

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, Feb. 26.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

NORTH WELLINGTON ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER announced that he had received the certificate of the return of a member to represent the North Riding of Wellington in the place of Mr. Monteith.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. CURRIE presented the fourth report of the Committee on Private Bills, which was read and adopted.

PRISON AND ASYLUM INSPECTION ACT.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved that the House should to-morrow go into Committee on the following resolutions:—

1. That by the twenty-first section of the "Prison and Asylum Inspection Act" of the late Province of Canada, being chapter one hundred and ten of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, it was provided, that in order to aid the County Councils in Upper Canada in making the alterations and additions prescribed in the said Act, in the gaols of the respective Counties, that the Governor of the Province of Canada might pay from out of the "Upper Canada building fund," to the Treasurer of each County, a sum not exceeding one-half of the expense of the same, and not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars for any one County.

2. That by an Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered seven, the said "Prison and Asylum Inspection Act" was repealed.

3. That previous to the repeal of the said recited section, various County Councils in Ontario were aided under the provisions thereof.

4. That other County Councils which have not been so aided have made alterations and additions in their Gaols in order to meet the requirements of the said Act, and of the Prison and Asylum Inspection Act of Ontario, and alterations and additions are required by other Gaols in this Province in Counties which have not received aid under the said section.

5. That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to revise the said section, and in order to place the various Counties in Ontario on an equal footing, provision should be made that to aid the County Councils in Ontario in making the alterations and addition required by law in the Gaols of their respective Counties, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by Order in Council, direct that out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, there shall be paid to the Treasurer of each such County which has not been aided under the said "The Prison and Asylum Inspection Act" of the late Province of Canada, a sum not exceeding one-half the expense of making such alterations or additions, and not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars for any one County.

6. That in the opinion of this House such provisions should take effect as if the same had been on the twenty-eighth day of February, A.D. 1868, (that being the date of the repeal as aforesaid of said section twenty-one, of chapter one hundred and ten of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada) made and provided in lieu of the said section so repealed.

7. That in the opinion of this House every such Order in Council should, as soon as conveniently may be after the making thereof, be laid before this House for its ratification or rejection, and that no such order should be operative unless and until the same shall have been ratified by a Resolution of this House.

He stated that the observations he had to offer upon the subject he would give when he moved the House into Committee.

The motion was carried.

INTRODUCING BILLS IN BLANK.

Mr. CAMERON complained that the Whitby and Port Perry Bill had been introduced in blank, which mode of procedure was against the rules of the House, and he further stated that it was not submitted to the Law Clerk before it went to the printers. Somebody, he thought, must be responsible for this breach of the rules of the House.

Mr. FAREWELL said he was not aware of the rule in question at the time he introduced the Bill. As soon as he discovered his error he amended the Bill, and handed it to the Law Clerk. It had now passed through the preliminary stages prior to being introduced.