

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO

SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, March 4.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 p.m.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS presented the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Railways.

Mr. McLEOD presented the second report of the Committee on Public Accounts, and moved its adoption.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS asked that the adoption of the report be left over till to-morrow.

Mr. CAMERON asked what reason there was for the postponement.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said he was not aware of the action of the Committee nor the contents of the report, and he objected to its adoption until he had the opportunity of knowing the circumstances under which the Committee had arrived at its conclusion.

Mr. CAMERON said the Committee had the power to report from time to time, and as the House had been prevented from discussing or making allusions to matters taking place in that Committee, they had determined to report the evidence in order to give them the opportunity of discussing it.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said the report could not be adopted on the day it was presented if any objection were made to its adoption.

Mr. CAMERON asked if that were to be the rule now, was it not proper that it should continue to be in the future?

Hon. Mr. CROOKS said it always was.

Hon. Mr. FRASER presented the seventh Report of the Private Bills Committee.

CLERKS OF THE PEACE.

Mr. ARDAGH enquired if it is the intention of the Government to submit for the approval of the House during the present session, a new or consolidated Tariff of fees for Clerks of the Peace holding office in this Province.