleman who made this motion did not seem to be properly posted in all the facts connected with the affair. In the month of April the purchase was made from Mr. Stone of the farm, and an agreement was arrived at by which that gentleman was to have possession of the whole of the farm until the end of December, with the exception of the new house and the grounds surrounding it. Of these the Government were to have possession, as they supposed, the moment they required them, and he (Mr. McKellar) had sent up Mr. Henning, a gentleman who had been recommended to him to do so. But Mr. Stone refused to allow him to go upon the premises at all. Things went on in this manner from month to month. He (Mr. McKellar) was anxious to have possession, because it was necessary that a number of alterations and improvements should be made, and the agreement for immediate entry to the house had been made in order to allow of their being proceeded with at once. There were technicalities with regard to the legality of the title by which Mr. Stone held the farm which the Attorney-General had to settle before the Government took possession of it, but as the house was empty, and as such improvements as he had indicated were necessary, the Government thought it would be well to have possession of it as soon as possible. He was only sorry they had not taken steps to secure it